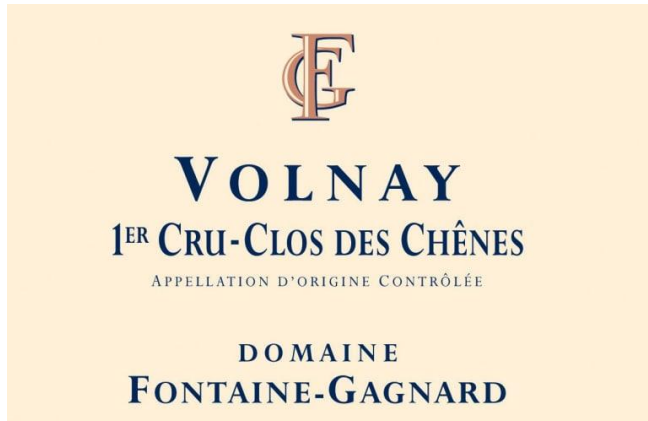


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Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard

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 Volnay Clos des Chênes

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, 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 Volnay Clos des Chênes Premier Cru is one of the domaine's few red bottlings. The grapes are drawn from the famed Clos des Chênes vineyard just south of the village. With its predominantly limestone soils, gentle slope and south-east exposure, this plot is well known for its later-ripening grapes and wines that are silky, perfumed and elegant but with strength, ripe tannins and structure. A picture perfect Volnay!



- ♥ 92 points

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- 91-93 points (NM)

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard Region:	Volnay / Clos des Chênes
Vine Age / Yields:	Planted in 1960
Production Volume:	300 cases
Soil Types:	Brown soils with high limestone content
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 60-70% used oak barrels (evenly-split between 1, 2 and 3 years old) / 30-40%% new oak barrels. Lightly filtered and fined
Alcohol / Volume:	13.5%

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Sweetspot / Outstanding

Spicy and moderately high-toned aromas of mostly red cherry and violet are trimmed in subtle nuances of wood toast. The sleek, intense and finer middle weight flavors possess good delineation that carries over to the firm, serious and youthfully austere finish that is the mostly complex and most structured in the range. This is definitely going to require at least some patience but is a wine that should be well worth the wait.

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The 2019 Volnay Clos des Chênes 1er Cru which had slightly more generous yields than Chassagne since it was less affected by frost, has an intense, rather laconic bouquet that feels tight at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with gentle grip on the entry, firm and masculine, Pommard-like in terms of austerity but there is depth and plenty of black fruit on the finish. Cellar this for 4-5 years if you can.

91-93 points (Neal Martin)