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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Beaune Teurons 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Dark, bright red. Distinctive scents of black raspberry, German chocolate cake, meat and leather. Then very rich, sweet and pliant; the most voluminous of these 2015s but without quite the early sex appeal of the Bressandes. Not at all heavy or extreme, though, as the ripeness of the vintage has given this wine atypical finesse and silkiness. The broad, mounting finish features serious but ripe tannins and no rough edges, with its building dark fruit flavors stimulating the salivary glands. This should go on for two decades.

Stephen Tanzer. Tasting date: November 2017

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Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Bright dark ruby. Much more expressive on the nose than the Aigrots, conveying a slightly candied quality to the aromas of dark berry pastilles, licorice and spices. Suave and refined on the palate, displaying a captivating juiciness to its flavors of dark berries, *kirsch*, licorice and spices. Classically dry and perfumed in the middle palate, this wine mounts steadily on the back end, finishing with a hint of dark chocolate and broad, fine-grained tannins. A lovely vintage for this bottling, which has been remarkably consistent over recent decades. It would be a shame not to cellar this.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Beaunes Aigrots 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Healthy dark red. Very tight, cooler nose suggests blackberry, licorice and menthol. Supple and broad but a bit muted on the palate, with its dark berry and espresso flavors spreading out nicely to saturate the mouth. In spite of its touch of sweetness, this very primary wine needs time in the cellar to express its full personality. This wine was similarly backward from bottle a year ago but today it's more pliant from bottle.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Beaune Toussaints 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(the yield here was about 33 hectoliters per hectare, vs. an estate-wide average of 28 in 2015): Bright ruby-red. Subtle scents of boysenberry, blackberry, bitter chocolate and anise. Concentrated, tactile Beaune premier cru with layered dark berry flavors and lovely integrated sweetness. This very fine-grained, harmonious wine finishes with sweet dark fruits and suave tannins. This wine showed good power but a slight rusticity from barrel a year ago; it's more classy in its finished form.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Beaune Cent-Vignes 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Healthy dark red. Pure but reticent nose offers scents of dark berries and licorice pastille; at once slightly liqueur-like and fresh. Rich, fine-grained and sweet, but a bit less fruity and stylish than the 2016 version. This is ultimately tighter and more powerful and built to age. Doesn't show the finesse of the 2016 version in the early going but avoids coming across as hard.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Savigny-lès-Beaune La Bataillère aux Vergelesses 1er Cru

Savigny Lès Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(these 2015s were bottled in March of 2017): Bright ruby-red. Reticent nose began with redcurrant and tobacco, then showed darker aromas of black and blue fruits with air. Fat, sweet and plush, with its dark berry flavors complicated by spices, licorice and violet. Gentle, ripe tannins saturate the palate on the long, smooth, slightly chocolatey finish. Plenty of stuffing here!

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