



Winemaker Nicolas Potel

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE 2015 Bourgogne Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes



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Nicolas Potel founded his new micro-négociant, Maison Roche de Bellene, in 2009. The focus at Roche de Bellene is on individual terroirs from *vieilles vignes* (old vines – 40 years or older) that are farmed responsibly. All of the growers Nicoas works with are either BIO certified or farming according to the principles of *lutte raisonnée* (sustainable viticulture). This enables Nicolas to consistently produce the expressive, terroir-driven style that is his vision.

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY VV

The Maison's entry-level white Burgundy comes from old-vine parcels in the Côte de Beaune and Côte Chalonnaise. The vines have an average age of 48 years and, as with all the wines, harvesting is done by hand. After gentle pressing in a vertical basket press, fermentation and maturation are done in large (500 liter) oak casks.

2015 VINTAGE NOTES

“2015 is a magnificent vintage for the dedicated vigneron. Harvest began on September 5th and ended on September 15th. Although the vintage seemed to be early, we preferred to wait until the maturity of the grapes was optimal to harvest. The wines are rich in color and show a complex aromatic palette and a beautiful structure.” — *Nicolas Potel*

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Surface: 14 ha

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

Age of Vines: 48 years, average

Exposition: East, southeast; 245 meters elevation

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Lutte raisonnée (sustainable)

Harvest Method: Hand picking

Harvest Date: September 5-15, 2015

Yield: 50 hl/ha

Vinification: Native yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

Elevage: Aged in 500-liter French oak casks (3% new); light fining and filtration at bottling

Bottling Date: September 22-23, 2016

Alcohol: 13%

Total Production: 8,166 cases

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