Château Lilian Ladouys

CRU BOURGEOIS DU MÉDOC
SAINT-ESTÈPHE

ESTATE OWNERS :	Lorenzetti Family
GENERAL DIRECTOR :	Emmanuel Cruse
PROPERTY DIRECTOR :	Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen
VINEYARD MANAGER :	Ludovic Wallet
CELLAR MASTER :	Frédéric Godart
OENOLOGIST :	Eric Boissenot
PLANTED SURFACE :	80,5 ha
VINEYARD DENSITY :	8,500 to 10,000 vines/ha
SOIL COMPOSITION :	80 % Peyrosols & 20 % Argilo-calcareous
VINE POPULATION :	50 % Cabernet-Sauvignon 45 % Merlot 4 % Petit Verdot 1% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST :	29 september - 13 october

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HARVEST REPORT
2018

CHÂTEAU LILIAN LADOUYS BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER

Since the purchase of the estate in 2008, a vast labor of plot consolidation has been carried out, whose objective has always been to optimize the quality of our wines. In 2018, the acquisition of Châteaux Clauzet and Tour de Pez allowed the addition of new gravelly soils with the same potential as the best plots of Château Lilian Ladouys. The estate has thus improved its potential and has today grown to a land area of 80.5 hectares. To reinforce this development, the Lorenzetti family has entrusted the design and renovation of its facilities to build the new Château Pédesclaux, to architects Jean-Michel Wilmotte and BPM. By combining these great terroirs, the 2018 vintage is an example of power and balance, favoring the growth of our Cabernet Sauvignon.

AN INFERNAL SPRING, AN IDEAL SUMMER

The winter and spring of 2018 were particularly mild and rainy, which made it possible to conserve sufficient water reserves throughout the vintage. These climatic conditions induced a mildew pressure previously unseen in Bordeaux. The constant attention and urgent reactivity of our team allowed us to preserve the potential harvest, resulting in generous flowering. In July, the vintage made an 180° turn with an exceptional summer and early fall! High temperatures during the day followed by cool nights, concealed any vegetal notes and generated an aromatic richness of rare complexity.

The light rains (50% below normal from July to September) ensured the growth of small berries to favor an ideal must/juice ratio, particularly for the Cabernet Sauvignon. The grape harvest spread from September 19th to October 13th under perfect weather conditions. 2018 is a vintage combining aromatic freshness and warm richness; the tannins are ripe and the grapes are flavorsome. The refined wine making process reveals a pleasant fruit, a sensation that is full-bodied and creamy. The tannic structure is dense, yet balanced and extremely smooth. The aromatic complexity and sense of balance that these wines exude, make for an enjoyable degustation right from the end of vinification.

CHÂTEAU LILIAN LADOUYS 2018

With the recent additions of magnificent graveled soils, the 2018 vintage is marked by the elegance and power of Cabernet Sauvignon enhanced by a dash of Petit Verdot. Merlot has the smallest share in blending since the Lorenzetti family took over the estate, but the great wine of Château Lilian Ladouys retains its characteristic delicacy. An intense nose of red fruits such as raspberry, currant and cherry, and notes of peppermint and mint are complemented by the spices brought by the Petit Verdot. With a buttery lining, the palate of Château Lilian Ladouys 2018 is lively and dignified thanks to its high proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon. It possesses an alluring volume and a length unknown in this style of wine. The finish is supported by a delicious note of salted butter caramel, a gluttonous final touch.

Blend	**Château Lilian Ladouys**
Cabernet-Sauvignon	59 %
Merlot	37 %
Petit Verdot	4%

Analysis	**Château Lilian Ladouys**
Alcohol content (% VOL)	14.41
Acidity levels (gH_2S04/L)	3,3
pH	3,82