

Château Lilian Ladouys 2019

CSPC# 749582

750mlx12

13.73% alc./vol.

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| Grape Variety | 59% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc |
| Appellation | Saint-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel |
| Website | https://www.chateau-lilian-ladouys.com/en/wine/chateau-lilian-ladouys-2/ |
| Sustainability | Converting to Organic since 2020. |
| General Info | <p>The Château Lilian Ladouys is located in Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac, next to Cos d'Estournel and Lafite Rothschild where he fits in well with the Directoire style, its two towers and park. The first edition of the 1850 Ferret Ladouys cites some of the best wines of Saint-Estèphe, then the area collapsed until 1989. The Castle was then taken over by Ladouys Christian Thiéblot it completely renovated the castle by putting his entire fortune. Financial difficulties related to the size of the property led Christian Thiéblot to sell the castle Lilian Ladouys. He was a passionate acquired advanced equipment, a romantic who restored the castle and park, he added the name of the castle, the first name of his wife Lilian. The castle is currently owned by the bank Natexis. I pay tribute to Lilian and Christian Thiéblot who have invested so much without the fruit and success to Jean-Pierre Petroff and his daughter who manage and administer the area.</p> <p>Thanks to them, this Cru Bourgeois has placed among the stars of Saint Estèphe. Since Jacky and Françoise Lorenzetti purchased Château Lilian Ladouys 10 years ago, the quality of their wine has tremendously improved. It was even awarded the 2015 Crus Bourgeois' Cup. Parcel reorganization, building of a semi-gravitational vat, precise breeding, tilling of soil, sowing of green manures, and grassing are truly paying off and keep revealing each year a bit more of the soil's potential.</p> <p>Since the arrival of the Lorenzetti family in 2008, the estate has benefited from numerous investments and renovations. Drawing lessons from previous years, the wines improved from vintage to vintage. In 2020, Château Lilian Ladouys has been consecrated Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel: a new status rewarding all of the hard work and efforts undertaken over the past 10 years by our passionate team.</p> |
| Winemaker | Frédéric Godart. Eric Boissenot consults. |
| Vintage | In 2019, all conditions are met to move towards a very beautiful vintage. Conditions for ripening were excellent. All four varieties clearly show the advantages of our clay-heavy gravel soils and the limestone bedrock beneath: each is expressive in its own way, and all four are fresh, rounded, and full of flavour. The tannins are velvety, the balance exceptional: here is a wine similar in some ways to 2016 or 2018, yet even fresher and more aromatic. |
| Vineyards | The estate covers vineyards 47 hectares spread in a slightly disparate fashion across the St Estèphe appellation, with more than ninety plots in existence, although largely within sight of some prestigious neighbours such as Cos d'Estournel. About two-thirds of the vineyard is situated on well drained soils rich in coarse gravel, with pebbles up to 8 cm across dominating. The remaining vineyards are, as we might expect for St Estèphe, clay over a limestone bedrock. The varieties planted are 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, representing a very slight increase in Cabernet Sauvignon in recent times, and the vines have an average age of about 40 years. |
| Harvest | Harvest from September 25th - October 9th |
| Vinification/ Maturation | At harvest time, the fruit is sorted in the vineyard and on arrival at the <i>chai</i> , before fermentation by indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats, regulated to 31-33°C. The young wine then goes into oak barrels, of which one-third are new with each vintage, where malolactic occurs. The wine will remain here 15 months before an egg-white fining, filtration, and bottling. 40% new oak barrels. |



