

Domaine Joseph Voillot

Côte de Beaune



“Once we arrived in Volnay, and toured the Premier Cru vineyards, we proceeded to taste through all their wines. Deferring to what I knew and did as a sommelier, and in very pathetic French, I offered up my very understated observations. After about 8 wines, JP [Jean-Pierre Charlot] articulated en français, in a pace that I would comprehend, ‘Irene, these vineyards were designated hundreds of years ago, by kings and nobility. And my winemaking efforts are consistent and balanced from one vineyard to the next. So if you judge a wine as being less than another, you are judging the land from which those grapes came from—not me.’

I felt the benefit of a Winemaker who taught oenology at the Lycée de Beaune for twenty years. Not every Winemaker is willing to be straight on the personalities of the region, but if I asked a question, I got the unequivocal truth. And it was educational to find out which Winemakers authentically embraced tradition and which Winemakers took the media trail. I was fortunate to have worked with someone who didn’t claim to be part of any movement, but instead made wines with integrity, balance and very little intervention.”

--Irene Steh, assistant winemaker at St. Innocent in Oregon, on working with Jean-Pierre Charlot during the Voillot harvest of 2009; published in Good Food Revolution.

2007 Pommard Vieilles Vignes

“Infectiously juicy and forward for its appellation and vintage, it displays polished texture and admirable persistence. Charlot says one of his clients complained that this was too fruity for Pommard! “

89 points– David Schildknecht, The Wine Advocate (#189 on-line)

2007 Volnay 1er Cru Les Fremiets

“(from vines that average 50+ years of age). Classic ruby. A very pretty and highly layered nose combines notes of both red and blue pinot fruit that is so pure that it’s like extract of pinot, which complements to perfection the round, rich and silky light to barely middle weight flavors that are supported by comparatively light tannins as well. This is attractively lacy in style...”

88-91 points– Burghound.com (April 2009)

2007 Volnay 1er Cru Les Champans

“Really lip-smacking appeal.”

91 points– David Schildknecht, The Wine Advocate (#189 on-line)

The following publications also reviewed this wine:

89-92 points– Burghound.com (April 2009)

91 points– Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator (November 30, 2009)

2007 Pommard 1er Cru Les Pézerolles

“(from a .4 ha parcel planted in 1963). This arguably possesses the most striking nose of the group with its spicy and pure red and blue pinot fruit, violets and wet stone aromas that seamlessly marry into layered, elegant and equally pure medium-bodied flavors that are rich, delicious, full and precise....”

89-92 points– Burghound.com (April 2009)

The following publication also reviewed this wine:

90 points– David Schildknecht, The Wine Advocate (#189 on-line)

2007 Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens

“(from a .25 ha parcel planted in 1959). This is cool to the point of being airy and offers equally pure and mineral-suffused red pinot fruit trimmed in a gentle touch of oak that introduces detailed, rich and naturally sweet medium full-bodied flavors that possess excellent delineation on the driving, balanced and lingering finish. Recommended.”

90-93 points– Burghound.com (April 2009)

2007 Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots

“(from a .18 ha parcel in Les Petits Epenots planted in 1961). This is also very attractive with its slightly cooler nose of red berry fruit, iron-infused earth and gamy character that also suffuses the detailed and lightly mineral flavors that possess very good size, weight and mid-palate concentration, all wrapped in a sappy and palate staining finish underpinned by slightly firmer tannins. Excellent quality here.”

90-92 points– Burghound.com (April 2009)

2007 Meursault Les Chevalières

“An elegant and admirably pure nose of citrus zest, hazelnut and acacia blossom slides gracefully into racy, pure and minerally medium-bodied flavors that possess lovely detail and cut. This is a very fine village and worth a look.”

89 points– Burghound.com (3rd quarter, 2009)

2007 Meursault 1er Cru Les Cras

“A discreet touch of wood frames spicy, pure, refined and layered aromas that are very Meursault in character that complement the richer, fuller and finer middle weight flavors that also possess ample mineral influence on the persistent finish that delivers perfect balance and fine depth. Recommended.”

91 points– Burghound.com (3rd quarter, 2009)