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The Eck Restaurant in collaboration with  
Patrik Tkac and Klaus Umek  
are proud to host

A dinner with one of the world's most talented winemakers,  
Comte Louis-Michel Liger Belair of the Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair  
in Vosne-Romanée in Burgundy

**Tuesday, June 13th at 18:00 CET**

Held at  
The Eck Restaurant, K zlatému rohu 36, 841 10 Devín, Slovakia



# INTRODUCTION



## COMTE LIGER-BELAIR

The history of Domaine Liger-Belair is both old and young. While the estate has only been producing the wines we know today, since 2000, when Louis-Michel resurrected the family tradition, the Domaine's story really begins in 1815, when the Liger-Belair family settled in Vosne-Romanée and Comte Louis Liger-Belair, Napoleonic general, acquired the Château de Vosne in 1815.

The Domaine grew considerably under the general's direction and that of the Comte Louis-Charles, his son, amounting to more than sixty hectares principally in the Côte de Nuits with ownership of some of France's most prestigious appellations.

When Comte Henri Liger-Belair, grandson of the Comte Louis-Charles, died in 1924, he left a wife and ten children in possession of twenty-four hectares of vines and the Château.

Over the years, some of the vineyards were auctioned off, however, two of the children, a priest, and his brother, the Comte Michel, Louis-Michel's grandfather, banded together to buy back La Romanée, Reignots, and les Chaumes.

Since 2000, the Comte Louis-Michel Liger Belair, agriculture engineer and oenologist, has controlled all aspects of production from vineyard to bottle at Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair.

In the relatively short time it has been in his hands, the Comte has steered the Domaine back into the top echelons of Burgundian winegrowing.

Comte Louis-Michel started with two plots of Vosne-Romanée and Premier Cru Les Chaumes. He would later regain control of Aux Reignots and La Romanée - the Grand Cru vineyard on the hill above Romanée-Conti - and purchase further land parcel by parcel.

Louis Michel's method is to pick quickly once the grapes are ripe. Short maceration times are favoured to avoid over-extraction and the Domaine uses mostly new oak.

The vines are now certified organic and farmed biodynamically, with horses used to plough the vineyards. With his wife, Constance, and their three children, Henry, Brune, and Pia, Count Louis-Michel now grows 10.5 hectares of vines in Vosne-Romanée, Nuits-Saint-Georges and Flagey-Echezeaux and this more than bicentennial domaine produces 15 cuvees from these villages.

Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair's elegantly structured wines are highly sought-after, despite the domaine's youth. The La Romanée monopole wine is regularly among the most expensive wines produced in Burgundy.

# WINES OVERVIEW

## Aristos 'Duquesa d'A'

Born in Vosne-Romanée in 2003, Aristos is a Burgundy-Chilean project of Louis-Michel Liger Belair, Francois Massoc and Pedro Parra who had all studied in Burgundy. A Chilean Chardonnay from Cachapoal Valley, northern half of Rapel Valley region, Chile focused on delivering fresh, not too warm or alcoholic and not over-oaked wines.

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Clos des Grandes Vignes Blanc

This Premier Cru Monopole extends over Prémieux (2 ha 19 a 53 ca) with owners known for some 200 years. In 1855, it was owned by the Viénot, Jean de Curley and Edouard Jacquinet family and in 1892 by the Viénot, Monin, Cogneux, Gilles and Britschgi families. It owes his high reputation to the Viénot lineage and in particular to Charles Viénot, an emblematic figure of the Burgundy vineyard in the 1930s. Michel Viénot, last representative of this family, sold this clos to the Thomas family (Moillard) in 1982. In 2006, Domaine du Château de Puligny-Montrachet acquired it and resold it to Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair in 2012. Close to Corvées Pagets, only Premier Cru to flourish east of the appellation, this climat gives a wine full of vigour and suppleness.

**Surface:** 0.3200 ha (0.790 acres) in Chardonnay

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 70% is 62 years old, and 30% is 4 years old

**Average production:** 3.5 barrels – 1,050 bottles of Chardonnay

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Vosne-Romanée

This cuvée is the blending of grapes of a dozen lieux-dits of Vosne, 40% from the North East of the appellation (Les Violettes, les Maizieres, les Chalandins), 40% from the South East of the appellation (Les Jacquines, Au dessus de la Rivière), and 20% from the West, on the hillside (Les Damaudes, les Barreaux, Les Hauts Beaux Monts).

**Surface:** 0.7260 hectare (1.794 acres) in Pinot Noir on 11 parcel

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 30% is 92 years old, 30% is 72 years old and 40% is 52 years old.

