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Domaine Albert Morot

2015 Beaune "Cents Vignes"

1er Cru Red barrel

Score: **90-92**

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Drink: 2022+

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Producer note: Geoffroy Choppin de Janvry said that 2015 was "much, much less difficult than the prior three vintages though even so we had no yield as the vines had been too battered. But at least the growing season was less demanding in terms of treatments. We chose to begin picking on the 3rd of September and the fruit was both ripe and about as clean as it can be. Potential alcohols averaged around 13% with reasonably good acidities even though there was not a lot of malic. We also bought a new destemmer that treats the fruit much more gently as it leaves the berries whole. The vinifications were easy because the wines pretty much made themselves. The skins were thick and the colors came easily so I decided to use a light hand that relied more on pump overs than punch downs. I did use around 20% whole clusters for the Marconnets and the Teurons and it seems to have added some freshness. As to the wines, they have both good mid-palate fat and a natural sweetness that renders them especially attractive. Moreover I find that they offer fine terroir definition and overall, I very much like the style of the vintage." De Janvry further noted that the domaine is now officially certified organic. (Robert Kacher Selections, www.robertkacherselections.com, Washington, D.C. USA; Majestic Wine Warehouses, www.majestic.co.uk and House of Hallgarten, www.hallgarten.co.uk, both UK).

Tasting note: A ripe yet appealing fresh nose displays notes of black cherry liqueur, plum, violet and warm earth. The sleeker and more refined but not more concentrated flavors possess slightly better verve on the lightly mineral-inflected finish. I like the underlying tension though this needs to develop a bit more depth to merit the upper end of my projected range.

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