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Domaine Bocquenet

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2004
750 mlNuits St.-Georges "Aux St. Juliens"
Villages Red

Producer note: Daniel Bocquenet remains in my view one of the most under rated wine makers in Burgundy and he's someone that I wish had the opportunity to lease or acquire other vineyards as he would undoubtedly make the most of them. Bocquenet told me that 2004 "was challenging even though we didn't have hail in Nuits, we did in Echézeaux and a touch in La Croix Blanche. The good news is that because we treated early, we had no problems with oidium at all. Phenolic maturity was acceptable but not better than that and there was a lot of malic acid, in fact so much that I had difficulty getting the wines to finish and indeed, the Echézeaux is still not finished. I like the vintage and it reminds me somewhat of 1992 but with a bit more acidity. It's elegant and quite fine and very pinot with excellent and very expressive pinot fruit." As Bocquenet mentioned, the 2004 Echézeaux had finished only 40% of its malo and thus is not reviewed here; I tasted it and it did appear promising but a full review will have to wait until my next visit. (A Peter Vezan Selection, Paris, France; North Berkeley Imports, CA; Michael Skurnik Wines, NY and Ideal Wines and Spirits, MA; John Armit Wines and Laytons Wine Merchants in the UK).

Tasting note: Interestingly, in 2004 this is almost as elegant and pure as the Croix Blanche with a spicy and refined nose of dark berry fruit aromas and touches of earth and game that lead to delicious, supple and forward flavors that are actually marginally lighter in style but impressively well balanced. I very much like this as it's serious, deep and should age well yet be accessible young. Also worth a look.

Tasted: Jan 01, 2007

Score: 89

Drink: 2009+

- Comments: Outstanding!

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