



Vineyards in the village of Meursault



Nicolas Potel and winemaker Sylvain Debord

## MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE 2016 Meursault 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 and his team to consistently produce the expressive, terroir-driven style that is his vision.

### MEURSAULT VIEILLES VIGNES

Meursault is the largest village of the Côte de Beaune, with a history of winegrowing that dates back to the Romans. It is known for producing white wines that are softer and richer than the neighboring villages of Puligny- and Chassagne-Montrachet. This *villages* wine is from sustainably farmed vines that are up to 62 years old. It captures the full, rich style of this famous village while maintaining a fine structure.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Chardonnay

**Vineyard Surface:** 2.25 ha

**Age of Vines:** 48-62 years

**Exposition:** East, southeast; 280 meters elevation

**Soil Type:** Clay, limestone

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

**Harvest Method:** Hand picking

**Harvest Date:** September 20-26, 2016

**Yield:** 30 hl/ha

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

**Elevage:** Aged in French oak barrels (20% new); light fining and filtration

**Bottling Date:** November 21, 2017 (Biodynamic fruit day)

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Total Production:** 750 cases

### FROM THE PRESS

[90] *Wine Spectator*

“Broad and buttery, this white evokes honey, peach and pastry flavors. Shows a bright honeysuckle top note, and though plush, this delivers enough acidity for balance.” *September 30, 2018*