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CHÂTEAU DE BEAUREGARD

NEAL MARTIN : "Not to be confused with the Pomerol estate, **Château de Beauregard** is one of the leading estates of the **Mâconnais** and I was remiss to have omitted a visit during my trip to the region last year. So, it was a pleasure to finally catch up with proprietor Frédéric Burrier at this historic estate.

Frédéric is a busy man these days, he is at the forefront of leading the case for classifying the vineyards of the region, so that its finest vineyard may finally be granted premier cru status. I found him a passionate and garrulous man, clearly proud of the history of his family in the region, yet clearly looking toward the prospect of an exciting future.

Tasting through his current roster of wines I found much to like, in particular a sublime Pouilly-Fuissé "Les Insarts" that one rarely sees."



POUILLY-FUISSÉ "LES INSARTS" 2012

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The 2012 Pouilly-Fuissé "Les Insarts", which is a rare climat inside Menetriere, has a sophisticated bouquet with touches of lemon thyme, lemon curd, coconut and shaved almond, all beautifully defined. The palate is very well-balanced with quite a rich and slightly honeyed entry. It is much more closed than the nose suggests with a strong saline, almost bitter pine-kernel finish that is extraordinarily persistent. What a profound example of Pouilly-Fuissé courtesy of one of the least known vineyards.

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