



2014 Chablis

Régisseur Matthieu Mangenot told me that 2014 had a “good start to the growing season but the flowering and mid-summer conditions were considerably more challenging due to the cool and wet weather. Fortunately the second half of August and all of September were essentially perfect as the dry and warm conditions not only allowed the fruit to achieve excellent ripeness, it also completely suppressed any incipient disease pressure. We began picking on the 14th of September and harvested slowly and deliberately over the next 15 days. Yields were a bit lower than average because the skins were thick and there just wasn't much juice in the berries. On the plus side the sanitary condition of the fruit was perhaps the cleanest that I have ever seen and the ripeness levels were good to very good but with no excesses. This is to say we had potential alcohols in the 12.5 to 12.8% range with post-malo pHs in the 3.2 to 3.25 area which is pretty much perfect. In terms of style, while it's obviously still very early I would describe 2014 as a less strict version of 2008.”

2014 Chablis - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (87-89)

(100% stainless) A ripe and fresh nose expresses moderate Chablis character on the pretty nose that is composed of pear, apple and citrus scents. There is good volume and richness to the seductively textured medium weight flavors that possess just enough energy and acidity to suggest that this should reward a few years of cellaring. 2018+

2014 Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (89-92)

Here there is notably better Chablis typicity with its restrained and cool nose of mineral reduction, white fruit and floral aromas. As one would expect the chiseled middle weight flavors possess a notably finer mouth feel before terminating in a saline and ever-so-mildly austere finale. This understated effort is lovely and balanced. 2019+

2014 Chablis 1er Cru Les Beugnons - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (89-91)

(this could also be declared as Vaillons). There are hints of iodine and petrol present on the less elegant array of floral and mostly white orchard fruit suffused aromas. The bigger and richer medium-bodied flavors possess solid mid-palate concentration as well as good punch and vibrancy, all wrapped in an intensely saline-inflected finale where a trace of warmth appears. 2019+

2014 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaillons - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (88-91)

(mostly from Epinottes with the balance from Séchet; 10% wood). This is the first wine to display any appreciable level of wood though it's sufficiently subtle to allow the cool oyster shell, citrus and floral aromas to shine. The mouth feel of the middle weight flavors is quite round, even generous and almost soft though the finish tightens up sufficiently to suggest that this will be capable of improving over the short to medium term. 2019+

2014 Chablis 1er Cru Les Montmains - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (90-92)

(from Forêts). Here too there is enough wood to remark upon but not so much as to be intrusive on the ripe yet airy nose of green apple, floral, pear and tidal pool nuances. There is a fresh and vibrant palate impression to the citrus and mineral-inflected flavors that deliver notably better Chablis character on the clean, dry, persistent and balanced finale. This is lovely and I particularly like the texture. 2020+

2014 Chablis 1er Cru Les Vaucopins - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (90-92)

(raised in ~15% wood). A cool, elegant and admirably pure green fruit suffused nose features ample Chablis typicity in the form of iodine, ocean breeze and mineral reduction. There is fine intensity to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that culminate in a chiseled, stony and highly energetic finale. 2019+

2014 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots: - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (91-93)

(from a 1.5 ha parcel of 40+ year old vines; ~25% wood). There is excellent richness and vibrancy to the seductive and refined medium-bodied flavors that also exhibit an almost pungent minerality, all wrapped in stony, detailed and impressively long finish. This well-balanced effort offers plenty of Chablis character and will need a few years to completely harmonize. 2021+

2014 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (91-93)

(from a 2.5 ha parcel; ~35% new wood). An interesting nose offers up notes of honeysuckle, mineral reduction and oyster shell hints. As is typically the case the broad-shouldered flavors are bigger, richer and more powerful if not finer while delivering terrific punch on the explosively persistent and palate coating finale. This too will require a few years of cellaring to find its center. 2022+

2014 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (90-92)

(from a parcel of 1.5 ha; ~25% new wood). There is a mild hint of the exotic to the very fresh, layered and fresh mix of both white and yellow orchard fruit that is liberally laced with Chablis elements. There is a textured, indeed almost tender mouth feel to the round and relatively forward flavors that possess fine depth and length. 2019+

2014 Chablis Grand Cru Moutonne - *Domaine Long Depaquit* : (92-95)

(2.35 ha monopole that spans a parcel of vines situated in both Vaudésir and Preuses though 95% of it is in Vaudésir. The site is protected from the wind and often gives very ripe wines; ~25% new wood). There is outstanding volume and mid-palate concentration to the textured full-bodied flavors that exhibit fine power and drive, all wrapped in a palate coating, intense and hugely long finish. This is impressive and easily the best of these grands crus. 2022+

