

### **Burghound.com's Top Value 2014 Whites**

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2014 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Joseph Drouhin (92-94)  
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2014 Montrachet – Marquis de Laguiche Grand Cru Joseph Drouhin (93-96)

### **Maison Joseph Drouhin (Beaune)**

2014	» Beaune "Clos des Mouches" 1er	white	92
2014	» Chassagne-Montrachet	white	89
2014	» Chassagne-Montrachet "Morgeot" Marquis de Laguiche 1er	white	(91-93)
2014	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	white	(92-94)
2014	» Mâcon-Bussières "Les Clos"	white	89
2014	» Meursault	white	90
2014	» Meursault "Genevrières" 1er	white	93
2014	» Meursault "La Pièce Sous le Bois" 1er	white	92
2014	Montrachet – Marquis de Laguiche Grand Cru	white	(93-96)
2014	Pouilly-Vinzelles	white	89
2014	» Puligny-Montrachet	white	90
2014	» Puligny-Montrachet "Clos de la Garenne" 1er	white	(91-93)
2014	» Puligny-Montrachet "Folatières" 1er	white	(90-93)
2014	» Rully	white	89

Véronique Drouhin noted that the 2014 growing season "wasn't as difficult as that of 2013 but with the hail in the Côte de Beaune and the Suzukii flies in the Côte de Nuits it didn't lack for challenges. The season began propitiously with an almost summer-like spring that turned into an autumnal-like summer that was then followed by a summer-like fall. It was a rather curious succession of different kinds of weather that was punctuated by the late June hailstorm that was thankfully early enough that it had more impact on quantity than quality. We began picking on the 11th of September and the sorting requirements varied by parcel but very generally the fruit was pretty clean so there was less overall sorting than usual. We modified our use of whole cluster between none in the Côte de Beaune due to the hail to around 25% in the Côte de Nuits. I believe that our decision to attack the harvest a few days earlier paid dividends as the whites have better acidity than usual but not too much. Moreover while many observers seem fixated by how good the whites are, which in fairness they are excellent, but I believe that the quality of the reds is grossly underestimated. They have everything they need to also be very fine and while 2014 is not a genuinely great vintage for the reds, it's at least very good to excellent. A few years from now I think collectors are going to be very surprised by just how good they are." I noted in Issue 62 that I was extremely impressed by the quality of the Drouhin reds and I would make the same observation about their 2014 whites and this is true from the entry level wines to the very top of the range. Drouhin noted that the whites were bottled between November 2015 and January 2016.

**2014 Mâcon-Bussières “Les Clos”:** - 89 Points - Top Value 2014 Whites

A smoky and notably fresh nose offers up ripe aromas of apple and citrus along with a discreet hint of wood. There is sleek mouth feel to the delicious and relatively concentrated middle weight flavors that possess fine depth on the saline-inflected finale. This lovely effort would make for an excellent house wine as it’s unusually good for what it is. 89/2017+

**2014 Pouilly-Vinzelles:** - 89 Points - Top Value 2014 Whites

Here the nose flirts with reduction but it shouldn’t last as the floral, citrus and white orchard fruit aromas are already emerging. The racy, intense and attractively detailed flavors possess a vaguely Chablis-like minerality along with an iodine hint on the clean, dry and refreshing finale. This too would be a fine candidate for an upper level house white. 89/2018+

**2014 Rully:** - 89 Points - Top Value 2014 Whites

There is a bit more reduction present and in this case it dominates all but the wood treatment, which while subtle is not invisible. The slightly tighter middle weight flavors possess a really lovely inner mouth perfume of mostly floral scents that add a touch of elegance to the attractively textured flavors that possess excellent persistence and reasonably good depth. Once again this offers fine quality for its level and is yet one more good idea for an all-around house white. 89/2019+

**2014 Meursault:** - 90 Points - Top Value 2014 Whites

Like the Mâcon there is plenty of smoky character present on the hazelnut, citrus and white orchard fruit-suffused nose. I very much like the sense of underlying tension to the ultra-fresh and pure medium weight flavors that culminate in a clean, dry and ever-so-mildly austere finale that displays near perfect balance. Again, this offers very fine quality for its level and is recommended, plus it will age. 90/2021+

**2014 Chassagne-Montrachet:** - 89 Points

A discreet hint of petrol can be discerned on the apple, resin and pear-scented nose. There is excellent concentration to the relatively powerful middle weight flavors that are blessed with very solid amounts of sappy dry extract that imparts an attractive mouth feel to the intense, serious and lingering finish. This is not a refined Chassagne *villages* but it is more concentrated than either the Meursault or Puligny. 89/2020+

