



Barrel Cave at Domaine de Bellene



Winemaker Nicolas Potel

## MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE 2015 Bourgogne Pinot Noir 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 PINOT NOIR VV

The entry-level red Burgundy comes from old-vine vineyards in the Côte de Beaune and Côte Chalonnaise. The major part (80%) of this wine is matured in *barrisques* and the remainder is produced in stainless steel. This maintains a pure style with bright fruit and a fine texture.

### 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% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Surface:** 22.20 ha

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

**Age of Vines:** 30-80 years

**Exposition:** Southeast; 230 meters elevation

**Soil Type:** Clay, limestone

**Vineyard Management:** Lutte raisonnée (sustainable)

**Harvest Method:** Hand picking

**Harvest Date:** September 15, 2015

**Yield:** 50 hl/ha

**Vinification:** Native yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

**Elevage:** Aged in French oak; no fining

**Bottling Date:** November 7-9, 2016

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Total Production:** 12,000 cases

**UPC:** 183103000921