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Domaine Albert Morot (Beaune)

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2004 Beaune "Les Bressandes" 1 ^{er}	red	(88-91)
2004 Beaune "Cents Vignes" 1 ^{er}	red	88
2004 Beaune "Grèves" 1 ^{er}	red	(87-90)
2004 Beaune "Les Marconnets" 1 ^{er}	red	86
2004 Beaune "Les Teurons" 1 ^{er}	red	(89-91)
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2003 Savigny-lès-Beaune "La Bataillère" 1 ^{er}	red	87

Geoffroy Choppin de Janvry said that he waited until "September 24th to begin picking. Even though we didn't have a lot of problem with oidium save for Marconnets, we threw out a lot of under ripe and hail damaged fruit. In fact, by the time we finished, we had yields of only 28 to 30 hl/ha, which means that we threw out close to 25% between what we left in the vineyards themselves and on the sorting table here at the *cuvée*. I went for slightly less extraction at the end of the fermentation because while we actually had very good sugars at close to 13%, I didn't think the phenolic ripeness was excellent even though we waited to begin picking and then took our time. I also took the step of selling off in bulk the La Bataillère as I didn't like the result." Choppin de Janvry said that part of the range was bottled in January and the remainder will be bottled in March. The Morot '03s are mixed but I underline to readers the quality of the Bressandes and Teurons.

2004 Beaune "Toussaints": This is a very serious, reserved and backward effort just now with glimpses of dark berry fruit and mineral hints that precede earthy, complex and impressively deep flavors that culminate in a mouth coating finish of solid length and power. This will require a few years to emerge from its shell but there is clearly good material here. (88-90)/2010+

2004 Beaune "Cents Vignes": Deeply pitched red berry fruit aromas that offer a nice sense of elegance and style introduce delicious, sweet and solidly concentrated middle weight flavors that are somewhat somber yet finish with good verve and punch. 88/2009+

2004 Beaune "Les Aigrots": (2001 was the first vintage for this wine from 15 year old vines). An earthy yet very fresh nose of dark berry fruit and obvious minerality leads to delicious but serious flavors that offer good if not exceptional precision and a dusty, ever-so-slightly dry finish. 87/2008+

2004 Beaune "Grèves": (only 1 barrel made and aged in 100% new oak). Noticeable wood frames an expressive and very earthy red pinot fruit nose nuanced with traces of underbrush and spice that dissolve into dense, moderately structured and sweet flavors, wrapped in a sappy finish where the wood is not exactly subtle but doesn't dominate either. (87-90)/2011+

2004 Beaune "Les Bressandes": A completely different aromatic profile of black raspberry and cassis aromas complement the rich, full, sweet and very fresh flavors that are a good deal more elegant than any of the preceding wines. This finishes with a textured, dusty, complex and beautifully well-balanced finale. (88-91)/2011+

2004 Beaune "Les Marconnets": (a .67 ha parcel of 50+ year old vines). A pretty nose featuring raspberry and warm earth notes plus spice hints gives way to sweet, round, fleshy and generous flavors that offer modest depth and a moderately sweet finish. This is built on its fruit but there isn't much else here, at least not yet. 86/2008+

2004 Beaune "Les Teurons": This is usually the class of the Morot cellar and so it is again with its reserved, tight and sober nose that reveals only glimpses of impressively complex and earthy red pinot fruit that is followed by rich and full flavors that retain a fine sense of detail and serious volume. This is delicious yet classy and recommended. (89-91)/2011+

2003 Savigny-lès-Beaune "La Bataillère": (a *monopole* within Les Vergelesses). Very deep ruby. A pretty nose of violets, cassis and very ripe dark berry fruit merges into earth and café-infused flavors that are round, rich, sappy and concentrated with good volume and a velvety finish. This is moderately structured and not particularly elegant though it will make for an appealing wine with 5 or so years of age. 87/2009+

2003 Beaune "Toussaints": An attractively complex nose of very ripe plum, spice cassis and warm earth framed in a touch of wood leads to reasonably fresh flavors that possess better than average detail, all wrapped in a sappy, firm, sweet and persistent finish. Very good quality here. 88/2010+

2003 Beaune "Cents Vignes": A nose of very ripe pinot and fresh earth combine with round, rich, soft and forward medium full flavors that offer good concentration and solid length though not much nuance and enough mouth coating structure to suggest that this should benefit from 5 to 8 years of cellar time. A very good 2003 Beaune. 88/2010+

2003 Beaune "Les Aigrots": (2001 was the first vintage for this wine from 15 year old vines). A notch up in aromatic elegance with very ripe red raspberry, plum and mocha aromas that are followed by delicious and nicely complex middle weight flavors. The natural minerality of Les Aigrots adds a bit of lift and punch to the finish and while this is attractive in its way, I find it to be very much a creature of its vintage. 87/2009+

2003 Beaune "Les Bressandes": The most aromatically complex wine today with elegant, pure and lovely ripe red and black pinot fruit nuances with hints of smoke, spice and minerality that leads to dense, sweet and textured flavors that offer good volume in the mouth and fine persistence. There is buried structure underpinning the finish and this should reward up to a decade of bottle age and should be capable of lasting for years. 89/2012+

2003 Beaune "Les Marconnets": (a .67 ha parcel of 50+ year old vines). I had to scratch my head with this wine because it seemed distinctly different than what I originally sampled from cask whereas the other wines in the range resembled their cask samples quite closely. This is quite ripe with a nose that plays on the edge of perceptible VA and leads to slightly roasted if not prune flavors culminating in a firm, dense and dusty finish. Not for me. 86/2011+

2003 Beaune "Les Teurons": An expressive nose of ripe plum, blackberry, cassis and an interesting floral note introduces supple, round, sweet and rich flavors that are mouth coating, concentrated and powerful, all wrapped in a mocha and coffee-infused finish. Like the Bressandes, this will age for a long time and while this is particular, it's impressive. 90/2012+