



Barrel Cave at Domaine de Bellene



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DOMAINE DE BELLENE 2015 Vosne-Romanée, Les Quartiers de Nuits



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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.

VOSNE-ROMANÉE, LES QUARTIERS DE NUITS

The *villages lieu-dit*, *Les Quartiers de Nuits*, is located in the lowest part of Echézeaux, and is directly adjacent to Clos de Vougeot. It has east-southeast exposure and relatively heavy soil. The Domaine's parcel was planted in 1927.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard Surface: 0.3171 ha

Density of Planting: 10,000 vines per hectare (4,000 per acre)

Age of Vines: 90 years

Exposition: East, southeast; 250 meters elevation

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Organic

Harvest Method: Hand picking into small bins

Harvest Date: September 14, 2015

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

Elevage: 16 months in French oak barriques (50% new); no fining

Bottling Date: December 8, 2016

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Production: 155 cases

SRP: \$124

[90] *Burghound*

This is also fairly toasty with background menthol nuances on the notably ripe yet fresh aromas of cassis, black cherry and lovely violet and spice elements. There is outstanding density to the velvety and palate-coating flavors that also brim with dry extract on the chewy and strikingly persistent finale. *April 2017*