**Average production:** 9 barrels – 2,700 bottles

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Vosne-Romanée La Colombière

Parcel of 78 a 26 ca located on the piedmont, a soil born from alluvial of the Saône, mainly clayey with some limestone traces for about thirty meters west of the parcel. This high proportion of clay can cause problems in wet years due to excess water on the plant. Taken over in 2000, the ploughing of the soil allows here to gradually reduce this difficulty. This type of soil is common in Vosne, with 80% of the village appellation located on the piedmont. La Colombière (3 ha 80 a 34 ca) is perfectly representative of a Vosne Village, especially since the vines here are mostly over 70 years old. La Colombière belongs for a very long time to the vineyards of the Counts Liger-Belair in Vosne. This name seems to come from a "colombier" (or dovecote), classic equipment of a seigneurial residence. Located exactly on the east-west axis (where La Romanée-Conti and La Romanée are located), a little lower on the relief, this climat differs by a slight difference in altitude as well as by the nature of its soil. Its texture is quite "yummy" and round with very expressive red fruits aromas.

**Surface:** 0.7826 hectare (1.934 acres) in Pinot Noir

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 30% is 92 years old, 30% is 72 years old and 40% is 52 years old.

**Average production:** 10 barrels – 3,000 bottles

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Clos des Grandes Vignes

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**Surface:** 2.1953 hectares (5.425 acres) of which 1.8753 ha (4.634 acres) are planted in Pinot Noir

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 70% is 62 years old, and 30% is 4 years old

**Average production:** 15 barrels – 4,500 bottles of Pinot Noir

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Cras

Premier Cru, this climat (2 ha 99 a 93 ca in total) is located on Nuits-Saint-Georges on the Vosne-Romanée side. Like its neighbour Les Boudots, it is a stony vine. Its name does not indicate the flight of crows, but “cras”, “crais”, a very common toponym in the Côte to indicate abundant stony hillsides, pebbles and abundant limestone pebbles, often from scree at the foot of the “combes”: consequences of the frosts and thaws of the last Ice Age 20,000 years ago. Les Cras gives a wine with a sustained roundness, which can evoke aromas of discreet musk, cocoa and leather depending on its age.

**Surface:** 0.3745 hectare (0.925 acre) in Pinot Noir

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 88 years old

**Average production:** 4 barrels - 1,200 bottles

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Reignots

The spelling varies: Reignots, Raignots. These are small rounded flint cores, embedded in a different rock. Often covered with a reddish film, they are indeed reminiscent of animal kidneys, hence “reignots”, “raignots” in Burgundian patois. The parcel here climbs some 200 meters up the mountain. Extending over 73 a 19 ca, it is the largest of the Premier Cru (1 ha 61 a 80 ca), the only one to cover all the types of soil running from the bottom to the top of the appellation. Everything here is exciting because of the intimacy between this climat and its illustrious neighbours. Lots of active limestone. The soils here are very thin, rarely more than 20 to 25 cm of humus resting on the bank of the limestone rock. The roots of the vine sneak through faults up to 10 m deep to find the nutrients and water they need. The Reignots are part of the Domaine that the family kept after the 1930s

**Surface:** 0.7319 hectare (1.808 acres) in Pinot Noir

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 30 % is 92 years old, 40 % is 62 years old and 30 % is 32 years old

**Average production:** 7 barrels - 2,100 bottles

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Echezeaux Grand Cru

Echezeaux has been recognized as Grand Cru since July 1937. It is located on Flagey-Echezeaux over some 36 hectares and has a dozen climats. Liger Belair vines are located in Cruots or Vignes Blanches (on the edge of Vosne-Romanée) as well as in Champs Traversins (at the top of the hillside). Cruots indicates a stony ground and Vigne Blanche an old plantation of white grapes; Champs Traversins, vines planted across the others. Historically these two climats are among the best within the appellation. They complement each other admirably: a thick soil, rich in Champs Traversins, stony and limestone in Cruots. Charming in its youth, this wine often "fades" for a few years then comes back in strength, with brilliance, after five to ten years. A thousand graces on a very firm structure: iron fist, velvet glove.

**Surface:** 0.6157 hectares(1.521 acres) in Pinot Noir of which 0.3299 ha (0.81 acre) is in Cruots or Vignes Blanches, 0.2546 ha (0.63 acre) in Champs Traversins and 0.0312 ha (0.077 acres) in Clos Saint Denis

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 40 % is 82 years old, 50 % is 62 years old and 10 % is between 22 and 42 years old

**Average production:** 6.5 barrels - 1,950 bottles

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Brûlées

This "lieu-dit name" is found in Fixin, Nuits-Saint-Georges and Vosne-Romanée. Here the Premier Cru is divided between Aux Brûlées (3 ha 76 a 54 ca in total) and La Combe Brûlée (76 a 75 ca). The word refers to fire, either literally (wildfire, perhaps of a building - or the old word "brûlis", land whose brush was burned to improve the soil, the stubble-burning of cereal crops), or figuratively (sensation of intense heat under the effect of the sun). It is not excessive to evoke for this wine a passionate temperament that it must absolutely dominate to achieve lasting happiness. This tiny one-barrel cuvée of the Domaine, is only available in magnums, jeroboams and rehoboams, and is not sold. The magnums remain at the Domaine, while jeroboams and rehoboams are offered at charity sale.

