

Patience Has It's Rewards: Domaine de Colette in Six Flavors



For the last two years (and vintages) Domaine de Colette has been not only ours, but your favorite Beaujolais producer if the sheer numbers of cases out the door are any indication. After a substantial delay we have finally received the brilliant 2020 wines from this esteemed Domaine. If the pricing seems low, it is, but the quality of the wines is exceptional.

Renegade is excited to offer five wines from their 2020 vintage and one from 2021 that just snuck in the door as we were about to send out this newsletter.

Here are the details. Enjoy!

About the winery:

Domaine de Colette is located in the small village of Lantignié, regarded as the top village in the cru of Régnié, and less than 1 kilometer from the border of Morgon. It is owned and run by the humble Jacky Gauthier, with his wife Evelynne, whose family has been making wine for several generations.

We discovered these wines almost by accident. It was the end of a very long day tasting countless whites and reds that were mostly fine - some overpriced, others underwhelming – when in the corner of the room we heard a ‘WOW’. We wandered over and found a table full of Gamay from Domaine de Colette. Looking at our pricing guide we wondered how good these bottles could really be at these absurdly low prices. But a WOW is a WOW so we dove in.

Best decision ever.

Year after year they do not disappoint. And now...



2020 Domaine de Colette Beaujolais-Villages Coteaux de Colette
(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Beaujolais-Villages) **\$16.95**

This comes from steep pink granite vineyards 70+ years of age. The grapes undergo carbonic maceration followed by a gentle pressing. This is a wine bursting with strawberry and blackberry notes, bright acidity with hints of tilled earth and subtle but structured tannins and a finish that sings. Here are a few proc-la-ma-tions:

“Beaujolais at its most fun and frivolous. Utterly life affirming and a lot of fun!”

“The acidity is just right to keep the wine lively and refreshing.”

“Did somebody say picnic?”



2020 Domaine de Colette Régnié Sélection Vieilles Vignes
(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Régnié) **\$20**

Regnié, known as the fruitiest of the Beaujolais crus, is located just south of Morgon and north of Brouilly.

This Regnie is a soulful, unimpeachable classic. Wild raspberry, red currant, blackberry, and Mirabelle plum layered with lavender, rose, and wet pebbles. Admirably complex with a striking finish.

Régnié is often thought of as a kind of understudy to its more famous neighbor, Morgon – sharing similar characteristics but clocking in at consistently lower prices. Well, this offering from Domaine Colette could quite possibly steal the show...

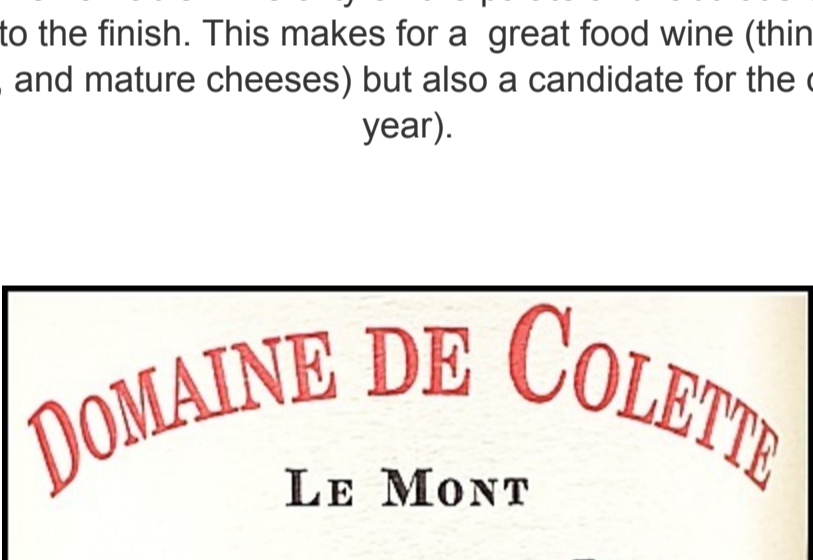


2020 Domaine de Colette Fleurie
(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Fleurie) **\$22**

Fleurie is a northerly cru located next to Moulin-à-Vent. This wine comes from a single plot of 80 year-old vines planted on south facing schist slopes.

Like many wines from this delightful cru, Colette's version delivers floral notes of violet, iris and rose, along with fruity aromas/flavors of red fruit, blackcurrant and peach.

There's remarkable minerality on the palate and fabulous balance through to the finish. This makes for a great food wine (think coq au vin, lamb, and mature cheeses) but also a candidate for the cellar (2-3 year).



