

# DOMAINE CHANDON DE BRIAILLES SAVIGNY LÈS BEAUNE 'LES LAVIÈRES' 1ER CRU



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From a parcel that covers 6.5 acres in the Savigny-Les-Beaune appellation of Burgundy. The vines were planted in 1954. Mid-slope with south, south-easterly exposure. The soil is made up predominantly of limestone (Lavières comes from the word "lave" which was the term used in the past to describe the flat limestone slabs used to cover the roofs. In fact, these famous stones are found here in the sub-soil.) This is the finest part of the appellation. Aged 14-18 months in oak barrels.

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 aim is to achieve as transparent and pure an expression of the terroir as possible. 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:*

### DOMAINE CHANDON DE BRIAILLES SAVIGNY LÈS BEAUNE 'LES LAVIÈRES' PREMIER CRU

100% Pinot Noir. Strawberry, mineral, saline & floral aromas; flavors of anise, cherry & lavender with slight smoke & flint; elegant, fine & precise; strong minerality; silky, rounded tannins on the long finish. Biodynamic.

## *Shelf Talker:*

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