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## Burghound.com's 2014 Vintage Selections

### The "Top Value" Wines from the 2014 vintage in this Issue

2014	Santenay "Les Gravières" 1er	Belland, Roger/Joseph	90
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#### Domaine Roger/Joseph Belland (Santenay)

2014	➔ Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos Pitois" 1er	red	91
2014	Les Maranges "La Fussière" 1er	red	88
2014	Pommard "Les Cras"	red	88
2014	Santenay "Beauregard" 1er	red	89
2014	Santenay "Les Charmes"	red	88
2014	Santenay "La Comme" 1er	red	89
2014	➔ Santenay "Les Gravières" 1er	red	90
2014	Volnay "Santenots" 1er	red	90

Roger Belland told me that 2014 "gave us very ripe wines that are fruity, supple and balanced as the reds have mature tannins and the whites have good acidity but not too much. They should both be approachable young but there is no reason that they shouldn't age well over the medium-term. Overall we were very agreeably surprised by how clean the fruit was as it required almost no sorting other than our parcel of Santenots that was hit by hail. Otherwise there was no rot and we weren't troubled by the *Suzukii* flies. Potential alcohols were good to very good but not really high at around 12.5% in pinot and between 12.5 and 13% in white. For the vinification of the reds we used a small amount of whole clusters which is to say 15 to 20%. I think the wines will be very popular as they are already delicious yet with age they will develop even more complexity." Belland noted that the bottling was done in October 2014.

**2014 Les Maranges "La Fussière":** A ripe and agreeably fresh nose mixes both red and dark pinot fruit with discreet notes of pepper and earth. There is good volume to the textured middle weight flavors that possess good if not special mid-palate concentration while offering reasonable depth and length. This generous and succulent effort could be enjoyed almost immediately. 88/2017+

**2014 Santenay "Les Charmes":** Here the expressive nose is similar if ever-so-slightly more elegant while leading to somewhat finer medium weight flavors that exude a subtle bead of minerality on the more vibrant if not more complex finale. 88/2018+

**2014 Santenay "La Comme":** A marginally fresher nose combines notes of pretty red pinot fruit with floral and discreet spice and earth nuances. There is good vibrancy to the attractive textured and generously proportioned flavors that display a bit more minerality on the lingering finish where a hint of bitter cherry surfaces. This should also be approachable young but reward 4 to 6 years of cellaring too. 89/2019+

**2014 Santenay "Beauregard":** A more deeply pitched nose mixes notes of plum, violet and warm earth along with a hint of the *sauvage*. The rich and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors possess good vibrancy partially thanks to the minerality that is a bit more pronounced on the mouth coating finish that also displays a hint of bitter cherry. 89/2019+

**2014 Santenay "Les Gravières":** There is even better freshness to the essence of pomegranate and wild cherry aromas where additional breadth is present in the form of violet, earth and underbrush. There is excellent volume and punch to the utterly delicious and more complex flavors that are also generously proportioned, all wrapped in a lingering and balanced finale that once again displays a hint of bitter cherry. 90/2020+

**2014 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos Pitois":** (a huge 3 ha *monopole* of the Domaine, planted 50% each to pinot and chardonnay; the pinot vines are approximately 60+ years of age). A ripe yet cool nose is comprised by markedly earthy and softly spicy aromas of mostly plum and dark currant. There is fine volume and even better mid-palate concentration to the broad-shouldered but not really rustic flavors that exhibit a lovely minerality on the mildly austere, complex and balanced finale. This is a lovely effort that should also drink well young but reward 5 to 8 years of cellar time. 91/2020+

**2014 Pommard "Les Cras":** There is a lovely airy quality to the plummy aromas of earth, violet and tea-scented nose. I like the richness of the vibrant middle weight flavors that once again possess solid mid-palate density but not quite the phenolic maturity of the Clos Pitois. This is pretty enough but the finish is ever-so-mildly edgy. 88/2019+

**2014 Volnay "Santenots":** As is almost always the case this is notably more elegant with its slightly fresher mix of purple fruit, spice and discreet floral aromas. There is both fine minerality and really lovely detail to the delicious and generous medium weight flavors that like several other wines in the range culminate in a dusty finish that exhibits a touch of bitter cherry. I suspect that this will round out quickly and drink well young if desired. 90/2020+