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2014 Beaune Teurons : This is notably more deeply pitched than the other wines in the range with its very somber and cool notes of plum, dark berries, earth, forest floor and humus. There is good richness to the dense, intense and sleek middle weight plus flavors that despite the richness retain a fine sense of delineation before terminating in a dusty, muscular, palate coating and overtly austere finish. This is definitely going to require extended time in bottle before it becomes more civilized as the youthful austerity is likely to persist for several years. Recommended provided this is cellared for a minimum of 5 years first. **92 2024+**

2014 Beaune Grèves : A distinctly cool and restrained nose is all but mute as it requires aggressive swirling to liberate the complex essence of dark pinot fruit that is liberally laced with hints of warm earth, spice and floral nuances. There is a really lovely mouth feel to the supple, round and highly energetic flavors that retain a fine sense of detail before terminating in an impeccably well-balanced finish. While not super dense I really like the sense of harmony and overall depth and this is also recommended. **91 2021+**

2014 Beaune Toussaints : A much more deeply pitched nose grudgingly displays notes of cassis, plum, earth, spice and plum. Adding to the somber character there are plenty of earth nuances present on the tight, intense and focused medium weight flavors where the supporting tannins are less fine but denser on the equally mineral-driven, serious and built-to-age finale. This mildly austere effort is quite firm at present and is definitely going to require at least moderate patience before it will be ready for prime time. Recommended. **91 2022+**

2014 Beaune Cent-Vignes : An elegant, pure and airy nose is composed by notes of plum, tea and dark pinot fruit that are trimmed in just enough earth and wood elements to notice. Like the Savigny this is also quite finely textured as the medium-bodied flavors are almost delicate while still delivering good punch and persistence on the well-delineated and balanced finale. Once again there is a touch of bitter cherry and here it's a bit more prominent though again my sense is that it's not likely to last for very long. **90 2020+**

2014 Beaune Marconnets : A slightly more complex and riper nose is comprised by a wide range of aromas that include sandalwood, tea, spiced plum and red currant scents. There is a lovely minerality to the delicious, energetic and beautifully delineated middle weight flavors that also deliver good if not truly special persistence on the finish where once again a hint of bitter cherry arises. Like the Grèves this isn't especially concentrated but it is certainly very pretty. **90 2021+**

2014 Savigny Bataillère : A discreet application of wood sets off the layered aromas of plum, earth, violets and a hint of the sauvage. Here too the middle weight flavors possess a lovely sense of energy though in this case the mouth feel is notably finer thanks to the well-integrated tannins that shape the lush, even seductive finish where once again there is a hint of bitter cherry though I doubt that it will persist for long. **90 2021+**

2014 Beaune Aigrots red : A notably cool and restrained nose features notes of pomegranate, cherry and raspberry while displaying a top note of lilac. There is a terrific sense of vibrancy to the chiseled mineral-driven flavors that possess a sophisticated mouth feel thanks to the fine-grained tannins, all wrapped in a slightly tangy finish. This is really quite pretty and while the balance isn't perfect this is not without appeal. **89 2020+**



2014 Beaune Premier Cru Cent-Vignes **93**
Rich and juicy, this wine holds excellent potential. With its ripe red-berry fruit, balanced tannins and acidity, and spice from the wood aging, it will become a concentrated wine. Drink from 2020.

2014 Beaune Premier Cru Toussaints **92**
This is a ripe wine. Red plum and berry fruits are given weight and richness by the solid tannins, smoky flavors and the dryness at the heart of the wine. Give this structured wine time to develop and drink from 2021.

2014 Beaune Premier Cru Teurons **91**
This wine is structured, dark and dense, with great swathes of smoky tannins plus plenty of red-fruit flavors. With its concentration, structure and richness, the wine will develop well and powerfully. Drink from 2021

2014 Savigny Premier Cru Bataillère **91**
This wine is big and ripe with layers of tannins and attractive fruitiness. Bright acidity comes from the strawberry and red-cherry fruit. The drier structure is integrating well, with plenty of richness behind. The wine will develop well; drink from 2019.

2014 Beaune Premier Cru Bressandes **90**
This wine is initially lean, taking time to disclose the smoky fruits. It has structure as well as red-currant fruitiness. Still reticent, the wine needs time to show its full potential. Drink from 2020.

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2014 Domaine Albert Morot Beaune Marconnets **89**
Good bright, dark color. Black cherry and licorice aromas are lifted by a subtle violet perfume. Juicy, inviting flavors of sweet fruits and spices are complicated by saline minerality and high-altitude calcaire energy. Finishes with a serious dusting of tannins.

2014 Domaine Albert Morot Beaune Bressandes **89-91**
Medium red. Musky aromas of small wild red berries, smoked meat and leather. A step up in volume and ripeness from the foregoing samples, showing a lovely silky texture and enough gras to support its tannins. Flavors of red fruits, spices and menthol display attractive sweetness and carry well on the firm aftertaste. This should make a solid and ageworthy Beaune wine.

2014 Domaine Albert Morot Beaune Teurons **90-92**
Good medium red. Displays a darker fruit character than the Bressandes, along with notes of animal fur and smoked meat. Less sweet and more imploded in the mouth, with the dark fruit flavors firmed by a strong mineral spine that should enable this concentrated, gamey, slightly reduced wine to age slowly. Today the tannins are a bit less buffered than those of the Marconnets, but this wine needs time to expand. Choppin de Janvry told me he finds these 2014s rather like the 2006s.

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Beaune : Hearthland of value Burgundy

Beaune 1er Cru Bressandes 2014 **90**

Lean raspberry and redcurrant nose followed by a medium-bodied, fresh and precise palate that is elegant rather than powerful. Excellent balance, vigour and length with fine-grained tannins. Long on the finish too. Drink 2018-2025