

Kewin Descombes

Profile

At 24 years old, Kewin Descombes has de-throned his half-brother [Damien Coquelet](#) as the youngest vigneron we work with.

At the ripe old age of 21, Kewin produced his first vintage in 2013. He currently rents about 1.5 hectares within the Beaujolais appellation and owns 5 hectares of Morgon, mostly sold off to him by his father [Georges Desombes](#), whom we also import. If you're wondering why father and son (not to mention Damien) do not work together as a family, the answer is two-fold. The first is economic: inheritance laws in France tend to be intensely costly for the benefactor, not to mention an insane amount of administrative paperwork. Georges would rather sell or rent land to his sons at a fair price than go through all of this.

And if you've ever dreaded family get-togethers during the holidays, you can all too easily relate to the second reason: getting along with family is not always easy, and in some cases impossible. While Georges, Damien and Kewin get along, the three have very strong personalities; having their independence gives them the breathing room necessary to avoid butting heads.

The vast majority of Kewin's production consists of his Morgon and Morgon Vieilles Vignes. His wines are stylistically a bit deeper than Coquelet's and a little rounder than his father's. Much of this can be attributed to terroir, as Kewin's vines come from some of the more structured granites of Morgon.