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SECOND PHYSICAL AUCTION AT THE ESTATE FOR BAGHERA/WINES IN FRANCE

## DOMAINE FRANÇOIS GAUNOUX CLIMATS DE FAMILLE

Au cœur de la Côte de Beaune, un siècle de vins d'exception VINTAGES RANGING FROM 1897 TO 2003



At the Gaunoux estate in Côte-d'Or, Claudine Gaunoux, owner and operator of the estate (at the top) and her son (far right), Baghera/wines Camille Balboux and Michael Ganne – Founders

Meursault, February 11, 2025 – A new auction at the estate marks the start of the year for Baghera/ wines. Nestled in the heart of the Côte de Beaune, on the hillside, the Domaine François Gaunoux spans harmoniously across twelve hectares, fully owned. Baghera/wines is pleased to announce a public auction in collaboration with Domaine François Gaunoux, which will take place at the estate in Meursault, Côte-d'Or on March 16, 2025. The auction will feature approximately 110 hand-selected lots, spanning vintages from 1897 to 2003, across twelve prestigious appellations such as Meursault Goutte d'Or, Bâtard-Montrachet, Pommard Rugiens, Volnay Clos des Chênes. None of these wines have ever left the estate. The auction will take place in a single session: the sale will begin at 12 PM, CET, at the magnificent Gaunoux family château.

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## four generations (almost five) of fierce respect for traditions and reasoned innovation

Tracing back to the 16th century, the first traces of the Gaunoux family's presence in Burgundy can already be found. Since then, the family has continuously showcased its exceptional know-how through the generations. Determined to highlight the richness of the Burgundy terroirs.

Over time, the estate has gradually built a reputation for excellence, notably through meticulous vineyard management, but also through careful winemaking and a deep respect for the environment. Today, the estate, under the leadership of Claudine Gaunoux, the daughter of François and granddaughter of Henri, continues the family legacy by preserving the authenticity of each terroir. The distinctiveness and uniqueness of the wines stem from the perfect balance the Gaunoux family has crafted, combining tradition with modern techniques. Today, an undisputed reference in the production of fine wines from Burgundy, each bottle from Domaine Gaunoux combines finesse and complexity. These wines are tangible witnesses, telling the story of a unique know-how, passed down from generation to generation.

Claudine Gaunoux, owner of the estate, comments on the auction: "In our world, only authentic values and extreme dedication matter. It was quite natural for us to get closer to Michael Ganne and his teams at Bagheralwines to showcase Gaunoux wines during this auction, directly at our estate. This auction represents the culmination of the work of my grandfather, as well as my father, whose efforts have been crowned with success. Our wines are recognized worldwide, and this is our way of honoring the family legacy that we continue to cultivate."

Michael Ganne, Founder of Baghera/wines, and Virginie Maison, auctioneer for the sale, emphasize: "For this second auction on French soil, we are presenting, alongside the wines from Domaine Gaunoux, a precious part of Burgundy's viticultural heritage. This auction is not simply a sale, but a meeting with the history and soul of this estate. We see it as a tribute to the passion that spans generations. For Baghera/wines, presenting these bottles carrying such a great tradition is also about making a bit of this exceptional know-how accessible to the greatest number. Having had the chance to taste several old vintages available in the sale, these are wines full of emotion that retain a youthfulness worthy of the greatest winemakers'cellars."

## a jewel of an auction: a few lots from internationally renowned appellations

Located in the iconic Meursault appellation in the Côte de Beaune, champions the art of viticulture in Burgundy. A rich range of appellations illustrates the complexity of this terroir – the auction covers twelve appellations, including Grand Crus and Premier Crus. Among the most famous are: **Pommard "Rugiens**", a star Premier Cru of the Pommard commune, as well as the sought-after appellations of **Meursault**, **Puligny-Montrachet**, **Pommard**, and **Volnay**, prized for their rarity and finesse.

