



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

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Country: France

Region: Rhône

Appellation(s): Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, Côtes du Rhône

Producer: Various

Farming: Lutte raisonnée

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Nearly forty years of doing business in France and Italy have given Kermit Lynch a level of expertise that few in the wine industry can boast. Countless hours with growers in some of the most famous vineyards and cellars of Europe have offered more than just a casual look at what it takes to be a great grower, let alone a great winemaker. Kermit Lynch was the first to champion the benefits of unfinned and unfiltered wines, long before they had become fashionable. This belief is really a matter of taste, and the proof has always been in the glass, offering a purer expression of fruit and an unadulterated reflection of the *terroir*. Kermit's conviction has been so strong over the years that he has been able to persuade even the most hard-headed *vignerons* to test his theories.

Long-term relationships with *vignerons* in every major wine growing region offer a tremendous array of opportunities. Every year, Kermit enjoys a creative collaboration with some growers to find the best of their selections. Together, they work towards creating a final blend that showcases the region in all its glory at a price point that is difficult to match.

VIN DE PAYS DE VAUCLUSE

Sourced from the *terroirs* around Domaine de Durban ([click here for more information](#)), the grapes for this red Rhône are sourced from parcels next to the village of Beaumes-de-Venise. These vineyards were traditionally used for the family's personal consumption, and many of the unused grapes were sold off in bulk. As none of this was for commercial bottling, the Leydier family made no effort to have these parcels included in the A.O.C. Côtes du Rhône when the boundaries were first established in 1937. Upon hearing that the family had been selling these grapes to the local *cave cooperative* in Vacqueyras, Kermit presented the Leydiers the idea of creating a value-driven second label. The plan soon evolved into a collaboration between the family and Kermit. Together, they bottle both a Vin de Pays de Vaucluse *Rouge* and *Blanc*.



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CÔTES DU RHÔNE

The growing success we have enjoyed over the last three vintages is proof enough that the KL Côtes du Rhône fits both the taste profile and quality standards that our customers have come to expect. Since 1929, this winery has been bringing local *vignerons* together from the outlying areas of Avignon in the Southern Rhône to produce delicious wines that epitomize the region's complex *terroirs*. Kermit works closely with winemaker Jean-François Pasturel to develop the blend. Pasturel is thrilled to be able to have the chance to produce a Côtes du Rhône he does not have to filter to death. It is his *tête de cuvée*, his pride and joy.

CÔTES DU RHÔNE *BLANC & ROUGE* (BARRUOL LYNCH)

Louis Barruol is an indefatigable force in the Rhône. He is the fourteenth generation in his family to be making wine in this sixteenth-century domaine in Gigondas. On what was once the site of a Roman villa, Louis' cellars show spectacular remains of old, Roman vinification vats carved into the limestone. Here, Louis works with different grape varietals from the Rhône, vinifying each parcel separately. Together, he and Kermit blend a Côtes du Rhône *Blanc* and *Rouge* and a line northern Rhône wines from a selection of Louis' purchases. Louis selects the best parcels he can find, and then Kermit shows up and either has a *cuvée* bottled unfiltered, or he blends to find the *assemblage* that satisfies his esthetic criteria.

<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Vin de Pays de Vaucluse <i>Blanc</i>	50% Viognier 50% Chardonnay	18 years	Clay, Limestone	2.5 ha
Vin de Pays de Vaucluse <i>Rouge</i>	55% Grenache 20% Syrah 15% Merlot 10% Marselan	18 years	Clay, Limestone	3.5 ha
Côtes du Rhône <i>Rouge</i>	Varies: Primarily Grenache, with Syrah, Cinsault, and Carignan	40 years average	Alluvial with galets roulés (rounded riverbed stones)	36 ha
Côtes du Rhône <i>Rouge</i> "Cypress Cuvée"	Varies: Primarily Grenache, with Syrah, Carignan, Cinsault, and Mourvèdre	40 years average	Marl, Limestone	36 ha
Côtes du Rhône <i>Rouge</i> "Réserve des Armoiries"	Varies: Primarily Grenache, with Syrah, Cinsault, and Carignan	40 years average	Marl, Limestone	36 ha

* "ha"=hectares; one hectare equals roughly two and a half acres



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VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

- All blends are subject to change. See specifics below for details by vintage.

Vin de Pays de Vaucluse *Blanc* :

- Made for Kermit by Domaine de Durban
- Harvested by hand
- Grapes ferment by carbonic maceration in temperature-controlled, stainless steel *cuves*
- Grapes pressed gently by pneumatic press
- Wine ages for 6 months in *cuves* before bottling

Vin de Pays de Vaucluse *Rouge* :

- Made by Domaine de Durban
- Harvested by hand
- Grapes are 100% de-stemmed
- Grapes ferment by carbonic maceration in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks for approximately 20 days
- Wine ages for 4 months in stainless steel before being bottled unfiltered

Côtes du Rhône *Rouge* :

- Grapes sourced from the commune of Châteauneuf-de-Gadagne, a village eligible for the Côtes du Rhône-Villages AOC with alluvial soils of galets roulés similar to those of Châteauneuf-du-Pape
- Wine is made by Jean-François Pasturel at Terres d'Avignon
- Vinification is traditional, with only natural yeasts, in temperature-controlled, cement *cuves*
- Maceration lasts approximately 25 days
- Wine is aged in cement tank before bottling
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
- 2020 blend: 64% Grenache, 21% Syrah, 8% Mourvèdre, 6% Carignan, 1% Marselan
- 2019 blend: 62% Grenache, 18% Syrah, 11% Mourvèdre, 9% Carignan
- 2018 blend: 56% Grenache, 21% Syrah, 8% Mourvèdre, 7% Carignan, 7% Cinsault, 1% Marselan
- 2017 blend: 48% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 8% Carignan, 6% Cinsault, 3% Mourvèdre
- 2016 blend: 62% Grenache, 24% Syrah, 6% Carignan, 4% Mourvèdre, 4% Cinsault
- 2015 blend: 62% Grenache, 16% Syrah, 14% Carignan, 6% Mourvèdre, 2% Cinsault
- 2014 blend: 62% Grenache, 19% Syrah, 9% Cinsault, 6% Carignan, 4% Mourvèdre
- 2013 blend: 62% Grenache, 26% Syrah, 5% Carignan, 4% Cinsault, 3% Mourvèdre
- 2012 blend: 66% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 7% Carignan, 1% Cinsault, 1% Mourvèdre
- 2011 blend: 62% Grenache, 32% Syrah, 3% Carignan, 2% Cinsault, 1% Mourvèdre



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- 2010 blend: 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 16% Carignan, 3% Mourvèdre, 1% Cinsault

Côtes du Rhône *Rouge* “Cypress Cuvée” :

- Proprietary blend purchased from Terres d’Avignon
- Natural fermentation, vinified and aged in cement tanks
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered