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Château Lilian Ladouys, Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois, 2015

AOC Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux, France



Combining gourmet richness, voluptuousness and subtlety, Lilian Ladouys's wines are made by and for epicureans.

THE STORY
Owners: Family Lorenzetti
Managing Director: Emmanuel Cruse
Property Director: Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen
Vineyard Manager: Ludovic Wallet
Cellar Master: Frédéric Godart
Oenologist : Eric Boissenot
Area: 46 ha

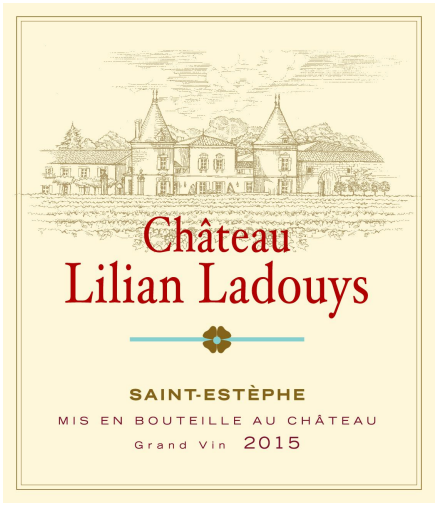
THE VINTAGE
Lower temperature and higher rainfalls than usual were characteristic of the 2015 winter. This freshness slightly delayed the budburst. Ambient humidity created a development of mildew and black rot outbreaks but they had been quickly contained by the following dry weather. The flowering took place in June under the best auspices during a 30% sunnier month than in 2014. We highly felt the hydric pressure in July. These exceptional weather conditions slowed down the vine growth but also helped to fade any herbal character. We attended a very early bunch closure this year. A more watered month of August allowed a quick and homogenous ripeness of the grapes. September rainfalls brought coolness, which contributed to maintain an interesting acidity, good sugar content, tannins and anthocyanin levels.

TERROIR
Peyrosols and limestone.

IN THE VINEYARD
All work favorizing a good distribution and aeration of the grapes (disbudding, clipping, thinning out of leaves). Grass planted according to the vigor of the plot. Hand-picked harvest, followed by a manual sorting on clusters and then on berries.

VINIFICATION
Gravitary vatting without pressing.
Prefermentary cold maceration.
Long vatting period.
Racks and returns.

AGEING
15 months in oak barrels.
30% of new barrels.



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VARIETALS
Merlot 62%, Cabernet sauvignon 33%, Petit verdot 3%, Cabernet franc 2%

TECHNICAL DATA
Age of vines: 35 years old years old
pH: 3.67

SPECIFICATIONS
Alcohol content: 13.5 ABV

TASTING NOTES
This 2015 vintage shows a deep garnet color with magnificent purple tints. It reveals fresh aromas of peppermint along with sweet orange peels and cocoa notes. After aeration, fragrances of white flowers, blueberry, light vanilla and Mirabelle plum compote exhale. The ample and rich attack, develops raspberry and cedar aromas. A chalky tannin texture, given by our clay and limestone bedrocks where our merlots marvelously blossom is followed by a fresh and velvety finish.

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