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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 Maltroie 1<sup>re</sup> 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 Maltroie premier cru is sandwiched between the village of Chassagne and the Route de Santenay. The mid-slope vineyard produces wines that Celine considers richer, riper and more approachable than the domaine's other premier crus, although the domaine's distinct minerality remains.

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## Technical Specifications

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Vineyard Region:</b>	Chassagne-Montrachet (Ez Cretz et Les Rebichets)
<b>Vine Age / Aspect:</b>	Southeast facing, planted between 1976 and 2006; mid-slope on a slight incline
<b>Production Volume:</b>	300 cases
<b>Soil Types:</b>	Complex, pebbly top soil sits atop mineral clay with vines penetrating to limestone bedrock
<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 one year in custom 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> new oak barrels, 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> 2-year old barrels, 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> 3-year old barrels Filtered (casein and bentonite) and fined
<b>Alcohol / Volume:</b>	13.5%

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Super-fresh aromas of petrol, rosemary, essence of pear and lemon zest lead to appealingly textured flavors that are refreshingly dry and intensely lemony though a bit short. The length may improve but for the moment this is nice enough but not distinguished.

**89 points**

## vinous

The 2019 Chassagne-Montrachet Maltroye 1er Cru has a fragrant, chalk dust scented bouquet that opens nicely with aeration. The palate is well balanced with a lightly spiced opening, touches of orange rind and marmalade lending a welcome tanginess. It might not be a long-term Chassagne, though it is thoroughly enjoyable. 14.10% alcohol.

**90 points (Neal Martin)**