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Samuel Billaud
Chablis 1er Cru “Mont de Milieu”, 2014
Burgundy, France

90 Points

Pale lemon-yellow. Deeply pitched apricot and smoky flint aromas. Fat and silky on entry but classically dry, with surprising acidity giving firmness and a slightly aggressive quality to the wine's back half. Generous in the middle, then more austere and savory on the back, finishing with solid youthful minerality. This is tighter now than it appeared to be from tank last year. The acidity here is the highest of these 2014s at 4.7 grams per liter. In fact, these vines have always produced high-acid wines, back to the Billaud-Simon days. Billaud doesn't really know why but figures that there must be less potassium in the soil. (AG)