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Domaine Roger/Joseph Belland (Santenay)

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Roger Belland told me that "I'm very happy with the quality of my 2015 reds as they're balanced wines with dense but silky tannins that should enable them to drink well young but have no trouble aging well too. We chose to begin picking on the 6th of September and brought in ripe and notably clean fruit that required almost no sorting. Unfortunately yields were not particularly generous as they averaged around 30 hl/ha in red and only 35 hl/ha in white. Potential alcohols were right around 13% and we used between 40 and 50% whole clusters except for the Santenots where, as usual, we used 100%." I found the Belland 2015 reds to be variable in that several of them were excellent and a few flirted with *surmaturité* and thus lack a bit of freshness. Belland noted that the bottling was done in September 2016.

2015 Les Maranges "La Fussièrè": A moderately grapey nose also features notes of earth, spice and plum. The rich, suave and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors possess solid volume and a subtle trace of minerality while delivering very good depth and length in an easy-to-like and relatively forward style. Note that this should drink well immediately. 89/2019+

2015 Santenay "Les Charmes": A discreet application of wood sets off the more deeply pitched nose that is of similar composition. There is slightly better verve present on the lightly stony middle weight flavors that are shaped by slightly firmer tannins on the youthfully austere finish. This is a quality Santenay *villages* that is worth considering. 89/2020+

2015 Santenay "La Comme": This is notably more elegant with its ripe but cool nose that reflects primarily essence of various red berries, earth and a pretty floral nuance. There is both more evident minerality and a bit more structure as well shaping the delicious, intense and vibrant flavors that also possess better depth and length on the harmonious finish. This is lovely and as is usually the case with La Comme, the tannins are quite fine; this too is worth considering. 91/2021+

2015 Santenay "Beauregard": Here the nose is definitely riper as there is a slightly jammy character to the liqueur-like aromas of plum, earth and soft menthol nuances. The exceptionally rich flavors still manage to retain a reasonably good sense of vibrancy on the delicious, sappy and palate coating finish. This is definitely a very ripe wine but one that manages to stay satisfactorily well-balanced. That said, I would not be inclined to age this for more than a few years. 90/2021+

2015 Santenay "Les Gravières": This is ripe enough where there is a subtle hint of volatile acidity to the otherwise pretty mix of red and dark currant, floral and discreet earth nuances. The nicely rich and relatively refined flavors exhibit slightly more obvious minerality on the lingering finish. This isn't technically perfect yet it is certainly delicious. 88/2021+

2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos Pitois": (a huge 3 ha *monopole* of the Domaine, planted 50% each to pinot and chardonnay; the pinot vines are approximately 60+ years of age). This also displays a hint of volatile acidity though in this case it is extremely subtle and one would have to be exceptionally sensitive to it to find it to materially detract from the ripe array of red and dark pinot fruit that is laced with floral and earth nuances. The sleek and delicious medium-bodied flavors are shaped by pliant tannins on the lingering finish that is pretty if not as complex as it usually is at this early stage. 89/2021+

2015 Pommard "Les Cras": The nose displays just enough reduction to warrant a thorough aeration if you're going to crack a bottle in its youth. Otherwise there is fine volume to the utterly delicious and highly seductive medium weight flavors that evident obvious minerality, all wrapped in a saline-inflected, balanced and lingering finish. This firm effort should be reasonably accessible young yet possesses the stuffing to reward 5 to 8 years of cellar time too. 89/2022+

2015 Volnay "Santenots": This is easily the most elegant wine in the range with its overtly floral-infused nose of essence of red cherry and raspberry where additional nuance is present in the form of spice, violet and lilac. There is excellent volume and intensity to the concentrated flavors that possess a sophisticated mouth feel along with the excellent depth and persistence. Even though there isn't really much youthful austerity this is still going to require at least a few years of cellaring first. Recommended. 92/2023+