



Barrel Cave at Domaine de Bellene



Working Beaune Grèves by horsepower



Nicolas Potel

## DOMAINE DE BELLENE 2017 Beaune Premier Cru, Les Grèves



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Nicolas Potel founded Domaine de Bellene in 2005, when some of the small growers he had been working with decided to stop their own production and proposed that he take over their vineyards. Nicolas saw this as the ideal opportunity to realize his longheld desire to control the entire production chain, from vineyard to market, in order to ensure the highest level of authenticity and quality. His goal at Domaine de Bellene is to produce pure, characterful wines that are clear expressions of their classic Burgundy terroirs.

### BEAUNE PREMIER CRU, LES GRÈVES

To our knowledge these are the oldest vines to be found in the Beaune appellation, planted in 1904. This is the only parcel we have that is still pruned in the old-style Cordon de Royat vine training method. The vines are so old here that we decided to stop working with machines and now everything is done by hand (and horse!).

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Surface:** 0.23 ha

**Pruning system:** Cordon de Royat

**Age of Vines:** 115 years

**Exposition:** East, southeast; 229 meters elevation

**Soil Type:** Clay, limestone

**Vineyard Management:** Organic

**Harvest Method:** Hand picking into small bins

**Harvest Date:** September 8, 2017

**Vinification:** Whole-cluster fermentation with native yeast; pigeage and light pump-over; long settling; long, gentle pressing; 100% malolactic

**Elevage:** 16 months in barrel (66% new); no fining

**Bottling Date:** February 19, 2019

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Total Production:** 86 cases

**SRP:** \$115

### FROM THE PRESS

**[88] *Wine Spectator***

“The impact of the oak is immediate, with a sensation of dry tannins seeping in around the plum, cherry, vanilla and sandalwood flavors. A charred note lingers as this finishes on the dry side. Best from 2021 through 2029.” *Web Only 2020*

**[17] *JancisRobinson.com***

“Fragrant, lifted red cherry. Chewy and deep in fruit and firmly structured. Beautifully balanced and finishes with a lift.” *December 2018*