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GEORGES DUBOEUF 2009 JULIÉNAS FLOWER LABEL

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“Five different bottlings of Julienas is the record,” chuckles Duboeuf by way of commenting on the degree to which he thinks 2009 is an optimum vintage for this appellation; and speaking of degree, some lots of Julienas, he confirms, reached 16% natural alcohol – the house record – and even the basic Duboeuf 2009 Julienas breaks 14%. Dark and almost black-rimmed even by the unusual standards of its vintage, this mingles cherry liqueur and prune in an impressively voluminous but heat-free display of overwhelming fruit. Hints of mint, sage, and salt accent an almost powerful finish, and although – from tank at least – there is a touch of finishing roughness and no particular complexity, one cannot deny that this delivers bang for the buck.”

