

Domaine Jean-Noël Gagnard,
Chassagne-Montrachet Cuvée L'Estimée Rouge 2021
Chassagne-Montrachet, Burgundy, France



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Caroline Lestimé
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Sustainable

PRODUCER

This famous domaine has been run by Caroline Lestimé, Jean-Noël's daughter, since 1989. Its 12.5 hectares of outstanding vineyards have been certified organic since 2014, and are now run biodynamically, though are not yet certified as such. Most of the estate's vineyards are in the heart of Chassagne, with one vineyard in the Hautes Côtes de Beaune, which looks down on St. Aubin and was planted in 2015. The wines are, in the best sense of the phrase, 'low intervention' wines, with each expressing the character of its site.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge are sourced from 5 parcels across the village planted on stony soils with a high percentage of red clay. These parcels are ideally suited to the cultivation of Pinot Noir and Caroline Lestimé is proud to continue the tradition of producing red wines in Chassagne, despite the vogue for Chardonnay. All of the vineyards are farmed sustainably and certified organic.

VINTAGE

2021 was a challenging vintage for winegrowers and producers in Burgundy. There were historically low yields due to catastrophic spring frost and hail, compounded by a cold, wet growing season. It is a return to a more classic vintage marked by bright acidity and freshness thanks to the cooler temperatures and resulting slower ripening, which allowed for full flavour development. The five Chassagne plots used for the 2021 vintage were harvested between 17th - 22nd September 2021

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were sorted by hand and 100% destemmed. Fermentation took place using indigenous yeasts over a period of three weeks. The wine was then aged in barrel for 10 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 'Cuvée L'Estimée' shows aromas of wild strawberries and crunchy red fruits on the nose. On the palate, bright acidity, polished tannins and excellent concentration of flavour give this wine great structure and finesse.