KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

DOMAINE COLIN-DELÉGER

Country: France
Region: Burgundy

Appellation(s): Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, Chevalier-Montrachet *Grand Cru*

Producer: Michel Colin

Founded: 1950

Annual Production: 420 cases

Farming: Lutte Raisonné (since 2000)

Website: N/A



As the nephew of the great Georges Deléger, Michel Colin inherited part of the *Chevenottes* vineyard, combining it with holdings from the Colin family's domaine. The 2015 vintage was Michel's last, as he finally retired after a stellar career in which he vinified some of the most esteemed *climats* of the Côte de Beaune.

Michel semi-retired in 2003, relinquishing his vineyard holdings to sons Philippe and Bruno Colin. Until his full retirement twelve years later, he continued to farm three small parcels, producing just a handful of barrels per year: Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru En Remilly, Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles, and Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru. Though the quantities were minuscule, it was always a pleasure to be able to taste wines from a mature master vigneron with some of Chardonnay's greatest terroirs. All three vineyards are within a stone's throw of one another, with En Remilly just around the corner on the south side of Chevalier-Montrachet and Puligny Les Demoiselles on the northern edge of Le Montrachet. The lucky few to have held on to some of Michel's wines are in for a real treat when they finally uncork these rare bottles of Burgundian gold.

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DOMAINE COLIN-DELÉGER (continued)

<u>Wine</u>	Blend	Vine Age	Soil Type	Vineyard Area
Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru En Remilly	Chardonnay	25 years	Clay, Limestone	.48 ha
Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles	Chardonnay	70 years	Clay, Limestone	.15 ha
Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru	Chardonnay	N/A	Clay, Limestone	.08 ha

^{*} One hectare equals roughly two and a half acres.

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- All wines undergo natural fermentation in barrel
- Lees are stirred depending on the vintage
- 25% to 30% of barrels are new
- Wines are aged for 12 to 16 months
- Wines are bottled unfiltered