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Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard

Owner: Fontaine family

Country: France

Region: Burgundy

Founded: 1985

Annual Production: 6,000cs

Description: Tracing its roots to the esteemed Gagnard-Delagrange vineyard holdings, Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard was founded in 1985 and has quickly become one of the top producers in Chassagne-Montrachet. With holdings in three Grand Cru and twelve Premier Cru vineyards at her disposal, proprietor Celine Fontaine crafts intense and complex yet classically-balanced wines that have become critical and commercial darlings.

Wine Notes – 2019 Fontaine-Gagnard Chassagne-Montrachet La Boudriotte 1^{re} Cru

Despite being relatively youthful by Burgundian standards, Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard has become one of Chassagne-Montrachet's most indispensable and important producers. Boasting over 12 hectares of vineyard holdings in three Grand Crus and twelve Premier Crus, including such mythic parcels as Le Montrachet, Batard-Montrachet and La Romanee, the domaine is renowned for producing wines that are always among the finest and most authentic expressions of their respective terroirs. The Chassagne-Montrachet La Boudriotte Premier Cru comes from a plot in the Les Fairendes lieu-dit just south of the famed Clos de la Boudriotte. La Boudriotte's diverse and distinct soils were promoted to premier cru status in the 1980s. This lovely premier cru wine features aromas of fruit and white flowers, with a terrific balance of strength and finesse.



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– 89 points (NM)

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	Chassagne-Montrachet (Les Fairendes lieu dit)
Vine Age / Aspect:	Planted between 1945 and 1987 (average 55 years old), southeast facing, 200-325 meters altitude
Average Production Volume:	400 cases
Soil Types:	Diverse clay/ limestone, shallow, well-drained, with small pebbles
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested grapes, sustainable agriculture 10-15 day primary fermentation using native yeast in stainless steel Malolactic fermentation in custom oak barrels Aged 11 months in 1/3 rd new oak, 1/3 rd 2-year old barrels, 1/3 rd 3-year old barrels. Filtered and fined (casein and bentonite)
Alcohol / Volume:	13.5%

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Sweet Spot / Outstanding

Layered aromas display notes of petrol, various citrus elements, pear and freshly sliced apple. The firm and muscular yet nicely refined middle weight flavors possess very good concentration before terminating in a firm, austere and very serious finale. This markedly dry effort will need at least some forbearance.

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The 2019 Chassagne-Montrachet La Boudriotte 1er Cru has an intense bouquet with a little alcoholic warmth. The palate is medium-bodied with a slightly honeyed opening, lightly spiced with lower acidity than the other cuvées even though the alcohol is a reasonable 13.8 degrees. The frost has really concentrated this wine and it displays very good length, but it just misses a little terroir expression.

89 points (Neal Martin)