The auction "*Domaine François Gaunoux – Climats de Famille*" showcases all the characteristics of the high-end auctions organized by Baghera/wines. It offers a selection of highly sought-after old vintages as well as a remarkable collection of more recent wines, which stand out for being ready to drink. Each bottle produced by Domaine Gaunoux is a true tribute to the terroir: power and balance serve as ambassadors of a work that harmonizes tradition and innovation.

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Indeed, the harvests are manual, as is the majority of the work carried out in the vineyards by Claudine Gaunoux and her team. A unique feature of the estate: fermentation and aging take place entirely in 100% stainless steel tanks. This attests to the pioneering and innovative spirit of the Gaunoux family, who were right to take this bet on time and life. The meticulous work carried out at every stage of production makes Domaine Gaunoux an essential player, continuing to produce wines that stand out on the global stage, offering a complete immersion in the heart of pure Burgundy.

#### auction at the estate

Domaine François Gaunoux – Climats de Famille Au cœur de la Côte de Beaune, un siècle de vins d'exception

As usual, Baghera/wines will offer an auction made up of a selection of 110 carefully preserved lots, according to strict standards. Their perfect traceability and excellent storage conditions make them a top choice for any discerning collector. This aspect is crucial, particularly for the few rare old vintages with unparalleled rarity.

1897, 1900, 1904, 1908, 1918, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1937, 1942, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003.

Baghera/wines lives up to its reputation and presents an auction with exceptional provenance, straight from the cellars of Domaine Gaunoux. The quality, storage, and preservation conditions are unparalleled. Baghera/wines ensures the provenance and exceptional quality of the wines it offers for sale, relying on the expertise of its specialists, among the most experienced in the world.

## highlights of the auction at the estate:

Lot 4 : Meursault « *Goutte d'Or* » Premier Cru – 1970 – 1 magnum –  $\notin$  1'200 – 2'400 Lot 21 : Pommard « *Rugiens* » Premier Cru – 1897 – 1 bottle -  $\notin$  3'000 – 6'000 Lot 30 : Pommard « *Rugiens* » Premier Cru – 1932 – 1 bottle -  $\notin$  1'600 – 3'200 The auction includes: 259 bottles and 2 magnums

## KEY DATA

### for the estate auction by Baghera/wines

Auction date: Sunday, March 16, 2025 – 12 PM CET Number of lots: 110 Physical auction at the estate : open to the public – also live-streamed for the international audience Online catalogue accessibility: on **www.bagherawines.com** 

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### about baghera/wines, experts in exceptional wines

European leader in rare wine auctions based in Geneva, Baghera/wines offers a new approach to auctions of exceptional vintages by placing conviviality and sharing at the heart of their events. For the past five years, Michael Ganne and the team of passionate experts he has surrounded himself with have developed a bureau dedicated exclusively to rare wines, and which guides collectors in all aspects of enhancing the value of a collection.

In 2018-19, the historic auction of Henri Jayer's personal cellar, to date the world's most important wine auction ever (CHF 34.5M), followed by an unprecedented auction exclusively dedicated to the wines of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and then by the final bottles from Domaine René Engel, propelled Baghera/wines to the position of European leader in wine auctions.

The experienced team working with Baghera/wines' experts offers excellent tailor-made professional advice to international collectors passionate about rare fine wines including the organization of masterclasses, as well as careful selection of wines for private tastings, dinners and events combining music and wine. In September 2020, Baghera/wines officially inaugurated its new Geneva establishment, incorporating a private club and boutique dedicated to fine wines, within the Beau-Rivage hotel, Geneva. In October 2022, the company further developed its activities in Asia, with the opening of Baghera/wines Singapore Ltd. The entity began holding physical and online auctions in Singapore from December 2022. In 2023, Baghera/wines France was set up to organize auctions in France, and a second club dedicated to collectors and events was inaugurated in Nuits-Saint-Georges.

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