

L'Eclat de Valentin



VINTAGE	2018
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
VARIETAL	71% Merlot 29% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	15%
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: Merlot Oct.3rd 2018 - Cabernet Franc Oct. 12th 2018 16 months aging in new French oak barrels with no rakings - Unfined 365cs X 6 Production (wooden case) - Bottled March 26th 2020

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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 (planted in 1958 by Frederic Grand-Father Jacques Leydet) with high 6.250 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:

"Deep and juicy, with cassis, spices and chocolate touches, ending with a mineral final bringing a lot of freshness. Elegant structure." Frederic Leydet

Press Review:

"Produced from vines planted in 1958 by Frederic Leydet's Grandfather, this wine is immensely rich, the powerful fruit and tannins saved by the perfumed Cabernet Franc with its succulent aftertaste..." **92 Pts** R. Voss - Wine Enthusiast

"I loved the 2018 L'Eclat de Valentin, This blend Merlot & Cabernet Franc has impressive cassis, graphite, and minerality as well as subtle oak, medium to full body, and thrilling purity of fruit. It's going to take 2-4 years for the oak to integrate, but the purity is terrific here, and it has high-quality tannins as well". **90-92 Pts** Jeb Dunnuck

"A fresh and firm red with chocolate and spice, highlighting the dark -berry character. Medium body, firm and lightly chewy tannins". **90-91 Pts** James Suckling