



Nuits-Saint-Georges



Nicolas Potel and winemaker Sylvain Debord

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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.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES VIEILLES VIGNES

This appellation lies on both sides of the town of Nuits-St-Georges, and incorporates the vineyards of neighbouring Prémieux-Prissey to the south. The wines are typically sturdy and long lived, although those from sites neighboring Vosne-Romanée to the north show the most fruit and elegance.

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 Nuits-Saint-Georges has a lifted, red berry aroma, with a mineral edge of crushed rock.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard Surface: 1.53 ha

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

Age of Vines: 45–54 years

Exposition: East; 270 meters elevation

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Lutte raisonnée (sustainable)

Harvest Method: Hand picking

Harvest Date: September 14, 2015

Yield: 49 hl/ha

Vinification: Native yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

Elevage: 14 months on thin lees. Aged in French oak (20% new); no fining

Bottling Date: March 22, 2017 (Biodynamic fruit day)

Alcohol: 13%

Total Production: 83 cases

UPC: None

