## DOMAINE CHANDON DE BRIAILLES PERNAND-VERGELESSES 1 er CRU 'ÎLE DES VERGELESSES'



100% Pinot Noir. Rich garnet color. The wine is of great aromatic finesse on the nose, very intense and develops scents of red fruits tending to licorice and spices. Fruit flavors dominate the palate. Elegant, precise, and classical. Beautifully structured by round and silky tannins. It possesses great power and long persistence on the palate. Consistently one of the most satisfying glasses of red burgundy for the money anywhere. Biodynamic.

From the superb terroir of the Pernand-Vergelesses appellation in the heart of Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France. The Beaune Coast vineyard is mid-slope on a slight incline facing east. The soil is made up of clay and limestone in medium deep ground, making this an exceptional terroir. The vines were planted in several phases with an average age of forty-two years. Biodynamic farming. Whole bunch pressing (no de-stemming).

The Domaine has been owned by the de Nicolay family since 1834. Their cellars lie under the stunningly beautiful Louis XIV Chateau, built in 1704 and surrounded by beautifully designed Le Notre gardens. The estate itself consists of 34 acres just outside Beaune covering 15 different appellations (red and white) mainly in Savigny lès Beaune, Pernand Vergelesses, Volnay, and Corton. Claude and Francois de Nicolay are the sister and brother team that manage the estate. Their cellars lie under the chateau, a jewel of eighteenth-century French architecture. Although owned by the family since 1834, the estate had languished somewhat during the twentieth century. In the 1980s Claude and Francois' mother Nadine decided to revive the domaine. In the 1990s she was joined by Claude, who had trained in viticulture and oenology in Dijon. In 2001 Francois came on board, bringing an unusual mix of business savvy and an enthusiasm for biodynamics. While they share responsibilities, Claude mainly takes care of the cellar and Francois the vines. Their aim is to achieve as transparent and pure an expression of the terroir as possible.

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## Tasting Note:

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