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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 Romanee 1<sup>er</sup> Cru

Despite being relatively youthful by Burgundian standards, Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard has rapidly 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 Romanee comes from a stony, steeply sloping, higher-altitude vineyards that Celine considers the equal of the Grand Cru Criots vineyard. The large limestone galets (stones) make the soil extremely dry and test the vines. In addition, with the steep slope of the vineyard, the vines are exposed to significant wind which creates an excellent tension between sharp acidity and deep mouthfeel.



- ♥ 92 points

vinous

- 91 points (NM)

## Technical Specifications

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Vineyard Region:</b>	Chassagne-Montrachet (La Romanée)
<b>Vine Age / Yields:</b>	Planted between 1935 and 1985, steep slope, high altitude, east facing
<b>Production Volume:</b>	350 cases
<b>Soil Types:</b>	Rich in fossils, stony (limestone galets), steeply sloping
<b>Wine-Making / Vinification:</b>	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 1/3rd new oak, 1/3rd 2-year old barrels, 1/3rd 3-year old barrels Filtered and fined (casein and bentonite)
<b>Alcohol / Volume:</b>	13.0%

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## ***Sweetspot / Outstanding***

A whiff of the exotic is present on the aromas of white peach, citrus confit and passion fruit. There is excellent punch and detail to the intensely stony medium-bodied flavors that conclude in a bone-dry and impressively long if somewhat lean finale. This is very, very tightly wound and as such I suspect that the finish will eventually flesh out and my rating assumes that this will occur over time.

**92 points**

# vinous

The 2019 Chassagne-Montrachet La Romanée 1er Cru has quite an intense bouquet although it is missing a little terroir expression at the moment. The palate is rounded and honeyed, one of the richest cuvées but thankfully balanced with acidity, quite nutty towards the finish. Probably more short term than other vintages.

**91 points (Neal Martin)**