

Château Lilian Ladouys

CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNEL
SAINT-ESTÈPHE



Château Lilian Ladouys, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel, AOC Saint-Estèphe, Rouge, 2019

AOC Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux, France

Between greedy amplitude, sensuousness and subtlety, the wines of Lilian Ladouys are elaborated by and for Epicureans.



THE WINE

Owner : Family Lorenzetti
Managing Director : Emmanuel Cruse
Property Director : Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen
Vineyard Manager : Ludovic Wallet
Cellar Master : Frédéric Godart
Consulting Oenologist : Eric Boissenot
Total area : 80 ha
Production Surface : 76.5 ha
Density of planting : 8 500 à 10 000 vines /ha
Grape varieties : 50% Merlot, 45 % Cabernet-Sauvignon, 4 % Petit Verdot, 1 % Cabernet franc
Harvest : September 25th - October 9th

TERROIR

Peyrosols and chalky-clay soils

IN THE VINEYARD

Every works encouraging good distribution and good aeration of grapes (pruning with windows, undoubling, stripping, suckering, grooming). Soil's work, sown or natural grass adapted in terms of the plot's vigor. Hand-picked harvest, following by a hand sorting on bunches then on berries.

VINIFICATION

Gravitary vatting without pressing
Prefermentary cold maceration
Long vatting period
Rack and returns

VARIETALS

Merlot 59%, Cabernet sauvignon 37%, Petit verdot 3%, Cabernet franc 1%

TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.84
Total acidity: 3.5 g/l

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content: 13.73 ABV

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JAMES SUCKLING.COM 92-93/100

"This is very refined and balanced with soft, silky tannins and a fresh, clean finish. It's medium-bodied and round with integrated tannins. Spice and forest-floor character"

James Suckling, James Suckling



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Decanter 93/100

"A new Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel, freshly minted this year (from the 2018 vintage). I would put this right up there with the best vintages from Lilian Ladouys. It feels extremely silky, with such plump blackberry fruits that you could almost drink it straight away but there are tannins here, and the body of the wine closes down as it travels through the palate, suggesting it intends to get serious about ageing potential. Excellent quality overall, easy to recommend, although acidities are a touch higher than this in 2018 which may not please everyone. 1% Cabernet Franc completes the blend, 30% new oak. 3.84pH. The harvest took place between 25 September and 9 October. Recently enlarged to 80ha with the addition of vineyards from both Tour de Pez and Clauzet (both good quality estates)."

Decanter

