

L'Eclat de Valois



VINTAGE	2018
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Pomerol
VARIETAL	82% Cabernet Franc 18% Merlot
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TERROIR	Gravelly, south side Pomerol plateau
INFO	7.78 Ha (19.22 Acres) total vineyard - 1 Ha (2.41 Acres) within 2 plots devoted to Eclat de Valois. 60 year old vines Hand harvested: Merlot Sept. 29th 2018 - Cabernet Franc Oct. 9th 2018 18 months aging in new French oak barrels with no rakings - Unfined Bottled April 14th, 2020 - 565 Cs 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, L'ECLAT de VALOIS 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 & malolactic fermentations take place in new oak barrels. Bottled without filtration.

The 2018 is 82% Cabernet Franc & 18% Merlot! Sublime Eclat de Valois, belonging - with Chateau L'Evangile - to La Revue du Vin de France 3 "Coup de Coeur" for 2018 Vintage in Pomerol. Brilliant!

Tasting Notes:

"Intense bouquet on black fruits & licorice. Expressive structure & promising ageing, with the nice predominant Cab. Franc expression", *F. Leydet*

Press Review:

"This old vines Cuvee is delivering prominent finesse and quality expression. The ageing in new oak doesn't encroach the vigorous freshness and flavors of the fruit." **93 Pts** & Pomerol **Coup de Coeur** *La Revue du Vin de France* Nov. 2020

"Very attractive blackberry and black-cherries aromas and flavors. Fine tannins and a crisp and clean finish." **92/93 Pts** *James Suckling*

"Sixty-year-old vines are the source of this richly structured, smoky wine. The firm tannins just avoid too much extraction because the black-plum fruits are so dense and dominant. Richness and structure will stand the wine in good stead as it matures." **91 Pts** *R. Voss - Wine Enthusiast*. Feb./March 2021