



Barrel Cave at Domaine de Bellene



Beaune Premier Cru Vineyards



Nicolas Potel

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2015 Beaune 1er Cru, Cuvée du Cinquanteaire



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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.

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This is a cuvée of five premier cru sites in Beaune that Nicolas Potel inaugurated in 2014 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his father, Gérard, starting at Domaine de la Pousse d'Or, in 1964.

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 Varieties: Pinot Noir

Vineyard Sources: *Pertuisots* — 0.216 hectare, planted in 1963
Montée Rouge — 0.2315 hectare, planted in 1982
Les Bressandes — 0.217 hectare, planted in 1961
Clos du Roi — 0.448 hectare, planted in 1962
Reversées — 0.2448 hectare, planted in 1971

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 fermentation

Elevage: 16 months in barrel (50% new); no fining

Bottling Date: January 30, 2017

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Production: 290 cases

SRP: \$100

[90] *Burghound*

Generous wood and menthol aromas stop short of dominating the ripe red cherry liqueur, spice and floral scents where a touch of volatile acidity lurks in the background. *April 2017*