

Vin Vino Wine

BOTTLE SHOP & TASTING BAR

2014 Red Burgundies

“As someone who spent most of June, July and August of 2014 in Burgundy watching it rain, I confess that I did not begin my October and November 2015 tasting campaign with a great deal of enthusiasm. The thought of visiting roughly 120 growers in a 7-week period hoping to find a few good wines while tasting through a sea of mediocrity was daunting to say the least.

So what happened? I am extremely happy to report that by the end of my trip I had completely changed my opinion and I am avidly enthusiastic about the 2014 vintage. While it is true that the 2014 vintage is user-friendly in that in many cases the wines will be accessible young, I believe that it is also true that they are going to age extremely well. There is a beguiling freshness coupled with first-rate drinkability that makes the 2014s extremely pleasurable. Often vintages that are approachable young are that way because they have lowish acidities, below average concentration or very high levels of ripeness, yet 2014 is none of those things.

So, as with every vintage, the two questions that take precedence over everything else always are: Should I buy the wines and if so, how much? The best wines are wonderfully refreshing, highly drinkable and transparent medium-bodied wines that possess solid but not aggressive tannic spines supplemented by sufficient but not high acidities. They are balanced wines built for medium-term aging yet should be reasonably approachable young if youthful fruit is your preference.

I note the generally softer approach to extraction that many growers elected to use and thus most 2014s have relatively fine-grained tannins which will also help them to be accessible young. This is partially because the tannins are generally ripe and partially because there is a reasonably good level of tannin-buffering dry extract that renders them less prominent at this early stage.

As to longevity, the average 2014 is built for mid-term cellaring though as I also noted, many wines will also drink well on the younger side. By contrast some wines are quite firmly structured and will require a minimum of 10 to 15 years of cellaring before they will be reach their apogees. And like almost every recent vintage, there is a small segment of wines that possess the scaffolding to improve over a very long period of time, which is to say out to 15 to 20 years or in a few cases, even longer.

Two of the aspects that I like best about the 2014s is their transparency to the underlying terroir coupled with their sheer drinkability. This transparency is enhanced by terrific vibrancy because the wines really do taste alive in the mouth as they’ve got energy, or what I like to call underlying tension. They’re ripe yet they are what the French call digest, or refreshing, where the first sip invites the next which is in fact what makes them so drinkable.

The best 2014s are going to provide a great deal of pleasure and in this strict sense they remind me of such vintages as 1985, 1992 and 2000. Now in saying this I do not mean to imply that the 2014s necessarily closely resemble any of these vintages except in the context of their excellent drinkability at any early age that continues even today.

I would suggest that when the 2014s hit the market that you buy a few and see for yourself what you think. But if you liked the 1985s, 1992s or, 2000s I believe that you will like the 2014s.”

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2014 Red Burgundies
through December 31, 2017

NOTE: accurate as of 12/05/17

	Regular	15% Off
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price</u>
DOMAINE ARLAUD – MOREY-SAINT-DENIS		
2014 Chambolle-Musigny (Arlaud).....	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00

“There is a more refined mouth feel to the attractively delineated and lightly mineral-inflected medium weight flavors that deliver more depth and length on the well-balanced finish. This is very Chambolle in style with its lacy palate impression. 2020+ (87-90/100)”

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

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BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS - BEAUNE

2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Bouchard) \$ 70.00 \$ 59.50
“Moderate wood combines with cool red and dark currant, plum, earth and humus nuances. There is a relatively sophisticated mouth feel to the lightly mineral-infused medium weight flavors that possess excellent punch on the balanced, complex and impressively persistent and mildly austere finish. While not super dense this well-balanced effort offers fine quality for its level. 2022+ (89/100)”
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE DE COURCEL - POMMARD

