

DOMAINE GÉRARD RAPHET

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

Raphet wines are a Burgundy lover's Burgundy. While the wine's color in the glass is a delicate ruby, aromas and flavors surprise with their forceful intensity. This contrast often catches the uninitiated off guard, yet it is part of the seduction of these limited and highly sought-after wines. Raphet Burgundy is handmade from field to bottle, with a rhythm and method that hasn't changed in more than four generations. Pinot Noir vines at the estate are on average very old, with many surpassing 100 years. North Berkeley Imports selects individual barrels of wine to import exclusively under our own label, "Cuvée Unique." These wines, unlike the estate's regular wines, are bottled unfined and unfiltered.

WINERY: Domaine Gérard Raphet

WINEMAKER: Gérard Raphet

ESTABLISHED: 1920s

REGION: FRANCE • Burgundy • Morey-Saint-Denis

APPELLATION: Charmes-Chambertin AOC

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

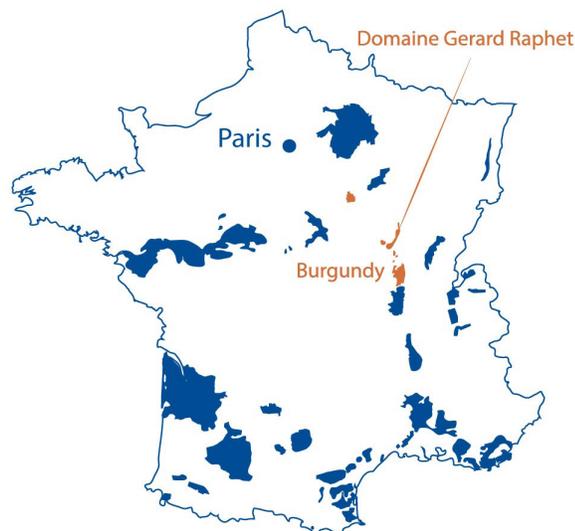
VINEYARDS: Estate vines are located in four separate parcels in this larger grand cru vineyard, two-thirds of which hail from Charmes proper; the rest from Mazoyères-Chambertin. Soils are brown limestone, some gravel, but shallow; the "mother rock" of pure limestone is close to the surface.

AGE OF VINES: 50-60 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in older French oak barrels for 18 months (approximately 15% new oak). Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red berries, warm baking spices, cranberry jam. Supple and suave, almost creamy. Red cherries, cinnamon.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roast pork or chicken; delicately spiced dishes



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