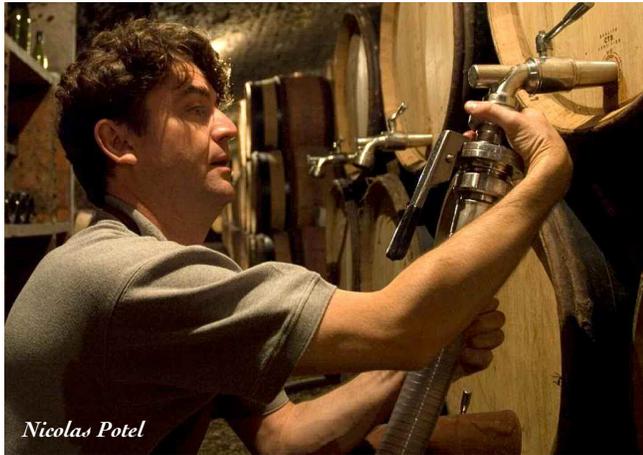




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GRANDS VINS DE BOURGOGNE

## NICOLAS POTEL'S BURGUNDY MICRO-NÉGOCIANT



Nicolas Potel

### MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE

The new négociant company was founded by Nicolas in 2009, after his forced departure from his former négociant company, Maison Nicolas Potel. At Roche de Bellene the terroir-focused winemaking philosophy is the same as at the original Maison, which he founded in 1998. Nicolas has maintained his relationships with the best growers that he has worked with over the past 15 years, and continually finds new ones.

The emphasis 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 that Nicolas 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.

Nicolas and his winemaker work closely with the growers to make decisions about vineyard practices, crop reduction (“green harvest”), harvest dates and the fermentation regimen. As soon as the fermentations are complete, the wines are put into Bellene barrels and the *élevage* is done by Nicolas at the Roche de Bellene facility.

Currently, Nicolas is purchasing fermented wines from the growers, but he is expanding the winery so that he can receive pressed juice and begin fermenting the wines himself. He also has plans to build a new winery for Roche de Bellene so that he can receive the harvested fruit and control the entire wine-making process, from pressing to fermentation to *élevage*.

As at Domaine de Bellene, Nicolas strives to employ strict environmental standards at Maison Roche de Bellene, based on Canada's HQE (Haute Qualité Environnementale) model.

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## CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN

*Grand Cru*

GRAND VIN DE BOURGOGNE

2014



### VINEYARD & WINE SOURCES

Wines are sourced from growers throughout the Côte d'Or and Côte Chalonnaise:

#### CÔTE DE BEAUNE

- Chassagne-Montrachet
- Meursault
- Puligny-Montrachet
- Saint-Aubin
- Saint Roman
- Volnay
- Beaune
- Savigny-les-Beaune
- Aloxe-Corton

#### CÔTE DE NUITS

- Chambolle-Musigny
- Gevrey-Chambertin
- Nuits-Saint-Georges
- Vosne-Romanée
- Vougeot

#### CÔTE CHALONNAISE

- Montagny

#### MÂCON

- Saint-Véran



*Vineyards in Puligny-Montrachet.*

### ABOUT THE NAME BELLENE

The name comes from “Belenos,” an ancient Gallic god of sun and beauty. It is the origin of the city name, Beaune, which was called “Belena” in Roman times, and “Bellene” in the Middle Ages.

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