2014 Pommard “Les Fremiers” (Courcel)..... \$ 105.00 \$ 89.25
“An elegant nose grudgingly offers up notes of plum, cassis, spice, earth and plenty of floral elements and in particular violets. The sleek, intense and well-delineated flavors possess both excellent volume and mid-palate concentration, all wrapped in an impressively rich, powerful and moderately austere finale that displays outstanding persistence. This will require ample patience. 2026+ (90-93/100)”
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2014 Pommard “Grand Clos des Epenots” (Courcel) \$ 130.00. \$ 110.50
“This is also quite aromatically restrained with its cool, airy and extraordinarily complex nose The nose is quite similar to that of the Fremiers with just a bit more complexity. This extra complexity continues onto the exceptionally rich, indeed this is almost viscous, in its density yet the middle weight plus flavors are not top heavy. Like all of these 2014s the supporting tannins are quite firm and mature but even so this is going to require a long snooze in a cool cellar as it would be largely pointless to open one of these young, other than in the interest of science. 2029+ (91-93/100)”
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2014 Pommard “Les Rugiens” (Courcel) \$ 165.00 \$ 140.25
“Once again the nose is intensely floral where hints of spice and warm earth add considerable refinement to the ultra-pure red and dark berry fruit aromas. There is both a lovely mouth feel and detail to the focused and overtly powerful middle weight flavors that culminate in a firm and moderately austere finish that displays an almost pungent minerality. This very serious effort is decidedly old school in style and note well that it's going to require a very long time before it completely resolves its considerable tannic spine. 2031+ (91-93/100)”
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE JOSEPH DROUHIN - BEAUNE

*“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 2014 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.”*
- Veronique Drouhin

*“I very much agree with Drouhin's take that the 2014 reds are definitely better than their general reputation but in particular I was extremely impressed by the quality of the Drouhin reds almost across the board. **If you enjoy the Drouhin style then these are wines to make a special effort to find and cellar.**”*
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2014 Cote de Nuits Villages (Joseph Drouhin) \$ 33.00 \$ 28.05

2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Joseph Drouhin) \$ 68.00 \$ 57.80
“(contains ~30% 1ers). A deft touch of wood sets off the fresh and airy nose that features plenty of sauvage and pungent earth character on the wild dark currant, humus and a discreet hint of various floral elements. There is lovely energy and underlying tension to the relatively big-bodied flavors that display both touches of austerity and rusticity on the highly persistent but notably firm finish. This is very Gevrey in style with its taut muscularity and it offers very fine quality as the rusticity does not dominate. Recommended. 2024+ (90/100)”
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2014 Chambolle-Musigny (Joseph Drouhin)..... \$ 85.00 \$ 72.25
*“An exceptionally fresh and cool nose is comprised of ripe red current and dark cherry aromas that are freely laced with floral and spice hints. There is a fleshy, even generous and succulent mouth feel to the medium weight flavors that coat the palate on the mineral and saline-inflected finale that deliver first-rate length. This moderately firm effort is a **terrific Chambolle villages** and worth investigating. Recommended. 2022+ (90/100)”*
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2014 Chambertin – Clos de Bèze (Joseph Drouhin)..... \$ 495.00 \$ 420.75

