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# 2014 Chablis

# 2014 Chablis - Domaine Long Depaquit: 88

(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. 2019+

# 2014 Chablis "Les Lys" - Domaine Long Depaquit: 91

Here there is somewhat better Chablis typicity with its restrained and cool nose of mineral reduction, white fruit, iodine and floral aromas. As one would expect the chiseled middle weight flavors possess a notably finer mouth feel before terminating in a saline finale. This understated yet energetic effort is lovely and balanced plus it is already so refreshing that you just feel like drinking it. 2019+

# 2014 Chablis "Les Beugnons" - Domaine Long Depaquit: 91

(this could also be declared as Vaillons). There are hints of iodine and petrol present on the less elegant but slightly riper 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. This muscular effort is more mineral-driven than it usually is and overall it's quite good; indeed it's worth a look. 2019+

# 2014 Chablis "Les Vaillons" - Domaine Long Depaquit: 90

(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 "Montmains" - Domaine Long Depaquit: 91

(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. 2019+

# 2014 Chablis "Les Vaucoupins" - Domaine Long Depaquit: 90

(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 that is framed in just enough wood to notice. There is fine intensity to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that culminate in a chiseled, stony and highly energetic finale. 2019+

## 2014 Chablis "Montée de Tonnerre" - Domaine Long Depaquit: 93

(100% from Côte de Bréchain). The wood treatment is a bit more obvious and while it stops short of being intrusive it is not subtle and fights a bit with the cool floral and white orchard fruit aromas that exhibit just enough Chablis character to be persuasive. The wood continues onto the equally cool and restrained middle weight flavors that possess ample minerality that continues onto the punchy and gorgeously persistent finish. This is wonderfully classy and should amply reward mid-term cellaring. 2021+

## 2014 Chablis Grand Cru Les Blanchots - Domaine Long Depaquit: 93

(from a 1.5 ha parcel of 40+ year old vines; ~25% wood). Here too there is enough wood to merit mentioning but not so much as to really fight with the elegant aromas of mineral reduction, quinine, pear and white floral scents. 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 punch but will need a few years to develop better overall depth. Very promising though. 2022+

## 2014 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos - Domaine Long Depaquit: 94

(from a 1.5 ha parcel;  $\sim$ 35% new wood). There is some post-bottling sulfur on the otherwise attractive nose that 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 but it is certainly extremely impressive. 2022+

## 2014 Chablis Grand Cru Les Vaudésirs - Domaine Long Depaquit: 94

(from a holding of 2.6 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 and wood elements. I like the textured mouth feel to the round and relatively forward mid-palate of the medium-bodied flavors that possess fine depth and positively huge length on the citrus-inflected finale. This exceptionally promising effort is also going to need a few years of cellaring to develop but it should be terrific in time. 2022+

## 2014 Chablis Grand Cru La Moutonne - Domaine Long Depaquit: 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). This is restrained to the point of being all but mute aromatically with only hints of mineral reduction in evidence. 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 a seriously impressive effort and clearly the best of these grands crus. 2024+





