

Subject: John Gilman's note on 2014 Les Pensées de Pallus

2014 Chinon “les Pensées de Pallus”- Domaine de Pallus

Bertrand Sourdais' Domaine de Pallus is one of my favorite producers in Chinon. The les

Pensées de Pallus is Bertrand's regular bottling of Chinon, as he has decided in the last several

years to only produce his flagship Chinon (labeled simply as Domaine de Pallus) in what he

considers top vintages, but if the 2014 les Pensées de Pallus is any indication, I suspect we will

also see a 2014 Domaine de Pallus. The 2014 Pensées offers up a deep, pure and classic Chinon

nose of black cherries, cassis, cigar wrapper, gravelly soil tones, smoky overtones, a gentle base

of cedary wood (from one and two wine casks) and a topnote of violets. On the palate the wine is

deep, full-bodied and beautifully transparent in profile, with a lovely core, fine focus and grip,

ripe, seamless tannins and a long, vibrant and nascently complex finish. A superb Chinon that is

approachable today, but could do with three to five years in the cellar to blossom completely.

Great juice. 2018-2040+. **93.**