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Domaine Château de Maltroye

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2005
barrelChassagne-Montrachet "Clos St. Jean"
1er Cru Red

Note: from sandy, rather light soil

Producer note: Jean-Pierre Cournut has yet again produced an outstanding set of wines, particularly in the context of a vintage where almost everyone did well. He noted that "except for the hail, it would have been a perfect growing season. Unfortunately, even though the storm was early enough that it was more of a quantity than quality issue, it still cost me more than 40% of my production and that's painful. Still, the reds are excellent with outstanding tannin/fruit/acid balance. For me, it's like a blend of 2002 and 2003 with the ripeness of the latter allied with the purity and acidity of the former." Cournut was concerned about having just racked, filtered and adjusted the SO2 of his reds and thus it's possible that they will eventually show even better than my notes reflect. Note that Cournut elected to change the name of the Morgeot to Boudriotte, which is his option since the entire parcel for this wine is based in Boudriotte. (Frederick Wildman, New York, NY; Wine House, San Francisco, CA; O.W. Loeb and Howard Ripley, UK).

Tasting note: This is definitely more elegant with airy and pure red pinot aromas nuanced by hints of minerality, earth and a touch of smoke that complements the ripe, concentrated and firm but not hard flavors that deliver excellent length and punch. This is a refined Chassagne.

Tasted: Apr 01, 2007

Score: 89-91

Drink: 2011+

- Comments: Outstanding! Top value

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