



Winemaker Nicolas Potel

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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.

### GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN VIEILLES VIGNES

A perennial lead horse in the Bellene stable, this superlative Gevrey-Chambertin *villages* cuvée delivers a profile of black fruits, moist earth and a glimmer of sauvage. Old vines impart an extra dimension of vinosity and sap.

### 2015 VINTAGE NOTES

Nicolas Potel: “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.” The 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin shows intense crushed fruit in the aroma, with a concentrated and edgy texture and a juicy finish.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Surface:** 1.25 ha

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

**Age of Vines:** 42-72 years

**Exposition:** East, southeast; 260 meters elevation

**Soil Type:** Clay, limestone

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

**Harvest Method:** Hand picking

**Harvest Date:** September 10, 2015

**Yield:** 40 hl/ha

**Vinification:** Partially de-stemmed; natural yeast fermentation in stainless steel vats; gentle pump-over, pigeage, and pressing; no fining; light filtration.

**Elevage:** Aged in French oak (20% new); no fining

**Bottling Date:** February 9, 2017 (Biodynamic fruit day)

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Total Production:** 541 cases

**UPC:** None

