



The Meursault Charmes vineyard



Winemaker Nicolas Potel

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE 2016 Chassagne-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.

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET VIEILLES VIGNES

Meursault is a large and prosperous village in the Côte de Beaune, producing mostly white wines. Although Meursault has no grand cru vineyards, the quality of its best premiers crus is rarely surpassed. Les Charmes is the biggest of the three major vineyards. It is situated on the border with Puligny-Montrachet, to the south, and produces the most forward wines, seductive even in their youth.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard Surface: 0.5937 ha

Age of Vines: 55 years

Exposition: Southeast; 270 meters elevation

Soil Type: Clay, limestone

Vineyard Management: Lutte raisonnée (sustainable)

Harvest Method: Hand picking

Harvest Date: September 26-30, 2016

Yield: 48 hl/ha

Vinification: No crushing. Juice extracted at low pressure. Long settling at low temperature (24 to 26 hours). Native yeast fermentation in large barrels.

Elevage: 13 months in French oak barrels (20% new); racking before fining

Bottling Date: October 26, 2017 (Biodynamic fruit day)

Alcohol: 13%

Total Production: 316 cases

FROM THE PRESS

[92] *Wine Spectator*

“This is round and expressive, with peach, pastry and spice flavors enhanced by gentle iodine and briny notes. Elegant yet creamy, showing fine length and a lingering aftertaste of mineral and pastry.” *September 30, 2018*