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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

1^{ER} CRU-LES CAILLERETS

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

DOMAINE
FONTAINE-GAGNARD

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 Les Caillerets 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, Les Caillerets 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 Les Caillerets Premier Cru is from Chassagne's largest and perhaps best known premier cru vineyard. Caillerets' fame rests in the impeccable balance between the minerality of the upper part of the vineyard, and the richness of the lower portion of the vineyard. In Celine's hands, the result is a fresh and textured yet broad and rich wine with notes of stone, pear and citrus capped by a long finish.



- ♥ 91 points

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- 93 points (NM)

Technical Specifications

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| Varietal Composition: | 100% Chardonnay |
| Vineyard Region: | Chassagne-Montrachet (Vigne Derrière and Caillerets) |
| Vine Age / Yields: | Planted between 1962 and 1966 (average 57 years old), southeast facing, steeply sloping |
| Production Volume: | 300 cases |
| Soil Types: | Upper parcel - shallow, stony white limestone topsoils, lower parcel - rich clay |
| 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 custom 1/3 rd new oak barrels, 1/3 rd 2-year old barrels, 1/3 rd 3-year old barrels. Lightly filtered and fined (bentonite and casein) |
| Alcohol / Volume: | 13.0% |

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Sweetspot / Outstanding

Smoky aromas of green apple and bright citrus introduce rich, appealingly textured and intense medium weight flavors that exude a subtle bead of minerality on the bone-dry, moderately austere and solidly persistent finish. Here too some patience is advised.

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The 2019 Chassagne-Montrachet Les Caillerets 1er Cru has a crisp, more understated bouquet with more earthy overtones than the domaine's other cuvées. The palate is one of the most terroir-expressive from the domaine, very well defined with a lightly spiced finish. This has a real spring in its step.

93 points (Neal Martin)