



## 2009 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru

Domaine Simon Bize, Burgundy & Chablis Wine Region, France

### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2009	<b>Drinking:</b>	Now 2020
<b>Producer:</b>	Domaine Simon Bize	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	Burgundy & Chablis Wine Region	<b>Variety:</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Country:</b>	France		

### Tasting notes

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Magnificent, grand and imperious, this is a great Charlemagne that manages to find a happy balance between the full-bodied, dense fruit and the bright, mineral notes that lie beneath. Broad across the palate and with many extra gears still to be found, this is right up there with Patrick's very best.

### About the producer

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Domaine Simon Bize in Savigny-Les-Beaune has a reputation for producing wines which punch above their weight. The estate was established in 1868 by Simon Bize and is composed of 22 hectares of mainly old, low yielding vines including a parcel in Corton Charlemagne.

The wines of Domaine Simon Bize have long been a benchmark for the appellation of Savigny-les-Beaune, and have been favourites of ours for some time. The wines – both red and white – have always appealed for their charming nature and friendliness in youth, though with wine it is almost always the personal stories that leave their mark.

We had the pleasure of meeting the lovely Chisa Bize at Armit's Burgundy tasting in early 2016, and learning of her journey from Japan to the heart of Burgundy has brought the wines that much closer to our hearts. We learned of the romantic story of Patrick Bize and Chisa meeting in Japan, followed by an invitation for her to travel to Burgundy to work a harvest at the Domaine. Chisa and Patrick fell in love, and Chisa fell under Burgundy's spell, choosing to move to France, marry Patrick and make wine with him. Unfortunately, this scenario changed in 2013 with Patrick's tragic passing. However, Chisa Bize is a formidable woman, and is admirably forging ahead with running the estate on her own.

2014 is the first vintage she has made without Patrick, and having tasted the wines, it is safe to say that the estate is happily in very safe hands.