

# Château Lilian Ladouys 2021

CSPC# 771460

750mlx12

12.93% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellation</b>	Saint-Estèphe
<b>Classification</b>	Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.chateau-lilian-ladouys.com/en/wine/chateau-lilian-ladouys-2/">https://www.chateau-lilian-ladouys.com/en/wine/chateau-lilian-ladouys-2/</a>
<b>Analysis</b>	Acidity: 3.4 g/L    pH: 3.88    ITP: 66
<b>Sustainability</b>	Organic in 2021.
<b>General Info</b>	<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>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Frédéric Godart. Eric Boissenot consults.
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	The estate covers vineyards 47 hectares spread in a slightly disparate fashion across the St Estèphe appellation, with more than ninety plots of vines 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 soil 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.
<b>Harvest</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>



<b>Harvest</b>	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.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Gravity vatting without pressing. Pre-fermentary cold maceration. Long vatting period. Rack and returns. Aged 40% of new oak.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	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.
<b>Serve with</b>	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.
<b>Production</b>	Approx. 20,000 cases made.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2024-2034
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>89 points</b> - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - February 2024</p> <p><b>89-90 points</b> - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p><b>85-87 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - May 2022</p> <p><b>91 points</b> - Zekun Shuai, JamesSuckling.com - December 2023</p> <p><b>91-92 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>90 points</b> - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2024</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>91 points</b> - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2022</p> <p><b>89-91 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p><b>91 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2024</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Vert de Vin - July 2022</p> <p><b>90 points</b> - Bettane &amp; Desseauve (score only) - May 2022</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"The 2021 Lilian Ladouys exhibits aromas of dark berries, dried petals and spices, followed by a medium-bodied, lively and supple palate that concludes with a menthol-inflected finish."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Aromas of raspberries, plums, and spices, framed by creamy new oak, introduce the 2021 Lilian Ladouys, a medium to full-bodied, charming, and seamless wine that's lively and open-knit. It's a blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Black currants, cocoa nibs, dried herbs, and graphite on the nose, with some peppercorns. It's firm and focused, savory, with a medium body and sleek, firm tannins. Nicely polished. 53% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 6% petit verdot and 1% cabernet franc."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"A creamy and velvety red with redcurrants and spices. Some tobacco, too. Medium and juicy. 53% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 6% petit verdot and 1% cabernet franc"</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"This is lovely, has the same high aromatics as the Devise de Lilian, but here much more intensity and depth through the palate. Has finesse and balance, with raspberry fruits dominant, and a subtle persistency. Austerity in the tannins differentiates it from the exuberant years such as 2018, but it's impressive, and the salty cracker salinity on the finish is thoroughly enjoyable. Organic conversion began in 2020, with 100% in organic for the first time in 2021, with expected certification in 2024. Drink 2024 – 2034."</i> - JA, janeanson.com</p>

**Reviews** *“Bright red fruits, spice, flowers, black cherries, and cocoa define the perfume. The palate is soft, polished, fresh, lively, and loaded with black cherries, chalky tannins, chocolate, and peppery spice in the round finish. The wine blends 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot. and 1% Cabernet Franc. Drink from 2025-2040.”*  
- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“Spice, smoke, red pit fruits and cocoa form the nose. On the palate, the wine is forward, soft and vibrant, with a cherry filled, medium-bodied, fresh, creamy finish. The wine blends 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot. and 1% Cabernet Franc. 12.9% ABV. Drink from 2023-2035.”*  
- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“The 2021 Lilian Ladouys was picked from 28 September to 8 October and matured in 30% new oak. It has the smallest proportion of Merlot for several years. It has a generous bouquet with blue fruit and violet complementing the red fruit, just a touch of pencil lead in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with quite firm tannins, good backbone here, though quite strict, and just needs a little more amplitude on the dark chocolate-tinged finish. Drink over the next 15-20 years. Drink 2025 – 2040.”*  
- NM, *Vinous*

*“The 2021 Lilian Ladouys is precise, elegant, and very nicely balanced. Crushed flowers, sweet red berry fruit, mint and spice are all laced together. I especially admire the energy and vibrancy here. This gracious, mid-weight Saint-Estèphe is all class. Tasted two times.”*  
- AG, *Vinous*

*“A rocking, upfront, textured, medium-bodied effort, the 2021 Château Lilian Ladouys offers lots of both red and black fruits, some spicy, herbal notes, fine tannins, and outstanding length. Based on 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, it's a pleasure-bent, balanced, impeccably made Saint-Estèphe that will evolve for 10-15 years.”*  
- Jeb Dunnuck

*“A perennial overachiever, the 2021 Château Lilian Ladouys is no exception and certainly does well in the vintage. Based on 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and the rest Cabernet Franc, it has a perfumed bouquet of cassis and black raspberry fruit as well as some background spicy oak. Medium-bodied and balance, with fine tannins, it should easily be an outstanding wine as well as a good value.”*  
- Jeb Dunnuck

*“Dark garnet with purple hues. Black cherries, a hint of cranberries, tobacco, a touch of nougat. Medium-bodied, red berry fruit, fresh, well-structured, vivid tannins, delicate herbal savouriness on the finish, mineral back palate.”*  
- PM, *Falstaff Magazine*

*“The nose reveals power, good definition, depth, and intensity. There are notes of pepper, ripe blackcurrant and, to a lesser extent, pulpy wild strawberry, combined with hints of lilac, racy minerality and fine hints of blond tobacco and varietal aromas as well as a hint of Bourbon vanilla bean and a subtle touch of fresh hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, acidity, precision, tension, and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, raspberry and more lightly fresh lilac/lys combined with hints of crunchy red berries as well as fine hints of star anise, iodine, and a discreet varietal hint in the background. Good length. The tannins are precise and mellow, good work on the bitter taste.”*  
- Vert de Vin

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