

DOMAINE MICHEL ECARD

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Serpentières' Vieilles Vignes

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

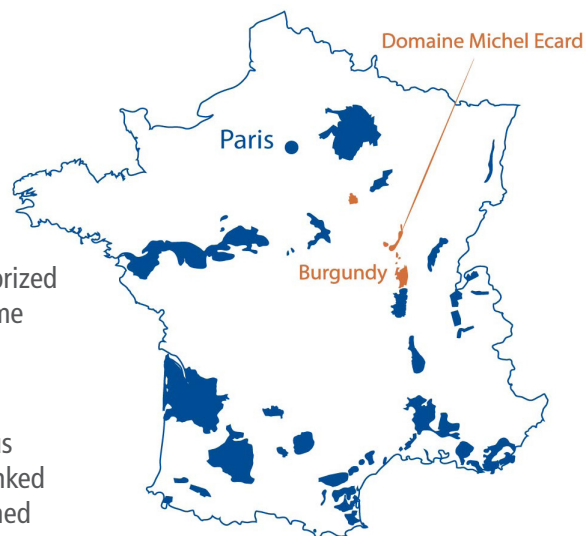
VINEYARDS: Facing full south, 'Serpentières' is one of Savigny's most-prized premier cru vineyards. Soils combine gravel with iron-rich marl and some clay. Vines were planted in the 1930s.

AGE OF VINES: 80+ 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 dark cherry, blueberry, light spice, incense. Full-bodied, structured, yet supple: red plum, black cherry.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted lamb; pork sausages with herbs



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