



Volnay Vineyards



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.

VOLNAY VIEILLES VIGNES

Being born and raised in this village, it's no surprise that Nicolas Potel has the vineyard sources to make a serious villages Volnay. This appellation has long been renowned for its lightness of touch, stylish intricacy and a structure that favors persistence over power. The Roche de Bellene Volnay is a bit more muscular in style due to the extremely old vines.

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 Volnay is full and rich, with deep, dark fruit. It is pure and juicy on the palate, with excellent length.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard Surface: .408 ha

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

Age of Vines: 48–62 years

Exposition: Southeast; 250 meters elevation

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Lutte raisonnée (sustainable)

Harvest Method: Hand picking

Harvest Date: September 10, 2015

Yield: 46 hl/ha

Vinification: Native yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

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

Bottling Date: March 21, 2017 (Biodynamic fruit day)

Alcohol: 13%

Total Production: 208 cases

UPC: None

