



WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE HONORS  
**MAISON JOSEPH DROUHIN**  
 BY NAMING THEM TO THEIR  
**TOP 100 WINERIES OF 2016!**



**Joseph Drouhin**

<b>Founded:</b>	1880	<b>Owner:</b>	Maison Joseph Drouhin
<b>Winemakers:</b>	Jerome Faure-Brac and Veronique Drouhin	<b>Viticulturist:</b>	Philippe Drouhin
<b>Acres owned:</b>	192	<b>Annual production:</b>	400,000 cases
<b>Estate grown:</b>	N/A	<b>Importer:</b>	Dreyfus, Ashby & Co., NY
<b>Website:</b>	drouhin.com		

In the challenging 2013 vintage, a year that required restricted yields to achieve ripe fruit, the Drouhin family's sensitive farming produced a range of exceptional wines. We recommended six of the seven 2013s we tasted with scores of 90 or better, earning Drouhin its eighth Top 100 award.

**A Grand Domaine:** Maurice Drouhin joined his father's negociant firm and set out to buy vineyard land. He invested in the Clos des Mouches in 1918, with a purchase of 5.89 acres, a holding the family has since increased to 31.9 acres, more than half of this Beaune premier cru. Today, the Drouhin family still owns a majority interest in the firm, farming 192 acres in Burgundy, including 95 acres at Drouhin Vaudon, their domaine in Chablis, and having expanded to Oregon's Willamette Valley with Domaine Drouhin. They produce nuanced wines, quietly sustaining relationships with aristocratic families, farming, for example, the Laguiche family's historic domaine.

**Care in Farming:** When Philippe Drouhin joined the company in 1988, he began to question the use of chemicals in the vineyards. As director of viticulture, he soon moved the estate to organic farming, and began experimenting with biodynamic practices. In 2009, he gained organic certification for the domaine. Philippe pays particular attention to the family's vineyards in Chambolle, consistently growing a great village wine, as well as an exceptional blend of premier cru parcels. In 2013, the straight Chambolle-Musigny, from a 0.62-acre plot he has farmed organically since 1990, produced a gracious, silken Chambolle, with the sexiness you might expect from a wine with a higher classification. The 2013 Vosne-Romanee is almost as impressive, with its fresh, meadow-like scents and energetic buzz.

**Nuanced Whites:** Drouhin's whites in 2013 had many high points as well: The Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru Folatieres was one of our 100 Best Wines of the Year. It shares that same buzz of energy, here lifting scents of cherimoya and savory notes of chalky limestone. It's the kind of nuanced wine that's rare among 1 negociant Burgundies, placing Drouhin firmly in the camp of an accomplished grower. - J.G.



**2013 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET LES FOLATIÈRES**  
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*When Drouhin wines hit, they can be awesome. This one buzzes with energy, saturated with the kind of succulent richness that is rare in 2013. The fruit has the pale white flavor of cherimoya, underscored by salty notes of chalky limestone soil. Packed with savory nuance, this will benefit from several years in the cellar and should continue to gain for a decade. (W&S 4/16) Dreyfus, Ashby & Co., NY*

**TOP-SCORING WINES**

- 95 '13 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Folatieres \$116 (4/16)
- 93 '13 Chambolle-Musigny \$83 (10/16)
- 93 '13 Chassagne 1er Cru Marq. de Laguiche Morgeot \$132 (4/16)

