

Château Lilian Ladouys

CRU BOURGEOIS DU MÉDOC
SAINT-ESTÈPHE



Château Lilian Ladouys, Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois, 2016

Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois, Red 2016

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

THE WINE

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

2016 was the year of weather extremes. The first 6 months of constant rain were followed by a long period of sunshine, well above usual seasonal values. The rains of the beginning of the year filled the ground with water, which protected the vine from unfavorable water stress during the hot and dry months of July and August. But after this very dry summer, it providentially rained on September 13, allowing the grapes to ripen perfectly.

Actually, our terroir reacted very well to this weather. The clays and the cold nights provided necessary cool for the vine to thrive. The surfacing limestone subsoil helped to maintain a constant humidity, which was very useful in the event of a drought.

It only rained moderately from mid-September to the end of October. It allowed the grapes to ripen in ideal conditions. The harvest began on October 3 and spread out until October 17, leaving time for each grape variety to offer its very best.

TERROIR

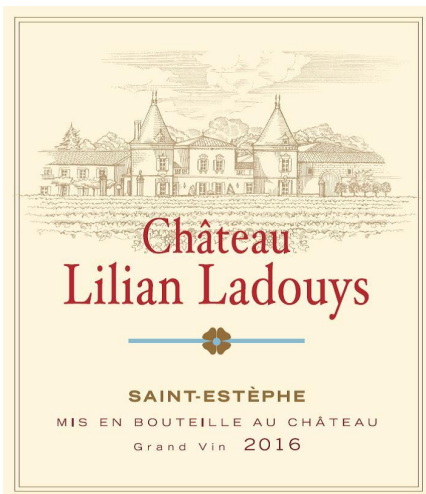
Peyrosols and limestone

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



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VARIETALS

Cabernet-sauvignon 32%, Merlot 62%, Petit Verdot 6%

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content: 13.6 % vol.

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pH: 3.67

Age of vines: 35 years old ans

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Château Lilian Ladouys reveals a very deep garnet red color, enhanced with beautiful violet hues. Its explosive nose exudes notes of crushed raspberry, cherry with brandy and bitter cocoa. These are backed with intense fl oral notes that recall a spring flowers bouquet, relieved by aromas of cedar and sandalwood. An ample attack, on the volume and the fat, brings towards a dense body, a powerful and velvety matter. The 2016 vintage's generosity is reminded in a perfect balance of freshness and delight. The cherry is very present, enhanced with notes of orange peel, chocolate and nutmeg. The long finish comes along with chalky tannins, particular to the Merlot's great success on our asteriated limestone soils.

