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Domaine Chandon de Briailles

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2004  
750 mlPernand-Vergelesses "Vergelesses"  
1er Cru Red

Note: from 47 year old vines

*Producer note: François de Nicolay, as he did in 2003, described 2004 as a "very difficult vintage" but for very different reasons, noting that, "we were hit twice by hail with the second storm costing us quite a bit of crop. The growing season was very cool and given that we had certain sectors afflicted by rot, the post-sorting yield was actually quite small. We began picking on September 23rd because sugars were already high and while the phenolics were just barely sufficient, we strongly wished to avoid creating unbalanced wines with excessive alcohol levels and felt that this date was the best compromise available to us. Overall, we declared almost the same exact yields as we did in 2003, which is to say 40% less than a normal harvest. Sugars ran in the 13% range, which essentially means that we didn't chaptolize at all. We did use less whole bunches than normal and destemmed around 40% of the grapes. The reds will drink well young but the whites are more classic in style and should age well." (Jeroboam Wines, New York, NY; Beaune Imports, Berkeley, CA Berry Brothers & Rudd, Hayman, and Haymes Hanson & Clark, all UK).*

**Tasting note:** The recent *mise* has tightened this up considerably as the elegant red berry fruit nose is reserved and complements the mineral-infused, precise and linear flavors that culminate in a finely detailed, fresh and persistent finish.

Tasted: Apr 01, 2006

Score: 88

Drink: 2010+  
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