



A Côte de Nuits-Villages vineyard.



Winemaker Nicolas Potel

## MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE 2018 Côte de Nuits-Villages Vieilles Vignes



### ABOUT MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE

Founded by Nicolas Potel, one of Burgundy's most innovative and resourceful vigneron, Maison Roche de Bellene is a micro-négociant that is focused on producing balanced, characteristic wines from vineyards that are farmed responsibly. The excellent small growers that Bellene has worked with for many years are all either certified BIO organic or are farming according to the principles of *lutte raisonnée* (sustainable viticulture). This enables Nicolas to consistently produce the authentic, terroir-driven style of Burgundy that is his vision, while also offering great value in an extensive selection of appellations.

### ABOUT CÔTE DE NUITS-VILLAGES

This appellation is located south of Nuits-St-Georges, in the villages of Corgoloin and Comblanchien, which are well known for their limestone quarries. Artificial hills of scrap limestone (the quarry tailings) have no commercial use, but are very interesting for viticulture because they collect heat and create a warm micro-climate. This helps the grapes ripen to achieve a high level of quality.

This characteristically light-bodied Côtes de Nuits-Villages has a very pretty, dark berry perfume that's given added complexity through a blend of black currant, licorice, savory spice and a delicate touch of black pepper. The gentle attack unfolds with juicy, lifted fruit leading to a piquant, lingering finish.

### BURGUNDY'S 2018 VINTAGE

After a very warm and dry growing season, which led to concerns of over-ripe fruit, elevated alcohol levels and the potential loss of terroir expression, the 2018s in Burgundy have surpassed expectations. The whites are brilliant, with surprising acidity that gives them superb freshness and tension, without any overtly tropical fruit character. The best reds are vivid and expressive, with bright red and blue fruits, and excellent structure. These are joyful wines that jump out of the glass!

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Surface:** 0.63 ha

**Age of Vines:** 40-60 years

**Soil Type:** Clay & limestone

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

**Harvest Method:** Hand picking

**Harvest Date:** September 5, 2018

**Yield:** 48 hl/ha

**Vinification:** Brief maceration for delicate extraction; native yeast fermentation; gentle pressing; 100% malolactic fermentation

**Elevage:** Matured on the fine lees in used French oak barriques and 500-liter demi-muids; no fining; minimal racking; light filtration before bottling

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Total Production:** 330 cases