



Vineyards in Puligny-Montrachet

Winemaker Nicolas Potel

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE 2015 Puligny-Montrachet 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 to consistently produce the expressive, terroir-driven style that is his vision.

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET VIEILLES VIGNES

The village of Puligny-Montrachet is generally considered to be the finest for white wines in the Côte d'Or. Situated between Meursault to the north, and Chassagne-MONtrachet to the south, it is home to half of the Montrachet grand crus. The wines are prized for their precision, their fine floral aroma, and a bracing, steely backbone.

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 show a complex aromatic palette and a beautiful structure." The 2015 Puligny-Montrachet is full-bodied, but elegant in structure, with clear, sweet fruit on the palate.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Surface: 1.0 ha

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

Age of Vines: 42–62 years

Exposition: East, southeast; 280 meters elevation

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Lutte raisonnée (sustainable)

Harvest Method: Hand picking

Harvest Date: September 6-10, 2015

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Vinification: Native yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

Elevage: Aged in French oak (20% new); light fining

Bottling Date: November 9, 2016 (Biodynamic fruit day)

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Production: 475 cases

UPC: None