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## 2014 CHABLIS

### **Domaine Long Depaquit (Albert Bichot)**

Mangenot now feels that 2014 “has all the ingredients to be a great vintage: aromatic complexity, opulence, great acidity, lovely precision.” The wines benefitted from longer *élevage*, taking on more volume, he added. Mangenot believes that the 2014s will be as long-lived as the 1996s. “Two thousand ten was very good, but 2014 is a bit less ripe and better balanced. The 2014s are for drinking after the 2015s, which are joyous wines.” He recommended holding the 2014 premier crus for seven to ten years and the grand crus for longer.

In the estate’s new *cuvée*, all of the crus are vinified with whole clusters and Mangenot is able to press more carefully. “Being able to work with much finer lees makes a bit difference in the wines,” he told me.

**2014 Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit 89**

**2014 Chablis Les Montmains Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 89+**

**2014 Chablis Les Lys Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 89+**

Vibrant aromas of lemon drop and crushed stone. Then precise and complex on the palate, with white peach and citrus flavors complicated by saline soil tones, humid fern and fresh herbs. Finishes with very good length and grip but also displays good early approachability.

**2014 Chablis Les Beugnons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 90**

Brisk lemon and saline aromas and flavors suggest a very youthful wine. Not especially complex yet but a yeasty quality contributes flavor interest. Finishes firm and serious, with a repeating lemony character and an impression of solid dry extract. Mangenot is now bottling this *cuvée* a bit earlier than previously.

**2014 Chablis Les Vaillons Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 91**

Very reduced chalky nose. Then dense, ripe and pliant in the mouth, with yellow peach and spice flavors complicated by suggestions of white pepper and gunflint. Quite creamy for the vintage in spite of its strong chalky underpinning. This has turned out very well.

**2014 Chablis Les Vaucopins Premier Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 91**

(30% *fût*): Sexy aromas of peach, apricot, fresh quince and flowers. Densely packed and concentrated, with ripe apricot and peach flavors complicated by white pepper and spices and sharpened by brisk, integrated acidity. A very successful premier cru with solid aging potential.

**2014 Chablis Les Blanchots Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 92**

Enticing aromas of fresh yellow fruits, flowers and crushed rock. Boasts lovely inner-mouth tension and finesse of texture, with its citrus and stone fruit flavors complicated by saline and bitter almond notes. Quite round for the year, conveying an attractive touch of *sucrosité*, this salty, extract-rich wine has turned out very well.

**2014 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 91+**

Reticent but complex aromas of lime blossom, hazelnut, minerals and wet stone. Drier and more austere than the Blanchots, with a juiciness verging on painful to its grapefruit zest and crushed rock flavors. Seriously mineral wine with excellent extract and chewy length. Boasts good depth.

**2014 Chablis Les Vaudésirs Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 92+**

Ripe yellow stone fruits, almond and acacia flower on the nose, plus a hint of exotic fruits. Large-scaled, rich and broad but given shape by lovely mineral-driven acidity. Finishes broad, powerful and long.

**2014 Chablis La Moutonne Grand Cru Domaine Long-Depaquit 94**

Very closed nose hints at wet stone, flint, anise, grilled almond and hazelnut. Hugely rich and concentrated, conveying a powerful impression of dry extract to its flavors of yellow fruits, flowers and saline iodiney minerality. It's hard to scrape this big, mouthfilling wine (13% alcohol) off your palate. Finishes full, broad and very long, with terrific energy and lift. Classic grand cru Chablis with superb aging potential.