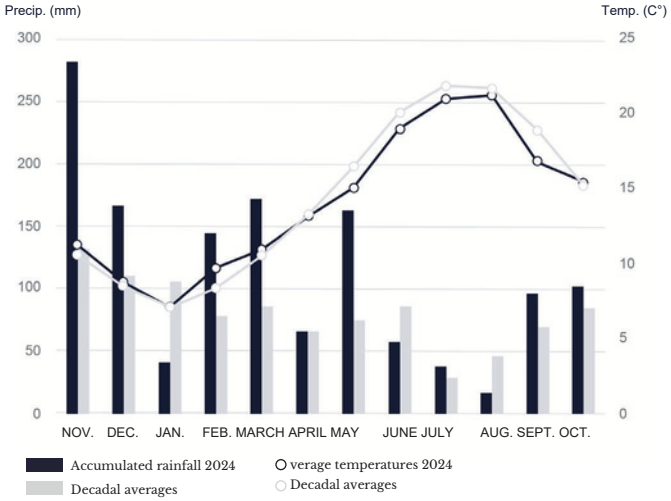
Château Lilian Ladouys
2024



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SAINT-ESTÈPHE

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION IN SAINT-ESTÈPHE FROM NOVEMBER 2023 TO OCTOBER 2024

Comparison of temperatures and rainfall with normal values.



HARVEST

Merlot : from 26/09/2024 to 01/10/2024
Cabernet franc : 30/09/2024
Petit Verdot : from 01/10/2024 to 03/10/2024
Cabernet-Sauvignon : from 01/10/2024 to 07/10/2024

BLENDS	CHÂTEAU LILIAN LADOUYS
Merlot	61%
Cabernet-Sauvignon	26%
Petit Verdot	13%
New wood	30%
400L barrels	20%
Amphorae	10%
CHEMICAL PROPERTIES	
% Alcohol	12.5
Acidity (g/l)	3.17
pH	3.7
TPI	65

A hard-fought organic certification

The 2024 vintage at Château Lilian Ladouys was marked by major climatic challenges, but above all by a significant achievement: the long-awaited organic agriculture certification. This year of adversity gave rise to a vintage that perfectly embodies the estate's signature freshness, power, and indulgence.

A damp winter and demanding spring

The exceptionally mild and humid winter encouraged the spread of downy mildew, posing a major challenge in the vineyard. The team responded with caution and efficiency, keeping the vines in good health while adhering to the strict standards of organic viticulture.

A rainy May, coulure, and lower yields

Heavy rains in May caused significant coulure, which greatly reduced yields. However, this setback led to increased and more even grape ripening down the line. The team tackled this challenge with resolve in order to maintain their commitment to organic farming.

A welcome shift in weather

The summer brought a welcome respite, with 33% less rainfall than average.This shift in weather allowed the grapes to fully benefit from the sun, leading to optimal ripening. The team renewed their efforts to ensure good airflow around the bunches.

Accelerated ripening

Harvest began with the Merlot grapes on 26th September. The Cabernets saw accelerated ripening at the end of September, prompting the team to pick without pause through to early October, alongside the Petit Verdot. The later harvest allowed the grapes to display their full aromatic richness.

A generous vintage, led by Merlot and Petit Verdot

With two-thirds Merlot in the blend, this vintage offers depth and indulgence. The high proportion of Petit Verdot brings density and freshness, contributing complexity and structure. These varieties responded beautifully to the year's conditions, producing a harmonious and characterful wine that proudly reflects the estate's resilience, passion, and excellence.

