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# BOCQUENET

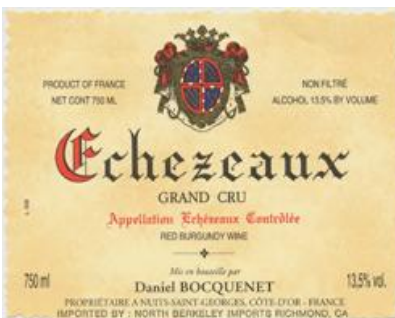
Nuits-Saint-Georges

Burgundy

**D**aniel Bocquenet took over from his father Marcel a number of years ago. But Marcel, a garrulous man-about-Nuits-Saint-Georges, did pretty well in his time. That was demonstrated by a cache of exceptional, and exceptionally *youthful* 1976 Nuits-St.-Georges which I unearthed in their cellars in 1994 and which Marcel sold to me at an absurdly low price.

There are no more old wines for sale. (I've scoured every corner while spitting in them, believe me!) But what *new* wines there are! And these are "new-fangled", too. Yes, Rovani writes "old style", but that must just be his way of calling attention to density and potential longevity. They are certainly the sort of wines Pierre's boss likes. You know, ones that elicit adjectives like "super-extracted" and substantives like "gobs". I've often asserted that, the tenor of some of Mr. Parker's utterances notwithstanding, there is a categorical difference between great Burgundy and jam-on-toast. But Bocquenet's Nuits-St.-Georges from the little-known "Aux Saint-Julien" has jammy fruit, toasty oak *and* has a memorable personality and a track record for aging to complexity. As if all that were not enough, father and son continue to offer reasonable prices.

I recently began regularly buying Bocquenet's Echézeaux. In earlier times, it often didn't seem significantly better than their



Nuits-Saint-Georges. (Put another way, the rocky, old vines "Saint-Julien" is Grand Cru quality at a village price!) But nowadays, the Echezeaux is showing its true class of origin (in the superb "Rue du Bas" section of that large cru).

Taste Bocquenet's wines in the challenging '00 and '01 vintages and witness "Mr. Consistency" at work!

## Nuits-Saint-Georges

"Aux Saint-Julien"

Vosne Romanée "C roix B lanche"  
Echézeaux

Variety: *Pinot Noir*

Total acreage: *a mere 11 acres*  
*in Nuits-Saint-Georges,*  
*under two acres Echézeaux*

Average production: *2,000 cases*

Highlights: *Extremely concentrated*  
*raw material that gladly*  
*accepts the 100% new oak*  
*offered it at this address! All*  
*wine is bottled unfiltered but*  
*there is a single assemblage*  
*of each appellation.*

## Nuits-Saint-Georges

"Aux Saint-Julien"

Vosne Romanée

"La Croix Blanche"

Echézeaux

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