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| Tasting Notes | Château Lilian Ladouys 2019, a vintage that is fresh yet sumptuous. The tannins are velvety, the balance exceptional: here is a wine similar in some ways to 2016 or 2018, yet even fresher and more aromatic. |
| Serve with | Pair with bone-in ribeye steak, wild boar, lamb stew. Lilian Ladouys is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted braised, and grilled dishes. Lilian Ladouys is also good with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta. |
| Production | 20,000 cases made. |
| Cellaring | Drink 2021-2039 |
| Scores/Awards | <p>90 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>91-93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p>92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p>92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p>93-95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p> <p>93 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p>94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p>92-94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p>92+ points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>92-94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>90-92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>91-93 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020</p> <p>88 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p>93-94 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>90 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020</p> <p>94 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>93-94 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020</p> <p>17 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>16 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020</p> |
| Reviews | <p><i>"Offering up aromas of sweet berries, cherries, licorice, and spices, the 2019 Lilian Ladouys is medium to full-bodied, ample and charming, with a giving, easygoing profile and a clean, precise finish. It's a competent effort that shows none of the appellation's stereotypically hard edges."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Lilian Ladouys comes bounding out of the glass with expressive scents of crushed blackberries, cassis, and boysenberries with touches of dried Provence herbs, charcoal, clove oil and espresso. The medium-bodied palate is charged with energy, offering firm grainy tannins and electric freshness to support the tightly wound black fruits, finishing with loads of invigorating herbal and mineral sparks."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Sweet currant and berry aromas with some very flowers follow through to a medium body, with firm and creamy tannins and a flavorful finish. I like the walnut and chocolate undertones. Better after 2023."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"This is very refined and balanced with soft, silky tannins and a fresh, clean finish. It's medium-bodied and round with integrated tannins. Spice and forest-floor character."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"This full, sumptuous wine brings together ripe tannins and ripe black currant fruits. Its richness, mitigated by the tight acidity and tannins, is full of promise for a long-term future. Barrel Sample: 93-95"</i> - RV, Wine Enthusiast</p> <p><i>"I would put this right up there with the best vintages from Lilian Ladouys. It feels extremely silky, with such plump blackberry fruits that you could almost drink it straight away but there are tannins here, and the body of the wine closes down as it travels through the palate, suggesting it intends to get serious about ageing potential. Excellent quality overall, easy to recommend, although acidities are a touch higher than this in 2018 which may not please everyone. 1% Cabernet Franc completes the blend, 30% new oak. 3.84pH. The harvest took place between 25 September and 9 October. Recently enlarged to 80ha with the addition of vineyards from both Tour de Pez and Clauzet (both good quality estates)"</i> - JA, Decanter.com</p> |

Reviews

“Sporting a nice depth of color, the wine pops right off the bat with its nuances of black cherries, currants, thyme, mint, tobacco leaf, spice, and smoke. Medium/full-bodied, fresh, and vibrant, the fruits with its chocolate and minty overtones linger in the slightly, dusty, long finish. This will age and develop for at least 2 decades or more. Drink from 2025-2040.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Leafy aromas with thyme, mint, tobacco leaf, cassis, spice and smoke are easy to find. On the palate, the wine is medium/full-bodied, fresh and vibrant. The energetic finish, with its dusty tannins, lifted red fruits and spicy chocolate is exactly what you were hoping to find.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2019 Lilian Ladouys has gained a little more refinement since I tasted it in barrel, the black fruit now dominant and interlaced with tobacco and pencil box scents, less Margaux-like than previously. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, slightly powdery tannins. Classic in style, with that touch of brine on the finish. I admire the way it lingers in the mouth. Afford this 3–5 years in bottle”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Lilian Ladouys has a powerful, quite burly bouquet, a mixture of red and black fruit, wine gums, touches of blueberry and violet. It feels more Margaux than Saint-Estèphe! The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, fine grip, just a hint of piquancy and a lovely estuarine/briny influence that defines the classic finish. I prefer the palate to the aromatics at this juncture, but overall, this is promising. Tasted thrice with consistent notes.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Lilian Ladouys is absolutely beautiful, just as it was from barrel. The interplay of rich, radiant fruit and the savory, earthy notes that are typical of Saint-Estèphe make for a compelling, delicious, and highly affordable wine to drink now and over the next handful of years.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Lilian Ladouys is a gorgeous Saint-Estèphe. Juicy and forward, the 2019 melds together the natural richness of the year with the earthy, savory profile that is typical of the appellation. Scorched earth, smoke, licorice, and red cherry fruit infuse the 2019 with striking complexity and character. Floral notes add brightness as well as lift. Lilian Ladouys is shaping up to be a real sleeper in 2019.”

- AG, Vinous

“Always including plenty of Merlot, the 2019 Château Lilian Ladouys emerges from a gravelly site in Saint-Estèphe. Its deep purple color is followed by a big, juicy bouquet of ripe black cherries, kirsch, blueberries, leafy herbs, and cedar pencil. Nicely textured, medium to full-bodied, and with some chewy tannins which will be more integrated from bottle, it shows the fruit purity and sexiness that's the hallmark of the vintage, has good balance, and a great finish.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflections, delicate edge lightening. Intense precious wood root, some black berry fruit, like cassis, a hint of nougat. Medium-bodied, delicately leafy, integrated tannins, mineral reverberation, offers uncomplicated drinking pleasure.”

- Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is powerful, racy, precise and offers a fin grain, dynamism, and harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, hot gravels associated with small touches of cherry, crushed strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, tea, violet and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, harmonious and offers tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, griotte, small notes of wild raspberry associated with a touch of pulpy/juicy cassis, varietal/lily as well as hints of racy minerality, cocoa and Cuban pepper. Good length.”

- Vert de Vin