**2014 Puligny-Montrachet:** - 90 Points - Top Value 2014 Whites

Some unabsorbed post-bottling sulfur still lingers and it’s enough to dominate the nose at present though not so much that I believe there will be any lingering problem. Otherwise the middle weight flavors possess the hallmark elegance and refinement of a classic Puligny as the mouth feel is impressive, all wrapped in a complex, balanced and lightly mineral-inflected finale. This is a terrific Puligny *villages* and highly recommended. 90/2021+

**2014 Puligny-Montrachet “Clos de la Garenne”:** - (91-93) Points

A slightly more elegant and clearly more complex nose speaks of white flower, lemon, pear and discreet sandalwood nuances. There is excellent intensity and plenty of minerality to the gorgeously textured, sappy and energetic medium-bodied flavors that also possess a wonderfully refined mouth feel on the balanced, long and classy finale. Good stuff that should amply reward up to a decade of cellaring. (91-93)/2022+

**2014 Meursault “La Pièce Sous le Bois”: - 92 Points**

Here there is enough reduction present to warrant decanting this if you’re tempted to take a peek in this wine’s youth. By contrast there is really lovely freshness and verve to the intense and even more mineral-driven middle weight flavors that possess superb transparency and purity, all wrapped in a markedly saline and highly persistent finish. This doesn’t have the sheer class of the Clos de la Garenne but I very much like the overall sense of harmony and grace. 92/2021+

**2014 Meursault “Genevrières”: - 93 Points - “Sweet Spot” 2014 Whites**

A spicy and vaguely exotic nose offers up notes of pear, apple, spiced tea and a hint of *pain grillé*. There is excellent mid-palate concentration to the overtly mineral-inflected and strikingly refined medium weight flavors that also coat the palate with dry extract before concluding in a chiseled and explosively long finale. This beauty is pretty much textbook Genevrières. 93/2021+

**2014 Puligny-Montrachet “Folatières”: - (90-93) Points**

Soft wood frames the slightly riper array of spicy white peach, apricot and acacia blossom scents. There is once again fine mid-palate volume to the succulent and sappy medium weight plus flavors that deliver excellent length on the balanced finale. Overall this is a bit less refined than the best in the range but this is still quite an elegant effort that should age well over the medium-term. (90-93)/2021+

**2014 Chassagne-Montrachet “Morgeot” Marquis de Laguiche: - (91-93) Points**

(from Le Grand Clos and Vignes Blanches). A completely different aromatic profile is present here with its smoky array of earth, resin and various white orchard fruit scents. On the palate it’s immediately clear that this is a big wine with impressive mid-palate concentration and overt power that continues onto the mouth coating and balanced finish that is very solidly structured. This won’t win any awards for elegance but it absolutely avoids the heaviness that Morgeot can often display. Moderate patience required. (91-93)/2022+

**2014 Beaune “Clos des Mouches”: - 92 Points**

Once again there is a small amount of post-bottling SO<sub>2</sub> present but not so much as to mask the fresh and ripe aromas of pear, apple, white peach and floral-scented nose. There is a lovely sense of underlying tension to the round and caressing middle weight flavors that manage to retain reasonably good cut on the lightly mineral and citrus-infused finale that delivers excellent depth and length. Note that this should be approachable young yet age to good effect. 92/2021+

**2014 Corton-Charlemagne: - (92-94) Points - “Sweet Spot” 2014 Whites**

(from a .33 ha parcel in Les Languettes). A gorgeously fresh, airy and cool nose combines notes of green apple, white flowers, wet stone and a pretty array of spice elements. There is a notably refined mouth feel to the tautly muscular and overtly mineral-driven medium weight flavors that possess focused power on the impressively long finale. As examples of CC from Les Languettes often are, this is not an especially big or weighty wine but rather one that is built more along the lines of sleekness and refinement that should age effortlessly. (92-94)/2024+

**2014 Montrachet – Marquis de Laguiche: - (93-96) Points - “Don’t Miss” 2014 Whites**

(from a 2.06 ha parcel on the Puligny side). Firm reduction completely dominates the nose at present. On the plus side there is excellent concentration to the beautifully well-delineated broad-shouldered flavors that possess a wonderfully refined mouth feel while delivering huge length on the impeccably well-balanced finale. As Drouhin's Montrachet often is, this is a wine of refinement and grace and while it is by no means lacks power or punch, it is much like the Corton-Charlemagne in that it is sleek and classy with a sneaky long finish. (93-96)/2026+

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