

2021

Château Lilian Ladouys

CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNEL
SAINT-ESTÈPHE

Harvest

From 28/09/2021 to 08/10/2021

BLEND	CHÂTEAU LILIAN LADOUYS	LA DEVISE DE LILIAN
Cabernet-Sauvignon	53 %	
Merlot	40 %	100 %
Petit Verdot	6 %	
Cabernet franc	1 %	
New oak barrels	30 %	

TECHNICAL INFORMATION	CHÂTEAU LILIAN LADOUYS	LA DEVISE DE LILIAN
Alcohol	12,93	13,11
Acidity	3,4	3,3
pH	3,88	3,76
IPT	66	64

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2021, a vintage of many challenges !

First threatened by the cold snap in April causing a certain heterogeneity in the vineyard, then a rainy and humid month of June which favored attacks of mildew; the year 2021 was eventful indeed. Due to official conversion to organic farming, we were able to depend upon the expertise of our winemaking team, their knowledge of our terroirs, and the resilience of our vineyard to react to this exceptional pressure of mildew and other weather phenomena.

Our worries dissipated in August when rainfalls became rarer, allowing the vines to relaunch their maturation process and finally reach full maturity at the end of September.

A Bordeaux classic

The 2021 harvest calendar settled into a more habitual rhythm which began on September 28th and ended on October 8th. At the beginning of October, the temperature differences (between an approximate maximum of 20°C and an approximate minimum of 8°C) favored perfect ripening of the berries, whilst preserving the freshness of the 4 grape varieties.

This harvest is marked by a rather remarkable alcohol-acidity balance, differing from previous years. The acidities are higher, giving our wines an exceptional crispness, but the alcoholic degrees are lower. Slower maturation of Cabernet-Sauvignon favored an ideal phenolic maturity, good anthocyanin potential and lots of concentration. This vintage offers pure and delicate fruits.

After 3 prominently more sunny vintages, we find a more classic Bordeaux balance with this 2021 vintage. Elegant and sophisticated, it is emblematic of the complexity of our terroirs.

A terroir vintage of remarkable brilliance

With a proportion of Merlot identical to the 2009 and 2010 vintages, Château Lilian Ladouys 2021 is characterized by elegant notes of fresh fruit, a rich, charming and captivating nose revealing spice-filled aromas of incense and bitter cocoa. The ample and velvety mouth presents a well-bound, fine and structured frame, supported by Cabernet Sauvignon.

1st vintage 100% Merlot, La Devise de Lilian 2021 expresses a beautiful structure, a nice nose of tangy red fruits, fresh raspberry and spicy cocoa. The mouth is silky, round, and reveals a finish of fresh almonds. The tannins, still astringent, will soften with aging to offer a refined and balanced wine.