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Geoffroy Choppin de Janvry said that 2007 was "a very early vintage. April was very warm and we had an even flowering but a lousy summer that was cool and rainy. I was surprised to see people harvesting the last week of August but to my taste, the skins weren't as ripe as we wanted so we took the risk and waited. I am very happy that we did because the fruit went from unripe to ripe in the space of a few days, particularly in terms of phenolic maturity but the acidities dropped fairly dramatically at that point as well. We started picking on the 6th of September and harvested through to the 10th. We had a normal sorting task, which for us means a loss of around 5% and net yields of right at 40 hl/ha. Sugars were excellent at a bit over 13% and nothing was chaptalized. As to the vinification, I decided to go a bit softer than usual but in this case, it means more punching down early and less later on whereas I did the reverse with pump overs. The transformation in barrel was relatively dramatic, particularly after the malos. I wanted to be sure that the wines didn't potentially dry out so I racked them into stainless steel holding tanks at the end of November and will probably bottle them in March." Choppin de Janvry remains very modest about the progress that he has brought to bear since he arrived but the wines really are impressive and 2007 represents the third vintage in a row where the quality is becoming top flight. Moreover, the majority of his '06s finish at or near the top of my predicted barrel ranges. (Robert Kacher Selections, www.robertkacherselections.com, Washington, D.C.; Majestic Wine Warehouses, www.majestic.co.uk, and House of Hallgarten, www.hallgarten.co.uk; both UK).

2007 Savigny-lès-Beaune "La Bataillère": (a *monopole* within Les Vergelesses). A ripe, earthy and attractive nose of very fresh red berry fruit aromas leads to relatively dense flavors that possess good detail on the even earthier finish that evidences a noticeable *sauvage* character. (86-89)/2012+

2007 Beaune "Cents Vignes": Here the nose offers a considerable step up in elegance with a pretty mélange of red, blue and violet aromas trimmed in a subtle touch of earth that is also picked up by the fresh and almost delicate middle weight flavors that possess lovely punch and persistence. This offers impressive flavor authority crafted in an understated style that should repay aging over the next 5 to 7 years. (88-91)/2013+

2007 Beaune "Les Marconnets": (a .67 ha parcel of 50+ year old vines). A very subtle hint of wood frames notably ripe plum and black cherry aromas that display underbrush and earth notes that continue onto the rich, full and serious medium-bodied flavors that are at once generous and powerful on the sappy and highly complex finish. Recommended. (90-92)/2013+

2007 Beaune "Toussaints": This is also extremely fresh with a highly expressive and more elegant nose that offers really lovely purity to the red berry fruit and wet stone notes that can also be found on the nicely rich and full flavors that carry good size and weight if not quite the same length though it's very close. (89-92)/2013+

2007 Beaune "Les Aigrots": (2001 was the first vintage for this wine from 15+ year old vines). A cool and restrained nose of ripe plum and extract of red pinot fruit nuanced by background notes of warm earth and minerals merges into unusually rich and full-bodied flavors that retain a fine sense of underlying precision and good cut on the sappy and intense finish that doesn't quite have the same structural firmness or persistence. (89-91)/2012+

2007 Beaune "Les Bressandes": A discreet hint of wood spice sets off a very ripe, indeed this is a bit like a dry porto yet there is no underlying sense of anything spirituous and in fact there is a good sense of freshness here. The rich, delicious and generous flavors are very Beaune and the natural elegance of Bressandes is present with the relative refinement of the tannins and good finishing minerality. I very much like the mouth feel as it's precise but fleshy. (89-92)/2013+

2007 Beaune "Les Teurons": A more typical nose of red and blue pinot fruit laced with plenty of floral influence, particularly violets, slides gracefully into textured, vibrant and very precise medium-bodied flavors that are supported by ripe structural elements and a firmer as well as mouth coating finish. Excellent. (90-92)/2014+

2006 Savigny-lès-Beaune "La Bataillère": (a *monopole* within Les Vergelesses). A notably ripe, earthy and reserved nose of mostly dark berry fruit aromas leads to rich and full-bodied flavors that possess plenty of volume on the pungently earthy and moderately austere finish that is blessed with well-integrated tannins. This isn't an elegant wine but satisfying in its directness and it's a bigger and richer wine than its '07 counterpart. 89/2013+

2006 Beaune "Cents Vignes": This is also quite ripe with a more elegant nose of red cherry and raspberry liqueur aromas that carry a whiff of warm earth that complements the largely fruit-driven flavors that are round, supple and quite forward, all wrapped in a delicious yet youthfully austere finish. This is an attractive effort that is built on its fruit and should be approachable young yet improve over the short to medium-term. 90/2013+

2006 Beaune "Toussaints": Red and black raspberry aromas trimmed in subtle notes of wood that haven't yet entirely integrated along with hints of damp earth merge into rich and a bit more refined mineral-suffused flavors that are also delicious with even better intensity and finishing detail if not quite the same overall depth. Still, this is a lovely effort as it combines a fine sense of harmony and solid transparency. 89/2014+

2006 Beaune "Les Marconnets": (a .67 ha parcel of 50+ year old vines). A very ripe nose that is more deeply pitched features cassis and black cherry aromas that dissolve into very earthy, round, supple and utterly delicious flavors that possess a bit more depth on the lush, long, dusty and mouth coating finish. A seductive effort that displays its proximity to Savigny on the nose yet the finish is supported by relatively refined tannins. Lovely. 90/2014+

2006 Beaune "Les Aigrots": (2001 was the first vintage for this wine from 15+ year old vines). This is unusually ripe for this *cru* yet it remains both fresh and elegant even though the black raspberry and cherry aromas nuanced by evident minerality are presently on the somber side. The minerality is also picked up by the rich, full and sweet flavors that are supported by rounded tannins and a firm, dusty and mouth coating finish where the minerality resurfaces once again. An attractive effort that is essentially a wine of finesse yet one where there is real volume as well. 91/2014+

2006 Beaune "Les Bressandes": Relative to its performance from barrel, this has gone from reticent to expressive with very fresh aromas of black raspberry and underbrush hints that are also reflected by the rich, delicious, intense and subtly mineral-infused flavors that culminate in a balanced, sweet and impressively long finish. Classy juice where the only nit is a barely discernable hint of backend warmth. 91/2014+

2006 Beaune "Les Teurons": Here the layered, complex and serious nose remains quite reserved and it is only with aggressive swirling that glimpses of ripe red raspberry and cranberry can be coaxed from the glass and this reserve continues with the rich, full and slightly austere middle weight flavors that possess excellent intensity and the most overall length of any wine in the range on the balanced, dusty and harmonious finish. Terrific and recommended. 92/2014+