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DOMAINE DUBREUIL-FONTAINE – PERNAND-VERGELESSES

2014	Beaune “Les Montrevenots” (Dubreuil-Fontaine)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
	<i>“This softly oak effort is notably more deeply pitched with somber if agreeably fresh aromas of game, pungent earth and wild dark currants. There is a distinct sauvage character along with a more pronounced earthy character on the vibrant and appealingly textured flavors that also culminate in a moderately rustic but suave and persistent finish that offers very good depth. 2020+ (89/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014	Pernand-Vergelesse “Ile de Vergelesse” (Dubreuil-Fontaine)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
	<i>“This is quite floral with its fresh and perfumed nose of both red and dark pinot fruit that is trimmed in discreet spice and earth nuances. There is markedly more refined mouth feel to the stony and vibrant middle weight flavors that exhibit just a touch of dryness on the dusty and mildly austere finish. 2021+ (89/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014	Aloxe-Corton “Les Vercots” (Dubreuil-Fontaine)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
	<i>“A deft application of wood frames a ripe, intensely earthy and attractively complex nose of black raspberry, cassis and sauvage nuances. The supple, round and delicious middle weight flavors exhibit good punch and plenty of taut muscularity on the rustic and moderately austere finale. This will require several years of cellaring to be approachable and should reward 8 to 10. 2022+ (90/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014	Corton “Les Bressandes” (Dubreuil-Fontaine)	\$ 120.00	\$ 102.00
	<i>“Moderate wood and menthol influences that stop short of being invasive surround an admirably ripe and fresh dark berry fruit suffused nose that also reveals earth, spice and animale scents. The mid-palate is remarkably supple and forward with very round, indeed almost suave middle weight plus flavors that exhibit excellent intensity and length on the structured but not austere finish. This is a classic Bressandes which is to say a muscular wine of refinement. 2026+ (93/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014	Corton “Clos du Roi” (Dubreuil-Fontaine)	\$ 120.00	\$ 102.00
	<i>“Relatively prominent wood fights a bit with the spicy and gamy dark berry fruit aromas that display a pungent earthiness. There is outstanding volume and excellent mid-palate concentration to the stony and muscular big-bodied flavors that deliver very fine persistence on the dusty, austere and very backward finish. This is also clearly going to require extended cellaring but everything is in place to reward exactly that. 2026+ (93/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		

DOMAINE VINCENT GIRARDIN – MEURSAULT

2014	Morey-Saint-Denis “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2014	Gevrey-Chambertin “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
2014	Volnay “Les Santenots” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
	<i>“Bright, full ruby. Wild, reduced aromas of crushed blackberry, black cherry and dark chocolate. Seamless and superripe, conveying superb density of material in a round, silky way. Black fruit and violet flavors are framed and lifted by tangy, peppery, ripe acidity. The finish is very long and ripely tannic. A rather silky, feminine style compared to the tighter, more masculine Champans. (90-93/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		
2014	Volnay “Les Champans” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
	<i>“Bright ruby-red. Very ripe aromas of black raspberry, dark chocolate, juniper berry and pepper. Dense and thick but with excellent vinosity and verve as well, with the peppery element continuing through the wine and giving it a light touch. Very tightly wound in the early going, with slightly drying tannins that will require patience. (89-92/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		
2014	Chambolle-Musigny “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
2014	Corton “Les Perrieres” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 105.00	\$ 89.25
	<i>“Dark red color is a bit less deep than the rest of these 2014s. Aromatic scents of redcurrant, smoke, leather and spices. The palate delivers lovely fat and sweetness, with the flavors of cassis, blackberry and violet nicely framed by ripe supporting acidity. Finishes with ripe, slightly dusty tannins and excellent fruit persistence. (90-92/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		

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DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES – NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

- 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Chenes Carteaux” (Henri Gouges)..... \$ 75.00 \$ **63.75**
“Reduced aromas of black cherry, raspberry, mint and menthol. A step up in sweetness and suppleness; at once more velvety and more facile. Gouges describes this rather suave wine as the estate's "entry-level premier cru of Nuits-Saint-Georges." More red fruits than black. (89-91/100)”
- Stephen Tanzer, *Vinousmedia.com*
- 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Clos des Porrets” (Henri Gouges)..... \$ 88.00 \$ **74.80**
“Bright, deep red. A step up in stony pungency and aromatic lift from the Chênes Carteaux, offering perfumed scents and flavors of black cherry, violet, rose petal and spices. More rigorous in the mouth in the manner of Nuits-Saint-Georges from the south side of the village. Intense, solidly built wine with very good mouth coverage but no excess weight. Finishes with a restrained sweetness, a saline nuance and excellent length. (90-92/100)”
- Stephen Tanzer, *Vinousmedia.com*
- 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Pruliers” (Henri Gouges)..... \$ 115.00 \$ **97.75**
“Good bright, dark red. Pure and perfumed on the nose, showing a slightly medicinal quality to the aromas of dark raspberry, black cherry, red licorice, spices and spearmint. Broad, supple and classically dry, with dark fruit flavors lifted by a note of rose petal. Longer and more tannic than the Clos des Porrets but fine-grained for its imposing structure. (90-92/100)”
- Stephen Tanzer, *Vinousmedia.com*
- 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Henri Gouges) \$ 185.00 \$ **157.25**
“Bright dark red. Cooler, more reticent but very pure aromas of black cherry, licorice and menthol lifted by spices and flowers. Wonderfully sweet and full but weightless. More pliant and silky than the Vaucrains in the early going but still very laid-back despite its more accessible texture and breadth. The long, scented, refined finish features a sneaky whiplash of dark fruits, flowers and minerals. (92-94/100)”
- Stephen Tanzer, *Vinousmedia.com*

