Barrel Cave at Domaine de Bellene

Winemaker Nicolas Potel

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2016 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 raisonée* (sustainable viticulture). This enables Nicolas to consistently produce the expressive, terroir-driven style that is his vision.

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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 barriques and the remainder is produced in stainless steel. This maintains a pure style with bright fruit and a fine texture.

2016 VINTAGE NOTES

An extremely harsh frost in April did significant damage to the vines of Burgundy, especially those that were just flowering. The result was a 50% loss of potential crop, even before the fruit developed. A very warm summer gave the remaining clusters a chance to catch up and ripen properly. Even though it was a small harvest, the fruit we did get was magnificent. The wines are rich in color, showing a complex aromatic palette and a beautiful structure.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard Surface: 17.05 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 raisonée (sustainable)

Harvest Method: Hand picking

Harvest Date: September 26-30, 2016

Yield: 50 hl/ha

Vinification: Native yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

Elevage: Aged in used French oak; no fining; light filtration before bottling

Bottling Date: November 13-16, 2017

Alcohol: 13%

Total Production: 8,573 cases

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