

## DOMAINE MICHEL ECARD

### Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Gravains'

*There are few other Burgundy villages that consistently offer such quality-for-value as does Savigny-lès-Beaune, and few winemakers in this village that deliver such quality as does Michel Ecard. His low-sulfur, balanced wines are not only deliciously complex but also age beautifully, a rare trait for Burgundy so reasonably priced. Michel learned the trade by working with his father, Maurice Ecard, a highly respected artisan in Savigny who has since retired. Michel founded his domaine in 2005, and it is very much a one-man, micro-operation, with Michel in both the cellar and vineyards taking care of his Pinot Noir, from field to bottle.*

**WINERY:** Domaine Michel Ecard

**WINEMAKER:** Michel Ecard

**ESTABLISHED:** 2005

**REGION:** FRANCE • Burgundy • Côte de Beaune • Savigny-lès-Beaune

**APPELLATION:** Savigny-lès-Beaune AOC

**BLEND:** 100% Pinot Noir

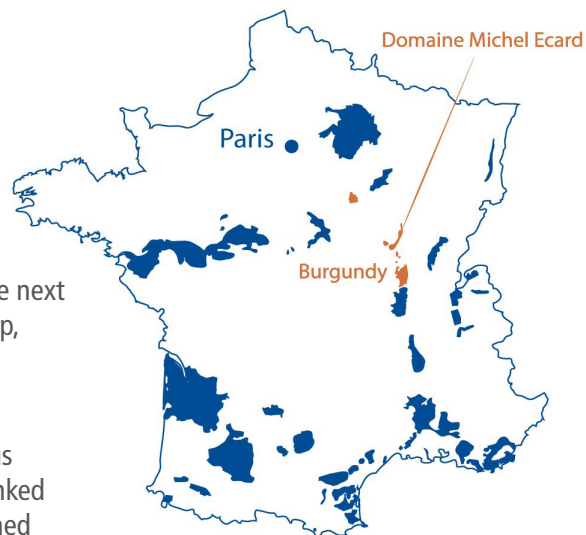
**VINEYARDS:** Facing full south, 'Gravains' sits at the bottom of the slope next to 'Serpentieres,' near the beginning of the village proper. Soils are deep, mostly alluvial, with sand and some gravel.

**AGE OF VINES:** 40+ years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tank. Pressed in an upright, hand-cranked press. Aged in French oak barrels, with 30-50% new oak. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of red and black cherries, red plums, some floral notes. Smooth, silky, good texture.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Roasted lamb; pork sausages with herbs



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