DOMAINE THIBAUT LIGER-BELAIR – NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

- 2014 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Deux Terres” (Liger-Belair)..... \$ 28.00 \$ **23.80**
- 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin “La Croix des Champs” (Liger-Belair) \$ 90.00 \$ **76.50**
“A strikingly cool, restrained and very floral nose presents fresh and cool red currant along with earth, game and humus wisps. The well-detailed medium weight flavors possess a lovely sense of underlying tension on the focused, precise and energetic finish. 2021+ (88-90/100)”
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*
- 2014 Aloxe-Corton “La Toppe au Vert” (Liger-Belair)..... \$ 115.00 \$ **97.75**
“There is good freshness, intensity and precision to the delicious flavors where the supporting tannins are actually relatively fine in the context of an Aloxe 1er, all wrapped in a complex finale that delivers sneaky good length. 2022+ (89-92/100)”
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*
- 2014 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Gruenchers” (Liger-Belair) \$ 180.00 \$ **153.00**
“An exceptionally pretty if quite restrained nose speaks of red pinot fruit liqueur, floral and spice scents. There is good volume and plenty of dry extract to the rich, round and utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors that are supported by moderately firm tannins on the balanced and lacy finish. This is a lovely and relatively understated Chambolle 1er that should be approachable on the younger side if desired. 2022+ (90-92/100)”
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*
- 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Liger-Belair)..... \$ 185.00 \$ **157.25**
“Strikingly floral-inflected aromas display lovely purity and freshness on the wild red berry, warm earth-scented nose. There is good richness and excellent intensity to the compact, concentrated and stony medium weight plus flavors that possess a firm core of ripe tannins on the wonderfully long, linear and powerful finish. This is indisputably built-to-age and is definitely going to need at least a decade's worth of cellaring. 2029+ (91-94/100)”
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*
- 2014 Corton “Les Renardes” (Liger-Belair) \$ 220.00 \$ **187.00**
“A brooding, earthy and very serious nose consists of ample floral influences on the ripe and fresh wild red berry scents that are also trimmed in noticeable sauvage elements. There is fine richness to the dense and equally somber broad-shouldered flavors that possess a relatively supple mid-palate though the beautifully long and well-balanced finish tightens up in a rush. Not surprisingly this powerful and slightly rustic offering is quite youthfully austere at present and will definitely require at least a decade of patience. 2026+ (91-93/100)”
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

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2014 Clos Vougeot (Liger-Belair) \$ 275.00 \$ 233.75
"The big, bold and muscular broad-shouldered flavors possess plenty of mouth coating dry extract that helps to buffer the very firm tannins before terminating in a backward and austere but gorgeously long, balanced and complex finish. This distinctly old school and overtly powerful effort is pointless to buy unless you have the express intention of cellaring it for at least 10 to 12 years. 2031+ (91-94/100)" - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE MEO-CAMUZET – VOSNE-ROMANÉE

2014 Fixin (Meo-Camuzet) \$ 70.00 \$ 59.50

DOMAINE MONGEARD-MUGNERET – VOSNE-ROMANÉE

2014 Fixin "Vieilles Vignes" (Mongear-Mugneret) \$ 50.00 \$ 42.50
 2014 Vosne-Romanée (Mongear-Mugneret)..... \$ 65.00 \$ 55.25
 2014 Echezeaux (Mongear-Mugneret)..... \$ 140.00 \$ 119.00
 2014 Grands-Echezeaux (Mongear-Mugneret) \$ 225.00 \$ 191.25

