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Domaine Albert Morot 2015 Savigny-lès-Beaune La Bataillère aux Vergelesses 1er Cru

Savigny Lès Beaune, Burgundy

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

(these vines were picked at the end): Bright red-ruby. Restrained, very primary aromas of medicinal black cherry, licorice and bitter chocolate. A bit less exuberant than the Beaune Cent-Vignes but dense, ripe and sweet in the style of the year. The impression of medicinal reserve is accentuated by minerality. This slightly tough wine finishes with serious tannins and good persistence.

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