

## **DOMAINE GÉRARD RAPHET** Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Combottes'

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:** Gevrey-Chambertin AOC

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARDS:** 'Combottes' borders grand cru Latricières-Chambertin in Gevrey and grand cru Clos de la Roche in Morey-Saint-Denis, sharing similar soils and exposition; in effect, it is surrounded on all sides by grand cru vineyards. Southeast-facing; limestone/clay soils.

AGE OF VINES: 80 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 cinnamon, cloves, red berries. Silky yet textured, refined tannins; flavors of red berries, blood oranges, red cherries.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roast pork or chicken; delicately spiced dishes



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