



KERMIT LYNCH WINE MERCHANT

SELECTED & BLENDED BY KERMIT LYNCH

Country: France

Region: Rhône

Appellation(s): Côte Rôtie, Crozes-Hermitage,
Hermitage

Producer: Louis Barruol

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.

CÔTE RÔTIE CROZES-HERMITAGE HERMITAGE

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. He has recently taken to acting as a *micro-négociant*, working closely with top growers in the northern part of the region who still work with Sérine, an ancient version of Syrah. Producing only a few precious barrels of each *cuvée*, Louis is helping to save the authenticity and the identity of many great old Côte Rôtie parcels, and now those of Hermitage and Crozes, by keeping them out of the hands of the large, corporate *négociants* in the area. Together, he and Kermit blend our 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.

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<u>Wine</u>	<u>Blend</u>	<u>Vine Age</u>	<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Vineyard Area*</u>
Crozes-Hermitage <i>Les Tiercerolles</i>	Syrah	30-50 years	Granite	Varies
Hermitage <i>Les Pierrelles</i>	Syrah	30-50 years	Granite	
Côte Rôtie “Les Roses”	Syrah	30-50 years	Schist	
Côte Rôtie “La Boisselée”	Syrah	30-50 years	Schist	
Côte Rôtie “La Dorée”	Syrah	30-50 years	Schist	
Côte Rôtie <i>La Viaillere</i>	Syrah	30-50 years	Schist	
Saint-Joseph “Les Cochés”	Syrah	45 years	Granite	
Côte Rôtie “Nève”	Syrah	30 years	Schist	

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

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

Côte Rôties:

- 2011 Nève is a blend of the *lieu-dit Nève*
- 2011 “La Dorée” is a blend of the *lieu-dit Le Plomb*
- 2010 “Les Roses” is a blend of the *lieux-dits Buffin, Brosse-Champin, and Fongeant*
- 2010 “La Boisselée” is a blend of the *lieux-dits Buffin, Bodin, and La Viaillere*
- 2010 La Viaillere is a blend of the *lieu-dit La Viaillere*
- 2009 “Les Roses” is a blend of the *lieux-dits Fongeant and Rozier*
- 2009 “La Boisselée” is a blend of the *lieux-dits Labrosses and Champin*
- 2009 “La Dorée” is a blend of the *lieux-dits Viaillere and Champin*