2020 Domaine de Colette Moulin-à-Vent
(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Moulin-à-Vent) **\$24**

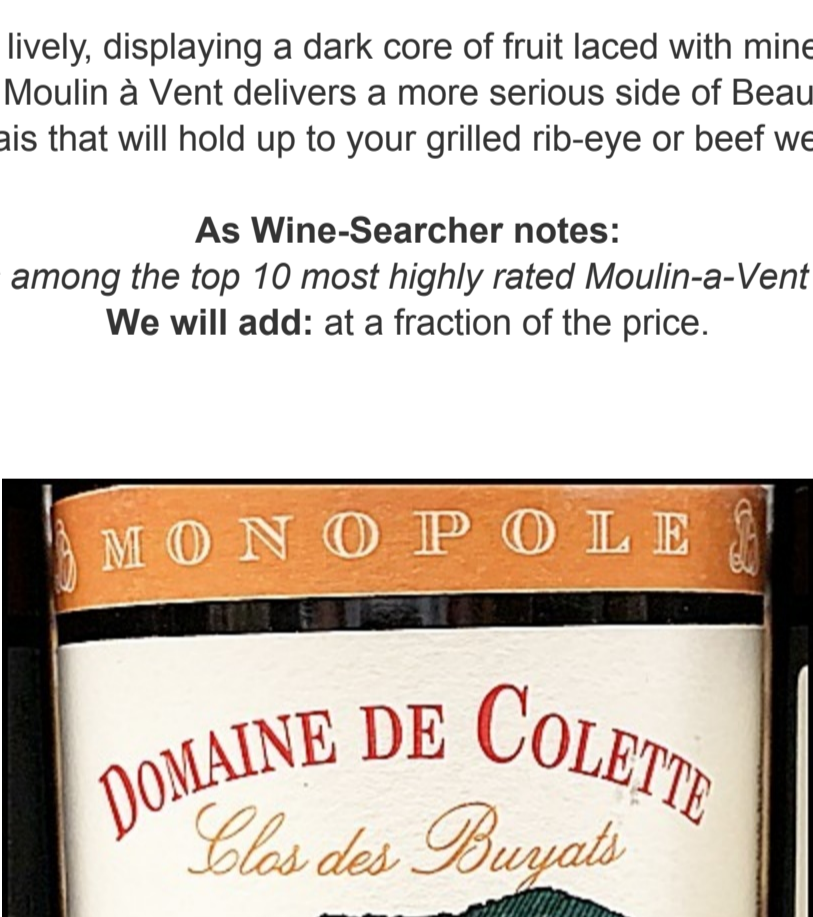
If Fleurie's “feminine” aspect has caused it to be known as the “queen” of the Beaujolais crus, Moulin-à-Vent could be seen as the “king”. Its powerful minerality almost overrides the bright Gamay fruit the rest of the region is known for. Colette's version comes from a south-southeast oriented old-vine vineyard (average age: 70 years old) sitting on manganese-rich granite soils.

Rich yet lively, displaying a dark core of fruit laced with minerals, the Colette Moulin à Vent delivers a more serious side of Beaujolais; a Beaujolais that will hold up to your grilled rib-eye or beef wellington.

As Wine-Searcher notes:

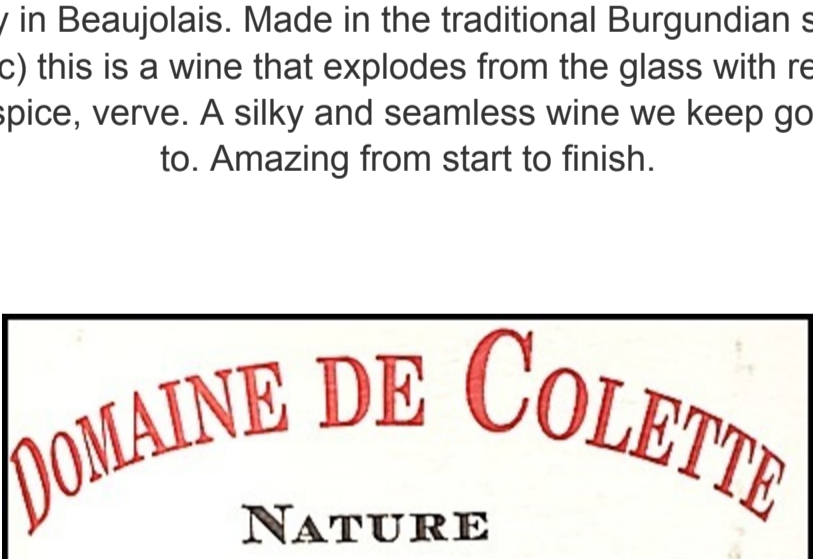
“This is among the top 10 most highly rated Moulin-a-Vent wines.”

We will add: at a fraction of the price.



2020 Domaine de Colette Régnié Clos des Buyats
(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Régnié) **\$36**

This monopole, enclosed by a stone wall and certified organic, is quite the rarity in Beaujolais. Made in the traditional Burgundian style (not carbonic) this is a wine that explodes from the glass with red fruits, cassis, spice, verve. A silky and seamless wine we keep going back to. Amazing from start to finish.



....**Lucky Number 6:**

2021 Domaine de Colette Beaujolais Lantignié Nature
(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Beaujolais Lantignié) **\$24**

Today's village-designate Lantignié, considered the best village for Gamay in Régnié, is fermented on ambient yeasts and is bottled without sulfur. Fresh and exuberant, hints of youthful funk, plus notes of licorice, allspice and wild blackberry give this bold, single-village Beaujolais a ton of character. Impressive structure and energy here but give this some time to open. This is Beaujolais at its most pristine!

And that's the scoop on Domaine de Colette

You are welcome to purchase any of the bottles on their own in ones, twos, or threes, but for the full Colette experience we encourage everyone to purchase our **Domaine de Colette 6-Pack**.

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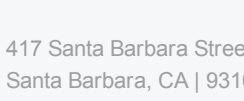
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