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DOMAINE MICHEL SARRAZIN ET FILS

Year Founded: 1964

Region: Jamblès, Côte Chalonnaise, Burgundy, France

Winemaker(s): Guy and Jean-Yves Sarrazin (brothers)

Fun Fact: The family's winemaking roots run deep here, as there's been a Sarrazin growing grapes and making wine in this peaceful valley as far back as the seventeenth century.

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The finest wines from the Côte Chalonnaise are known for their effortless beauty, with delicate aromas, fruit-driven flavors and light, silky textures. Burgundy from Domaine Michel Sarrazin et Fils both exemplifies this elegant style and sets an even higher standard for the regioneach cru is unquestionably the finest in its class, yet still offers exceptional value. Visiting the family's ancient estate in Jamblès, perched on a hill in this hamlet of some 50 residents, is a bit like going back in time. A cool fog wanders through narrow valley vineyards and between rustic houses, clearly built by family hands. Our history with the Sarrazins starts in the mid-1990s when brothers Guy and Jean-Yves were handed the family winemaking torch from their father, Michel. Not satisfied to sit around the farm and do things "just like dad," the brothers reached out to other young winemakers (talents like Frederic Magnien in Morey-Saint-Denis and Vincent Dureuil in Rully, for example) and



tasted as much as they could. This is what sets their wines apart; quality here isn't just judged against the best of Givry but is instead compared with the best of the Côte d'Or. Each cru, whether their spicy Bourgogne Rouge, rare Maranges or older-vine Givry, effortlessly outperforms its station. Sarrazin Burgundy is a revelation when you experience it, and once you have, you wonder how you ever did without it!

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2023 Givry Rouge 1er Cru 'Champ Lalot' Vieilles Vignes

100% Pinot Noir. An extraordinary wine, one for the cellar! Recently upgraded to premier cru status, 'Champ Lalot' enjoys chalky soils, giving the wine its fine tannins and pure, mineral character. A portion of 'Champs Lalot' vineyard in early 2010s was upgraded to premier cru status. Estate vines are located in this higher altitude, east-facing portion. Soils are clay-rich, with limestone; drought resistant. Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in open top wooden fermenters. Aged in new Francois Freres oak barrels. Unfined and unfiltered. Aromas of violets, raspberries, a hint of licorice. Silky and refined, with impressive depth.



2023 Bourgogne Rouge Vieilles Vignes

From an exceptional hillside vineyard on pure limestone soils, terroir that would make many a Côte d'Or cru jealous. Concentrated and spicy, this is an overachieving wine and a stellar value, too.

100% Pinot Noir. A selection of fruit from estate-owned vines in Jambles, at the forest line, 1,020 feet in altitude; plot sits next to villages-level Givry vineyard 'Champ Garambey.' Hand-harvested. Destemmed and fermented on indigenous yeasts in open-top wooden fermenters. Aged 80% in older Francois Freres oak barrels and 20% tank for 12 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. Aromas of violets, raspberries, a hint of licorice. Bright, tangy flavors of red plums and black cherries.