

2009 Beaune Cent Vignes 87-90

Good bright red. Ripe aromas and flavors of redcurrant, cherry and leather. Clean, pure and pliant, with a touch of alcohol but fine tannins on the back end.

2009 Beaune Toussaints 89-91

(still in barrel) Good bright medium red. Redcurrant, smoke and licorice on the nose. Sweet, round and creamy in the mouth, with good grip and framing acidity to the pure cherry fruit. The juicy finish features fine-grained tannins and very good length. This cuvee is always higher in acidity, notes Choppin de Janvry, which was obviously a good thing in 2009.

2009 Beaune Bressandes 90-93

Medium bright red. Complex, slightly reduced aromas of wild red fruits, licorice, spices and game. Creamy and concentrated, with a distinctly silky texture to the kirsch flavor. This boasts a strong middle and considerable finesse. Finishes long, juicy and suave, with broad tannins. Plenty of potential here.

2009 Beaune Teurons 89-92

Good bright, deep red. Superripe aromas of raspberry, cherry and chocolate. Fat, sweet and very ripe; showing less finesse and definition than the Marconnets or Bressandes but this is in a very creamy style. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins and very good length. The alcohol here is north of 13.5% but the wine does not come off as hot.

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Geoffroy Choppin de Janvry said that 2009 is "not a typical Burgundian vintage. While the quality of the wines is very good, they are built on their fruit and they're very round and suave. They are more international in style as opposed to the 2008 vintage which is more typical of the region. I began picking on the 11th of September and brought in very ripe fruit that in hindsight might have been better if it had been harvested one day earlier. We had no significant sorting losses to speak of though they were a bit higher than in 2005. Potential alcohols were in the 13.5% range and thus there was no chaptalization. The wines should be popular as they're easy to appreciate and I think that they will age better than many people presently think." Fans of the domaine will notice a new wine in the form of a *villages* Pommard.

2009 Savigny-lès-Beaune "La Bataillère": (88-91) / 2015+

(a *monopole* within Les Vergelesses). A notably ripe nose of red currant, blue berry and plenty of Savigny-style earth precedes detailed, energetic and fresh flavors that are supported by phenolically mature tannins and a touch of finishing austerity on the sappy and mouth coating finish.

2009 Beaune "Cents Vignes": (89-91) / 2016+

This is also quite ripe but the fresh cherry aromas stop short of being *surmature*. The rich, round and quite supple middle weight flavors possess good verve and mid-palate concentration, all wrapped in a lingering finish that delivers solid depth.

2009 Beaune "Toussaints": (90-92) / 2016+

A beguiling nose features black berry and red currant liqueur that merges into rich, generous and opulent flavors that possess a touch of finishing asperity that presently offsets the mid-palate sweetness. There is excellent concentration and a high level of phenolic maturity to the structural elements and that should also amply reward mid-term cellaring.

2009 Beaune "Les Aigrots": (89-92) / 2017+

(2001 was the first vintage for this wine from 15+ year old vines). An earthy yet relatively high-toned nose speaks of red raspberry, violets and plum aromas that marry into rich and full-bodied yet finely detailed and mineral-infused flavors that culminate in a mildly austere finish of very solid length. This is on the awkward side today but the underlying material is such that it should harmonize once in bottle.

2009 Beaune "Les Bressandes": (90-93) / 2017+

Cassis and plum aromas are nuanced by hints of minerality that continue onto the refined, pure and energetic medium-bodied flavors that are blessed with an abundance of dry extract that buffers the very firm tannic spine on the unusually powerful and persistent finish. This should be excellent in time as it has everything that it needs to improve for up to a decade.

2009 Beaune "Les Teurons": (91-93) / 2019+

Moderate reduction renders the nose difficult to evaluate but there is good energy and tension to the classy, pure and refined middle weight flavors that display focused power on the serious and very ripe finish that delivers excellent length. This is very stylish and should reward well 10 to 12 years in the cellar.

2009 Pommard: (89-91) / 2019+

(from La Rue au Porc). An earthy and quite somber nose of red berries, plum and a floral hint slides gracefully into serious, powerful and admirably well-concentrated flavors that possess impressive power and length. This is an excellent *villages* and is worth investigating if you have the patience to allow it to mature.

2008 Beaune "Les Aigrots": 89 / 2016+

(2001 was the first vintage for this wine from 15+ year old vines). An attractive and expressive nose speaks of dark cherry, black berry and damp earth aromas that introduce seductively textured flavors that possess a sophisticated mouth feel as well as a discreet minerality before culminating in a persistent and balanced finish that does display a bit of youthful asperity.