

Jaffelin

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

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Maison Jaffelin (Beaune)

Marinette Garnier kindly made time to see me on this visit, despite the fact that the day I had requested was also the “Beaune” day of the Les Grands Jours tastings and she had to be at the booth for a few hours in the morning before our tasting, and then had to hustle right back to the Palais de Congrès for the tasting right after we had finished working through her lovely range of 2014s. All of the 2014 white wines in the Jaffelin range had been bottled in September of 2015, whereas the reds from 2014 had only been bottled two weeks before my visit. Most of these had not yet begun to shut down and were showing very well, despite their very recent mise.

As I noted when writing up my visit to Maison Jaffelin to taste the 2013s, Mademoiselle Garnier was most recently working in the cellars at Domaine Méo-Camuzet prior to taking the position as Chef de Cave at Maison Jaffelin, and she has hit the ground running here and is making excellent wines. Not surprisingly, given her stage at Domaine Méo-Camuzet, Marinette comments that “I love new oak, as long it does not dominate the wines.” And in fact, despite many of these wines hailing from fairly modest appellations, they are generally raised in a fairly generous percentage of new wood. During my week in Burgundy, a couple of proposed appointments that I suggested to Mademoiselle Garnier were not possible, as she had to go to the tonnelier to oversee the selection of staves for the casks she would be using for the 2015 vintage, so she is obviously quite meticulous about selecting her oak to ensure that the casks she use do not make the wines too oaky- which has not been the case in any of the examples I have tasted from the 2013 and 2014 vintages. Maison Jaffelin does a very good job sourcing old vine parcels in some of the less-prestigious appellations in the Côte d’Or, as the house’s marketing strategy is to offer clients very good Burgundies at very fair prices. They are doing a very good job in this regard and the range of 2014s from Marinette was absolutely exceptional.



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Vins Blancs

2014 Rully Maison Jaffelin 89

2014 Saint Romain Maison Jaffelin 90

2014 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc Maison Jaffelin 90+

2014 Santenay 1^{er} Cru "Passetemps" Blancs Maison Jaffelin 90+

2014 Meursault- Maison Jaffelin 91

2014 Saint Aubin 1^{er} Cru "Sur Gamay"- Maison Jaffelin 92

Vins Rouges

2014 Chorey-lès-Beaune "les Champs Longs" - Maison Jaffelin 90

2014 Givry 1^{er} Cru "les Grandes Vignes"- Maison Jaffelin 90

2014 Pernand-Vergelesses 1^{er} Cru "en Caradeux"- Maison Jaffelin 91

2014 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1^{er} Cru "les Vergelesses"- Maison Jaffelin 93

2014 Auxey-Duresses 1^{er} Cru "les Duresses"- Maison Jaffelin 91-93

**2014 Beaune 1^{er} Cru "Sur les Grèves - Clos Sainte Anne » Monopole
Maison Jaffelin 92-93**

2014 Gevrey-Chambertin "Vieilles Vignes"- Maison Jaffelin 91

2014 Chambolle-Musigny- Maison Jaffelin 91+

2014 Fixin 1^{er} Cru "les Hervelets"- Maison Jaffelin 92+

