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Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine • Côte de Beaune

Established in 1879, Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine is a fixture of the Côte de Beaune. Christine Gruère-Dubreuil is the fifth generation and oversees this property of 50 acres centered on the magical medieval town of Pernand-Vergelesses. *Bourgogne Aujourd'hui*, France's leading publication on the wines of Burgundy, named her one of the "Women in Charge" along with other famed winemakers, Anne Gros and Caroline Lestime. Now, her eldest daughter, Clementine, takes her place alongside Christine and the two direct all aspects of the domaine from vineyard management to harvest and winemaking. Here at APS, it has been a joy to participate in the changes at Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine since the mid 1990's when Bernard, Christine's father was the head and Clementine just a little kid.

Christine and Clementine are in complete accord about the wines they want to make: they seek purity, transparency and authenticity, wines that express their place of origin more than the hand of the winemaker. This means they farm their vines naturally and vinify their wines gently. The only "modern" tool they use is temperature control to maintain the freshness of fruit in their finished wines. Otherwise, they stay away from all the additives and bio-engineered materials that winemakers can use these days. When you taste the wines of Christine and Clementine, you know you are in Burgundy.

Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Vergelesses" 1er Cru 2021

Sandwiched between the venerable "Île de Vergelesses" below and the Bois Noel above, "Les Vergelesses" is a great vineyard. One finds in this wine superb elegance and the classic vigor of Savigny with the undeniable charm of its floral and fruit qualities, brimming as it is with strawberry, raspberry and cherry. Eminent English wine writer, Clive Coates, would agree: "The large Vergelesses climat...represents Savigny-lès-Beaune's best wine. Here Savigny is at its most refined, with the most intensity and depth. Here it is at its smoothest, its most velvety, its most complete."

As with all other Dubreuil wines, the winemaking approach is simple: hand picking and sorting of the fruit, 15 day vatting, raised in stainless steel and then 15 months rest in barrel, 15% of which is new oak. Clementine Dubreuil's notes: "Ruby color. A floral nose with hints of red berries, strawberries, black current and rose petal. In the mouth, the texture is fine and supple with lingering spicy notes on the finish."

Savigny-les-Beaune Rouge "Les Vergelesses" 1er Cru 2021 **91 points, outstanding value - Burghound**

"This is aromatically similar to the village Pernand though the mouthfeel of the bigger and more powerful flavors is finer, while offering notably better depth and persistence on the youthfully austere finale. Worth checking out."

