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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Beaune Bressandes 1er Cru

Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(still a significant percentage of malic acidity remaining): Bright ruby-red. Reticent aromas of black fruits and mint. Boasts a dense texture and almost chocolatey sweetness but an impression of *calcaire* energy gives the very concentrated middle palate considerable finesse for a Beaune wine. Slightly high-toned in a seductive way. Still quite young and unevolved--and tricky to assess with confidence prior to the end of its malolactic fermentation--but this looks to be a superb vintage for this premier cru. The finish displays fine-grained tannins and terrific subtle length and lingering perfume.

Stephen Tanzer. Tasting date: November 2016

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Geoffroy Choppin de Janvry told me he harvested from September 2 through 7 without rain, with potential alcohol generally at 13% (a couple *cuvées* came in at about 12.7% and were chaptalized to 13%). Owing to the extent of *millerandage* in 2015, the estate produced an average of only 30 hectoliters per hectare, but a bit more in Beaune Aigrots and Bressandes. Choppin de Janvry told me he feared that the wines would be heavy and lack freshness but noted that “they’re more elegant now than I thought at the beginning.” He benefited from a new destemmer in 2015, which allows him to work with a higher percentage of uncrushed berries, and he noted that the fermentation temperatures did not exceed 29 degrees C. He also cut back somewhat on extraction in 2015, beginning with one *pigeage* per day, then switching to *remontages* after the first several days of the fermentation.

Owing partly to Domaine Morot’s very deep, cold cellar, most of the '15s were still in the final stages of their malolactic fermentations when I sampled them in November, and they were all still in their original barrels, unracked. Some were tricky to taste. Incidentally, this estate is officially certified as organic as of vintage 2015.

Grape/Blend

Pinot Noir

Release price

Not Available