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## WINE

Mongeard-Mugneret  
Vosne-Romanee, Burgundy

Vincent Mongeard and his charming wife Anne cultivate some 25 hectares of vines in 23 different appellations, including four Grands Crus: Echézeaux, Grands-Echézeaux, Clos de Vougeot, and Richebourg. During our recent visit, we focused mainly on their Echézeaux, where this house has one of the largest holdings. The Echézeaux 2001 was purple-reddish in color with a very solid tannic backbone and pleasant hints of rose, violet and cassis. **Rating: 90.** The Echézeaux 2000 was rather sweetish, with plum and even banana tones if structurally a bit loose and insubstantial—this was the weakest of the 3 vintages of Echézeaux we sampled. **Rating: 87** The Echézeaux 1999 was the most impressive of the three, with peppermint and chocolate tones beneath the warm red fruit as well as real structure and focus: it needs 8+ years. **Rating: 91**



*Vincent and Anne Mongeard*

Just what Mongeard-Mugneret wines are capable of becoming with bottle time became evident in the *premier cru* 1995 Nuits-St-Georges “Les Boudots” from the family parcel situated just next to Vosne. Lightening at the edges, this well-structured wine displayed rich tones of ripe black cherries, mint, fennel seeds, and lead pencil along with more decadent hints of black truffle. Still tannic, it will continue to improve a few more years before reaching full maturity. **Rating: 93**

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