



Barrel Cave at Domaine de Bellene



Working Beaune Grèves by horsepower



Nicolas Potel

DOMAINE DE BELLENE 2015 Beaune Premier Cru, Les Grèves



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Nicolas Potel founded Domaine de Bellene in 2005, when some of the small growers he had been working with decided to stop their own production and proposed that he take over their vineyards. Nicolas saw this as the ideal opportunity to realize his longheld desire to control the entire production chain, from vineyard to market, in order to ensure the highest level of authenticity and quality. His goal at Domaine de Bellene is to produce pure, characterful wines that are clear expressions of their classic Burgundy terroirs.

BEAUNE PREMIER CRU, LES GRÈVES

To our knowledge these are the oldest vines to be found in the Beaune appellation, planted in 1904. This is the only parcel we have that is still pruned in the old-style Cordon de Royat vine training method. The vines are so old here that we decided to stop working with machines and now everything is done by hand (and horse!).

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.”

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Vineyard Surface: 0.23 ha

Pruning system: Cordon de Royat

Age of Vines: 113 years

Exposition: East, southeast

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Organic

Harvest Method: Hand picking into small bins

Harvest Date: September 8, 2015

Vinification: Whole-cluster fermentation with native yeasts; gentle pressing; 100% malolactic

Elevage: 16 months in barrel (33% new); no fining

Bottling Date: December 1, 2016

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Production: 84 cases

SRP: \$115

[90] *Burghound*

Red currant, cherry, earth and exuberant floral aromas. Suave, round and beguilingly rich big-bodied flavors. *April 2017*