



2009 Beaune vs Volnay

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Reception Wine: 6:00 PM, Formal Tasting: 6:20 PM

Faculty Club, Univ. of Toronto, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto

Members' Fee: \$78; Guests'/Non-Members' Fee: \$98

Happy New Year! The long months of winter are upon us but nothing warms the hearts and soul more than red wines from Burgundy. Not just any Burgundy, but wines from the **Beaune** and **Volnay** regions from the 2009 vintage - a very good to great vintage for red wines.

Burgundy is one of the world's most revered wine regions. The wines of Burgundy are about subtlety and terroir, variation from village to village and even from vineyard to vineyard. Burgundians create wines to express the character of the land. Nowhere else in the world is the concept of terroir, the spirit of the place, more essential to the winemaking philosophy. It is the home of Domaine de Romanée-Conti, the world's most expensive wine. Soil and climate conditions have been studied time and time again; wines have been minutely analyzed, yet as with the Stradivarius instruments, the central mystery remains.

The classification of the qualities of the land in this strip, the Cote d'Or, is the most elaborate on earth and it is based on classifications going back two hundred years; it divides the vineyards into four classes: Grand Crus, Premiers Crus, Village Wines and Regional Wines. All of our wines are Premier Cru (1er Cru) signifying the second highest level of classification and quality to Grand Cru.

The wines you will taste come from **Beaune** and **Volnay**, which are but a few miles apart, but because of the geology produce wines of different character. You may expect the vineyards bordering Volnay to give the most Volnay-like, fragrant and ethereal wines. But, the commune boundary marks a soil change, to one which is darker, with more iron, and that makes for an entirely different style – dark, heady and tannic. The finest and most elegant red wines of the Côte de Beaune are grown in **Volnay**, a village which might be twinned with Chambolle-Musigny in the Côte de Nuits, for the high active chalk content in the soil and comparatively low clay content. Whereas in earlier times Volnay was made in a particularly light, early drinking style, these days there are many producers making wines which age extremely well.

Beaune reds are characterized by a smoother roundness and more “immediate” organoleptic qualities. They convey softness and finesse. Will you be able to taste the differences? Which region will you prefer?

Our speaker for the evening is **Cyndi Grossman**, owner of Mellecey Wine Imports which specializes in Burgundy; she has spent a lot of time there while living in Europe. The event price includes a reception wine, bread, appetizers and of course, our main wines!! Please refrain from wearing scented products. Dress is business casual.

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Tasting Notes and Information - 2009 Burgundy

2009 Jadot, Beaune 1er Cru Clos Des Couchereaux \$50

"The 2009 Beaune Clos Des Couchereaux is impressive. Silky tannins frame a radiant, expressive core of fruit. This is a beautiful, refined Beaune that should drink well right out of the gate. Clean mineral notes frame the gorgeous finish, where floral notes add lift and freshness." Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019. ERobertparker.com, Wine Advocate #194, Antonio Galloni, 90-92/100

2009 Albert Morot, Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons \$50

"The 2009 Beaune Les Teurons is high class juice. Sweet dark cherries, plums, incense, graphite and spices caress the palate in supple, juicy Burgundy. The firm, classic sense of structure is never too far away but the 2009 Teurons nevertheless comes across as sexy and voluptuous for a young Beaune. A final burst of fruit informs the juicy knockout finish. I loved it." Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. ERobertparker.com, Wine Advocate #200, Antonio Galloni, 92+/100

2009 Albert Morot, Beaune 1er Cru Bressandes \$59

"Cassis and plum aromas are nuanced by hints of minerality that continue onto the refined, pure and energetic medium-bodied flavors that are blessed with an abundance of dry extract that buffers the very firm tannic spine on the unusually powerful and persistent finish. This should be excellent in time as it has everything that it needs to improve for up to a decade." Drink from 2017. Allen Meadows, burghound.com, May 6, 2011, Michael Meadows, Score 90-93/100

2009 Prieur, Beaune-Grèves 1er Crus \$73

"Tasted out of barrel at the Domaine. Light crisp raspberry leaf bouquet with faint earthy accents, the palate is medium-bodied and quite supple on the entry, firm and more masculine towards the structured middle with an attractive touch of austerity on the chalky finish." Tasted November 2010. ERobertparker.com, Wine Advocate 29march, 2011 Neal Martin, Score 87-89

2009 Guyon, Volnay 1er Cru Des Chènes \$65

"A highly complex nose features ripe, airy and very pretty aromas of violets, crushed red berries and earth nuances. The rich and quite powerful flavors possess fine mid-palate density as well as dense but fine tannins on the very serious and impressively long finish. A tautly muscular effort that is built to age. Outstanding." Drink from 2021. Score - 90-93. Allen Meadows, burghound.com, May 6, 2011, LCBO tasting notes, Score 90-93

2009 Dublère, Volnay 1er Cru Les Pitures \$59

"Highly perfumed and expressive with elegant red pinot fruit aromas that possess added nuance in the form of subtle spice and violet hints. As one might reasonably expect, here the minerality is more prominent on the round, supple and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a silky finish. This is very Volnay in basic character and delivers positively terrific length. Outstanding." Drink from 2016. Allen Meadows, burghound.com, May 6, 2011, Michael Egerton, Score: 90-93

2009 Jadot, Volnay 1er Cru Clos De LaBarre \$78

"The 2009 Volnay Clos de la Barre is impressive. It shows fabulous energy in its dark cherries, flowers and spices. There is plenty of vibrancy to match the ripe, seductive 2009 expression of the fruit. This is a gorgeous, harmonious wine with all of its elements in the right place. I imagine the 2009 will drink well pretty much right out of the gate, as it is striking, even today." Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. Wine Advocate 25 April, 2012, Antonio Galloni, 92/100

2009 Latour-Giraud, Volnay 1er Cru Clos Des Chènes \$75

"This dry and ruby coloured red showcases a complex nose releasing woody, empyreumatic, spicy, floral, fruity and mineral scents. You will be charmed with this medium-bodied wine revealing a broad texture, smooth tannins and a long finish. The owner and winemaker, Jean-Pierre Latour, can be proud of the brilliantly designed Pinot Noir refined by 16 month of French-oak ageing (30%new)." LCBO tasting notes