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The ultimate Burgundy reference

Maison Roche de Bellene

2013

Chambertin-Clos de Bèze

Grand Cru Red barrel

Score: **89-92**

Tasted: Apr 15, 2015

Drink: 2025+

Issue: 58

Tasting note: A very spicy if not especially fresh nose blends hints of spice and dried flowers with red and dark berry fruit. There is better freshness and vibrancy to the lush, intense and powerful broad-shouldered flavors that coat the palate on the austere, serious and lingering finish. If the nose regains the same freshness as displayed by the palate my predicted range is likely to be overly conservative.

Maison Roche de Bellene

2015

Griotte-Chambertin

Grand Cru Red 750 ml

Score: **92**

Tasted: Jan 15, 2018

Drink: 2027+

Issue: 69

Tasting note: Mild but not fatal reduction presently dominates the nose but my sense is that it will pass in time. There is good verve and fine delineation to the delicious and mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that possess a lovely sense of focus and very good length but this will need to develop more depth before it can ascend to the next level. To be sure, this is by no means simple but it's a bit monotone today and time will tell whether it can blossom accordingly.

Maison Roche de Bellene

2012

Romanée St. Vivant

Grand Cru Red 750 ml

Score: **94**

Tasted: Apr 15, 2014

Drink: 2026+

Issue: 54

Don't miss!

Tasting note: Curiously this is somewhat less expressive than the Richebourg though aggressive swirling does liberate floral, Asian-style spices and cool red berry fruit scents. There is really fine detail to the graceful, intense and lilting middle weight flavors that possess a lovely sense of underlying tension on the mildly austere but hugely persistent finish. A classic Romanée St. Vivant of restraint and refinement.

Maison Roche de Bellene
2017
Gevrey-Chambertin
Villages Red 750 ml
Score: **88**
Tasted: Apr 10, 2019
Drink: 2023+
Issue: 74

Tasting note: Cool and fresh aromas consist mostly of various red berries, forest floor and earth wisps. The delicious and punchy middle weight flavors possess solid depth though the finish is mildly edgy. Still this is attractive in its fashion even though the balance isn't quite properly dialed in.

Maison Roche de Bellene
2014
Vosne-Romanée "Les Beaux Monts" ♥
1er Cru Red barrel
Score: **90-93**
Tasted: Apr 15, 2016
Drink: 2024+
Issue: 62
Outstanding

Tasting note: A beautifully spicy nose exhibits notes of plum, cassis, sandalwood, Asian-style tea and a hint of lilac. There is impressive intensity to the vibrant and refined medium weight flavors that ooze a fine minerality onto the sappy, austere and dusty finish that delivers very fine depth and excellent length. Note well that unlike some of the wines in the range this is not likely to make for especially good early drinking.



Maison Roche de Bellene 2016 Les Folatières Premier Cru (Puligny-Montrachet)
94 Points

This well-known premier cru has produced a structured wine with a strong mineral element. Its richness is mitigated by tense, fresh acidity and still-young white and citrus fruit flavors. Wood aging has added its toastiness, giving further intensity. Drink this opulent wine from 2023.

Maison Roche de Bellene 2016 Les Mitans Premier Cru (Volnay)

93 Points / Cellar Selection

From one of the premier crus on the lower slope below the village, this wine already shows some of the ripe opulence associated with a Volnay. However, it still maintains plenty of tannic structure to support all the fresh fruit flavors. Enjoy from 2022.

Maison Roche de Bellene 2016 Montagny

88 Points

This appellation in the Côte Chalonnaise specializes in white wines. Ripe and smoothly textured, this wine offers spice as well as intensely fresh fruit. With a tight, mineral edge, the wine should age another few months. Drink from late 2019.

Maison Roche de Bellene 2016 Viré-Clessé

88 Points

From a small appellation in the southern Mâconnais, this wine is ripe, smoothly textured and richly creamy. Bright fruits are softened by the touch of spice and warm yellow-fruit flavors. Drink the wine from late 2019.

Maison Roche de Bellene 2017 Belenos Rosé of (Coteaux Bourguignons)

86 Points

Fresh, light and fruity, this is a crisp, red-currant-flavored wine. Refreshing acidity and a bright aftertaste are already delicious. Drink now.

Maison Roche de Bellene 2016 Rully

89 Points

From this appellation in the Côte Chalonnaise, this wine is packed with fresh red fruits and soft tannins. It has spice, red-cherry flavors and acidity in harmony, and a generous aftertaste. Drink from 2020.


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100% whole bunch. 600-litre demi-muids and 20% new oak. In tank. Inviting spicy aroma, really perfumed with a touch of garrigue – or its Burgundy equivalent – on the nose. Dry and lively with finesse in the dryish tannins. (JH)

Maison Roche de Bellene, Vieilles Vignes 2017 Bourgogne 16

Bottled end September. Fermented and aged in demi-muids. Important wine for them in terms of volume. ‘The best Bourgogne Blanc I have made’, says Nicolas Potel.

Creamy lemon aroma. Touch of spice and clementine. Rich on the palate, full-bodied and generous but still fresh. Creamy, fresh and spicy. (JH)