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Vincent Bitouzet's son François, who is now responsible for the reds, noted that "to succeed in 2008, you had to have low yields because if you didn't, there is no way that you could obtain a reasonable level of phenolic maturity. We began picking on the 25th of September and while there was a lot of *triage* work necessary, it was more for under ripe berries than rotten or damaged berries. I didn't really change anything in terms of vinification as we had good, and ripe, raw materials but the malos were very long and the wines were difficult to taste, and judge. In fact, even now the wines aren't easy to judge and while I believe that they will be very good in time, 2008 will not be an early drinker."

(Rosenthal Wine merchant, www.madrose.com, Shekomeko, NY; Direct Wine, www.directwine.co.uk and McKinley Vinters, www.mckinleyvinters.co.uk, UK).

2008 Bourgogne: A pretty mix of both red and dark berry fruit complements the earthy and mildly rustic middle weight flavors that possess good detail and freshness on the serious, long and moderately austere finish. Although awkward today, this has the necessary raw material to be an excellent Bourgogne. We'll see if it comes together in time. (84-87)/2013+

2008 Volnay: (from several parcels of vines on the Meursault side of the village). Mild reduction knocks the nose down and renders it difficult to read though the nicely rich, round and energetic medium-bodied flavors possess an attractive texture and are supported by relatively fine tannins on the delicious yet entirely serious finish. A good if not genuinely special village. (86-88)/2014+

2008 Beaune "Cent Vignes": Discreet wood sets off a complex, fresh and detailed nose of red currant, blue pinot fruit and violets that complement well the slightly earthy, precise and racy middle weight flavors that are equally well-detailed on the focused, dusty and linear finish. This is pretty but needs to flesh out to merit the top of my predicted range. (86-89)/2015+

2008 Volnay "Les Aussy": (from Roncerets, which due to the recent regroupment can be declared as Les Aussy). Here too there is discreet wood influence along with enough reduction to render the nose impossible to accurately read. The precise, racy and energetic flavors though possess plenty of punch but also quite a bit of gas., -which adds a trace of bitterness. That said, I would not expect it to be anything other than transitory. (87-89)/2015+

2008 Volnay "Mitans": (this was previously declared as L'Ormeau into Mitans, they now have the legal right to declare it as Mitans). Strong reductive notes do not prevent the freshness and energy of the cool and strained flavors from coming though, particularly on the delicious, lacy and liling finish. This is a lovely and understated effort with a discreet hint of minerality adding interest. A wine of harmony and balance. (89-91)/2016+

2008 Volnay "Taillepieds": A ripe, fresh, expressive and highly complex nose features red and blue pinot fruit, raspberry and wet stone notes that also suffuse the mildly austere middle weight flavours that also display an intense minerality, all wrapped in a focusedn dusty and driving finish. This is a classic Taillepieds that will need ample cellar time. (89-92)/2018+

2008 Volnay “Clos des Chênes”: (from 20+ year old vines). In contrast to the reductive funk of the Mitans, this is fresh, expressive and very pinot in character with red berry fruit aromas nuanced by subtle hints of warm earth that are also picked up by the rich, full and intense flavors that are not quite as fine or minerally as those on the Taillepieds but offer even greater length, at least at this early juncture. (89-92)/2018+

2008 Volnay “Les Pitures”: (from 35+ year old vines). An elegant, cool, airy and restrained red pinot fruit nose leads to rich, focused and tight middle weight flavors that possess controlled power, all wrapped in a lingering finish that is somewhat drying at present. There is a lot of gas, which could be causing the dryness or it could be slightly under ripe tannins. (88-90)/2020+

2008 Volnay “Les Caillerets”: Strong reduction buries the nose beneath the funk though the supple, detailed and stony middle weight flavors offer good complexity and fine persistence but not quite the phenolic ripeness levels. (88-91)/2018+