

L'Eclat de Valentin



VINTAGE	2015
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
VARIETAL	58% Merlot 42% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TERROIR	Sandy soils, fine gravels, "alios" (iron)
INFO	8.87 Ha (21.91 Acres) total vineyard, 0.90 Ha (2.22 Acres), 2 plots, devoted Eclat de Valentin - 60 year old vines Hand harvested 17 months aging in new French oak barrels with no rakings Bottled May 15, 2017 250cs X 6 Production (wooden case) Unfined / Filtered Certified ORGANIC

About the Estate:

Château LEYDET VALENTIN is located on 8.87 hectares (21.91 acres) in Saint-Emilion, at the border with Pomerol. This farm was bought by one of Frederic's ancestors. The estate was subsequently 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 a few more hectares up until the time of his death in 2006, improving the quality of the vineyard and wines produced.

As for his subtle Château de VALOIS Pomerol, Frederic LEYDET only has in mind to reach a total expression of his exceptional LEYDET-VALENTIN terroir, neighboring famous classified growths, including Château Cheval-Blanc 1st Classified Growth Cat. A.

L'ECLAT de VALENTIN is an extremely limited production made from more than 60 year old vines with high 5.800 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. Alcoholic & malo-lactic fermentations take place in new oak barrels. Then it's time for a great aging process in others new French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes / Press Review:

"Complex bouquet on intense ripe dark fruits, and toasted notes with hazelnut butter nuances. This great fruit blooms on a sappy and voluptuous palate, with elegant tannins underlining a long finale." **2**** Remarkable Wine - 2019 Guide Hachette des Vins

93 Pts: « Some earthy notes in the forefront. Rich plums, spice-wrapped dark berries and candied oranges follow. The palate has a very slick, silky and elegant shape. Delicately textured yet powerfully flavored. » - JamesSuckling.com, February 2018

92-93 Pts: « Superb deepness on silky tannins hold by very nice cabernets francs, We have here a cru to the level of very good classified growths, and this is confirmed from a vintage to the other." Bettane & Desseauve.

90 Pts: « Elegant bouquet, spicy and fruity notes on morello cherries, black berries and a minty touch. Sappy and charming attack. Supple and round palate with torrefaction aromas. Elegant tannins in perfect harmony with the structure... " Yves Beck