

## L'Eclat de Valois



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Pomerol</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	100% Merlot
<b>TERROIR</b>	Gravelly, south side Pomerol plateau
<b>INFO</b>	7.78 Ha (19.22 Acres) total vineyard 60 year old vines Hand harvested 17 months aging in new French oak barrels with no rakings Unfined / Filtered 300cs X 6 Production (wooden case)

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### About the Estate:

Created in 1862, after the dismembering of Figeac, De VALOIS vineyard took its present name in 1886 and does really spans across the 2 most famous appellations: Saint-Emillion & Pomerol. Frédéric LEYDET, now runs this family estate bought by his ancestors and passed down by women of each generation. This is why the name of the owners has unceasingly changed since the 19th century. Frederic's father Bernard LEYDET began running the estate in 1962 with only few hectares then, and bought some more superbly located around, up until the time of his death in 2006.

Frederic LEYDET has only one goal in mind: keep the full expression of its truly unique terroir, De VALOIS being located just between Saint-Emillion Appellation on one side (Ch. FIGEAC Classified Growth and in the shadow of CHEVAL-BLANC), and some of the great Pomerol Chateaux just behind.

L'ECLAT de VALOIS is an extremely limited production made from more than 60 year old vines with high 5800 plants / hectare density, taken care with a unique attention; Very short pruning, de-budding, double green harvesting & leaves' removal to optimize maturity. Hand harvesting with an additional berries sorting before destemming (see picture under). Alcoholic & malo-lactic fermentations take place in new oak barrels. Then it's time for a great ageing process in others new French oak barrels. 17 months for this 2011.

### Tasting Notes:

Savory and unique jewel of a rare expression, intensity and deepness!

### Press Review:

Soon to come.