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Domaine Albert Morot 2016 Beaune Teurons 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Bright, dark red. Medicinal black cherry, spices, licorice and a whiff of game on the nose. The richest, sweetest and most pliant of these 2016s, showing the best palate presence and volume of the range but still youthfully backward. Finishes with dark fruit and licorice notes, substantial dusty tannins and saliva-inducing salinity. This wine will need aging but even today it's neither dry nor hard on the back end.

Stephen Tanzer. Tasting date: November 2017

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Grape/Blend

Pinot Noir

Release price

\$62.00

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Domaine Albert Morot 2016 Beaune Bressandes 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(the estate had a close-to-normal crop of 35 hectoliters per hectare in Bressandes): Dark red with ruby highlights. Slightly cool aromas of blackberry, licorice, bitter chocolate and black pepper. Riper and smoother in the middle palate than the nose suggests but still quite dark and medicinal for this wine, showing an obvious minty element. There's no shortage of texture here but the finish is ultimately a bit clenched, with dusty tannins apparent today. I was surprised to hear that this wine was *less* touched by hail than most of the estate's other vineyards.

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Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(the yield here was just 15 hectoliters per hectare): Bright, dark red with ruby tones. Very dark aromas of cassis, blackberry, blueberry, violet and licorice pastille. A step up in *sucrosité* and texture from the foregoing samples, offering an enticing sappiness to its dark berry and licorice flavors. This concentrated, very juicy wine spreads out on the back end, finishing with rather suave palate-dusting tannins. Geoffroy Choppin de Janvry noted that this wine used to be harder but since he started farming organically in 2009 the tannins have become rounder.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2016 Beaune Toussaints 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(the estate's holdings feature clay-based soil at the base of the hill but more *calcaire* higher up): Bright, dark red with ruby highlights. A bit deeper-pitched on the nose than the Cent-Vignes, offering aromas of black cherry and spices. Chewier than the Cent-Vignes but without the sweetness or fruit intensity of that wine; the dark cherry flavor show menthol and herbal impingements. Finishes with dustier, drier tannins and a repeating green edge. Perhaps in an awkward stage today.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2016 Beaune Cent-Vignes 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(14 hectoliters per hectare): Bright, dark red with ruby tones. Initially a bit minty and high-toned on the nose, but showed more classic aromas of bitter cherry, dark berries and licorice pastille with a bit of air. Energetic, precise and linear but also conveys an attractive element of sweetness to its intense black cherry and spice flavors. Finishes juicy and long, with rather suave tannins.

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Domaine Albert Morot 2016 Savigny-lès-Beaune La Bataillère aux Vergelesses 1er Cru

Savigny Lès Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(just 12 hectoliters per hectare produced): Bright medium red. Slightly exotic aromas of dark berries and licorice lifted by mint and floral nuances. A juicy, spicy, energetic wine with modest flesh. Shows good flavor intensity but could use a bit more stuffing to support its slightly drying tannins.

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