"The 2014 Grands Echzeaux has a clean, pure and quite intense bouquet with dark plum, raspberry and rose petals scents that are beautifully defined. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, good depth, a slight earthiness underneath the dark berry fruit mixed with black pepper and sage, fanning out gently towards the sturdy, truffle-tinged finish. This is a very sophisticated Grands-Echzeaux. (94/100)"

- Neal Martin, erobertparker.com

DOMAINE DE MONTILLE – VOLNAY

2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Saints Juliens" (de Montille)..... \$ 80.00 \$ 68.00
"A discreet application of wood frames the earthy red berry fruit scents that exhibit a hint of the sauvage. There is good richness to the generous, round and supple medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a succulent yet serious finish that suggests that this moderately rustic effort should be at its best after 5 to 7 years of cellaring. 2020+ (87-90/100)"

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Thorey" (de Montille) \$ 115.00 \$ 97.75
"Soft wood sets off the markedly more floral and spice-infused nose of red and dark berries, earth and ever-so-mildly sauvage aromas. There is excellent volume and ample punch to the concentrated, serious and powerful middle weight plus flavors; indeed this is a big and robust wine that delivers first-rate complexity on the dusty and serious finale. Patience will definitely be required but this beauty should be well worth the wait. Worth considering. 2024+ (91-93/100)"

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE THOMAS MOREY – CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

2014 Maranges "La Fussière" (Thomas Morey) \$ 33.00 \$ 28.05
 2014 Beaune "Les Grèves" (Thomas Morey) \$ 50.00 \$ 42.50

DOMAINE PONSOT – MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

2014 Morey-Saint-Denis "Cuvée des Alouettes" (Ponsot) \$ 225.00 \$ 191.25
"(from Monts Luisants; an alouette is a lark). A slightly riper and more complex nose presents notes of red currant, floral, spice and notably earthy aromas. The energetic, punchy and well-delineated flavors culminate in a lightly mineral-inflected, delicious and well-balanced finale. This moderately firm effort should be drinkable after only 6 to 8 years if desired. 2024+ (89-92/100)"

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

DOMAINE DE LA POUSSE D'OR – VOLNAY

2014 Pommard "Les Jarollières" (La Pousse d'Or) \$ 130.00 \$ 110.50
"The attractively fresh, cool and markedly restrained nose only grudgingly reveals its deeply pitched nose of plum, dark currant, earth, forest floor and discreet game hints. There is a sleek muscularity to the intense and relatively powerful medium-bodied flavors that possess evident minerality on the structured finale that is quite firm but not especially austere. I very much like this and it is recommended provided you have the patience to cellar it. 2026+ (93/100)"

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

- 2014 Volnay “Clos de la Bousse d'Or” (La Pousse d'Or)..... \$ 130.00 **\$ 110.50**
“A discreet application of wood sets off notably ripe liqueur-like aromas of black pinot fruit, spice, plum and lilac. There is more refinement present on the admirably pure middle weight flavors that also exhibit plenty of minerality on the detailed and seductively textured finale. As it usually is this is an exercise in harmony and grace and one that should age well thanks to its impeccable balance. Worth checking out. 2022+ (92/100)”
 - Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*
- 2014 Corton “Clos du Roi” (La Pousse d'Or)..... \$ 150.00 **\$ 127.50**
“In contrast to the nose of the Bressandes this is more obviously wooded and while it's not enough to dominate the more overtly sauvage-inflected dark berry fruit, earth and spice aromas, it's not subtle. There is outstanding density and even more muscle present on the even bigger and richer flavors that also possess a velvety mouth feel thanks to the copious amount of dry extract present on the sappy, complex and very serious finale. This is a big wine with firm tannins to accompany it yet the extract is such that it should be more than capable of not only absorbing the wood treatment but buffering the tannic spine as well. Note well though that this is not a wine to drink in its youth. 2029+ (94/100)”
 - Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*