

Joseph Drouhin – Domaine des Hospices de Belleville (Beaune)

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Starting in early 2016, Maison Joseph Drouhin will be introducing consumers to a line of three Beaujolais *crus* under the Joseph Drouhin name called Domaine des Hospices de Belleville. The Hospices de Belleville is an historical charitable institution who own 34 acres of vineyards in the *crus* of Beaujolais – a single 11-acre plot, Le Sigaud, in Brouilly, a single 12-acre plot, Château Gaillard, in Morgon and three parcels totaling 16 acres in Fleurie, including the 14-acre Vers le Mont, the .81-acre Les Marrans and the .56-acre Les Grand Prés. In 2014, Maison Joseph Drouhin signed an exclusive partnership with the Hospices de Belleville, thereby bringing its experience in viticulture, vinification and wine ageing to these wines. (Dreyfus, Ashby & Co., www.dreyfusashby.com, NY, NY)

2014 Brouilly: (SRP \$23). Like the Fleurie this is exceptionally pretty and actually a bit spicier and more complex if otherwise similar. There is equally good punch and delineation to the delicious, supple and seductively textured flavors that deliver very fine depth and length. This isn't quite as refined as the Fleurie but the depth is even better. 91/2019+

2014 Fleurie: (SRP \$25). An exceptionally pretty nose features notes of spicy cherry, raspberry and soft earth nuances. There is good vibrancy and lovely detail to the utterly delicious middle weight flavors that terminate in a dusty, cool and nicely balanced finale that exhibits just a trace of youthful austerity. This will need a few years to add depth but it is already quite pretty and very Fleurie. 91/2019+

2014 Morgon: (SRP \$21). There is a hint of Maraschino cherry to the cool, airy and elegant red berry fruit suffused nose that exhibits an excellent range of spice elements. There is once again excellent punch and detail to the slightly bigger and richer medium-bodied flavors that deliver beautiful depth and length on the impeccably well-balanced finale. I very much like the overall sense of harmony and this offers incredible value for money. 92/2020+