



## **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 Bourgogne Rouge

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 Bourgogne Rouge is made from sustainably-grown, estate grapes from two lieux-dits - La Platiere in Chassagne and Les Longs Bois in Volnay. Hand-harvested destemmed grapes are fermented traditionally using native yeast. The wine is then aged for 12-18 months in a mix of new and used oak barrels to retain the fresh fruit flavors while adding a touch of body. This racy, precise and intense wine is an exceptional value.



The expressive nose is exuberantly fresh with earthier aromas of red and dark berries. There is a bit more volume and density to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that exude a hint of bitter cherry pit on the equally refreshing finish. This too should drink well early on and is worth checking out.. **\$\varphi\$ 87 points** 

## **Technical Specifications**

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Region:** Chassagne-Montrachet (La Platiere) and Volnay (Les Longs Bois)

**Vine Age / Aspect:** Various / Primarily South / South-East facing

**Average Production Volume:** <500 cases

**Soil Types:** Marbled marl and clay-limestone

Wine-Making / Vinification: Hand-harvested grapes, sustainable agriculture

2 week primary fermentation using native yeast in neutral oak. Aged 12-18 months in 30-40% new oak / 60-70% used oak barrels. Filtered

and fined

Alcohol / Volume: 13.0%