**Surface:** 0.1157 hectare (0.286 acres) in Pinot Noir

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 60 years old

**Average production:** 1 barrel - 90 magnums and 16 jeroboams



## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair La Romanée Grand Cru

La Romanée measures just 0.8452 hectares (about two acres), which makes it the smallest Grand Cru vineyard in France. The present-day La Romanée was created between 1815 and 1826 from a collection of six separate parcels in what was then called 'Aux Echanges.' La Romanée is nestled between Domaine de la Romanée-Conti's Romanée-Conti and Liger-Belair's own Aux Reignots. The first vintage made from the newly established monopole was 1827. Phylloxera ravaged La Romanée, as it did most of Europe. The vineyard was replanted between the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

**Surface:** 0.8452 hectare (2.088 acres) in Pinot Noir

**Age of vines:** in 2017, 20% is 102 years old, 50% is 62 years old and 30% is between 22 and 42 years old

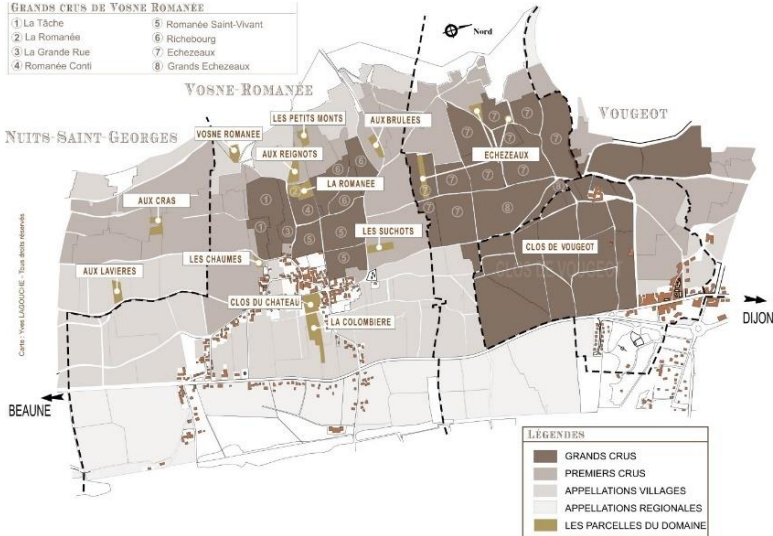
**Average production:** 12 barrels - 3,600 bottles

# THE DOMAINE

## Vosne Romanée

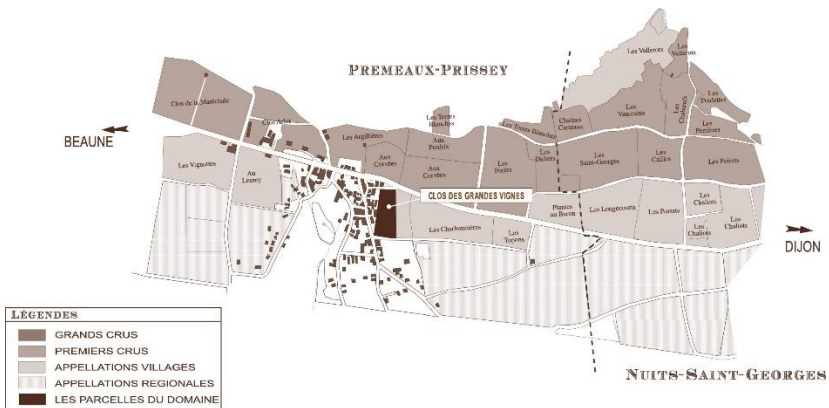
**GRANDS CRUS DE VOSNE ROMANÉE**

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| 1) La Tâche      | 5) Romanée Saint-Vivant |
| 2) La Romanée    | 6) Richebourg           |
| 3) La Grande Rue | 7) Echezeaux            |
| 4) Romanée Conti | 8) Grands Echezeaux     |



Source: <https://www.liger-belair.fr/en/our-climats/>

## Nuits Saint Georges



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PRE-FLIGHT

# Cédric Bouchard Roses de Jeanne Le Bolorée Blanc de Blancs 2018



## Tasting Notes

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# FLIGHT 1

## Aristos 'Duquesa d'A' 2012



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## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Clos des Grandes Vignes Blanc 2012



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# Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Vosne-Romanee La Colombiere 2006



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# Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Vosne-Romanee La Colombiere 2015



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## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Clos des Grandes Vignes 2013



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# Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Clos des Grandes Vignes 2017



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## FLIGHT 4

# Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Cras 2013



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# Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Reignots 2016



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# Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Echezeaux Grand Cru 2013



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# FLIGHT 5

## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Brulees 2013 (Magnum)

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## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Aux Brulees 2015 (Magnum)

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## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair La Romanee Grand Cru 2013



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## Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair La Romanee Grand Cru 2016



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# FLIGHT 7

## Dom Perignon P2 Plenitude Brut 2002 (Magnum)



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