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## 2014 Bordeaux Dry Whites

Tasting notes and scores for 48 Bordeaux dry white barrel samples

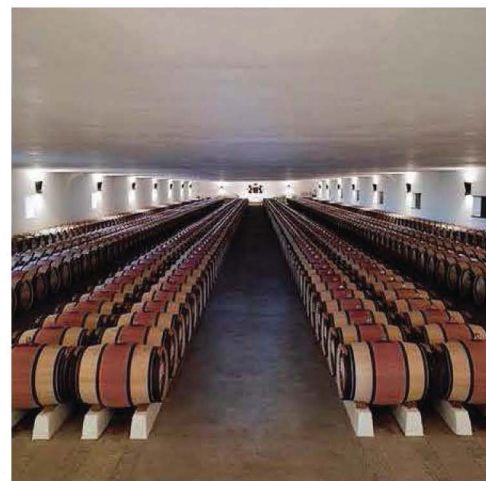
*James Molesworth*

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*Editor's note:* *Wine Spectator* senior editor James Molesworth is in Bordeaux to taste the 2014 vintage from barrel to determine the quality and character of the young wines, in order to inform wine lovers who may be considering buying them *en primeur*, or as futures. New notes will be posted regularly throughout the tastings.

While spending a few weeks in the region, Molesworth visits numerous châteaux, interviews many vintners and evaluates hundreds of wines, some at the châteaux and most in blind tastings organized by *Wine Spectator* at independent locations. This list contains his scores and tasting notes for 48 Bordeaux dry white barrel samples.

As these are unfinished wines, they are scored in 4-point ranges (e.g., 92–95 points) to indicate that the ratings are still preliminary. (Any wines tasted non-blind at châteaux are clearly indicated in the notes.) When the wines are released in bottle, they will be reviewed with their peers in blind tastings and given a final score.



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CHÂTEAU LE SARTRE Pessac-Léognan White 2014 Score: 87–90

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Very lively, with delightful, mouthwatering lemon and pink grapefruit zest notes, backed by a shortbread hint. Lots of energy here.—*J.M.*

### CHÂTEAU VILLA BEL-AIR Graves White 2014 Score: 87–90

Light floral, lime pulp and shortbread notes mix here, with the shortbread element filling out the flattering finish.—*J.M.*

### CHÂTEAU D'ARSAC Bordeaux White Cuvée Celline 2014 Score: 86–89

Has a slightly curt edge, with asparagus and celery hints, though there's good citrus fruit at the core and a pleasant quinine note through the finish.—*J.M.*

### CHÂTEAU HOSTENS-PICANT St.-Foy-Bordeaux White Cuvée des Demoiselles 2014 Score: 86–89

Friendly lemon curd, honeysuckle and heather notes form this slightly plump white, with a lingering straw edge on the finish.—*J.M.*

### CHÂTEAU RAHOUL Graves White 2014 Score: 86–89

Lemon meringue, mâche and thyme notes all mingle here, with a lightly zippy finish.—*J.M.*