

Château Leydet-Valentin



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VINTAGE	2018
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
VARIETAL	83% Merlot 17% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TERROIR	Sandy soils, fine gravels, "alios" (iron)
INFO	8.87 Ha (21.91 Acres) total vineyard 30 year old vines on average Hand harvested 15 month aging in French oak barrels (35% new barrels, 45% 1 year, 20% 2 year old ones), with no rakings Unfined / Filtered - Bottled March 26th 2020 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.

Aging is done on lies in oak barrels renewed by 1/3, with no rakings and with a strict minimum of sulfur. Frederic LEYDET hasn't made any fining since the 2001 vintage & certified Organic since 2015 Vintage.

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). Unmatchable bouquets, savors and opulence can be found in Château LEYDET-VALENTIN.

Tasting Notes:

Dark in color, pure, vibrant, fresh, dense, generous, savory, balanced and intense... Exceptional ratings to superbly award the absolutely delicious 2018 Vintage Chateau Leydet-Valentin.

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Food Pairing: Suggestions such as gazpacho, duck confit, and hazelnut chocolate macaroons.

Press Review: Review's on 2nd page for:

91/93+Pts Lisa Wine Advocate

92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck jebdunnuck.com

92 Pts James Suckling jamesuckling.com

92 Pts Jeff Leve **The Wine Cellar Insider**

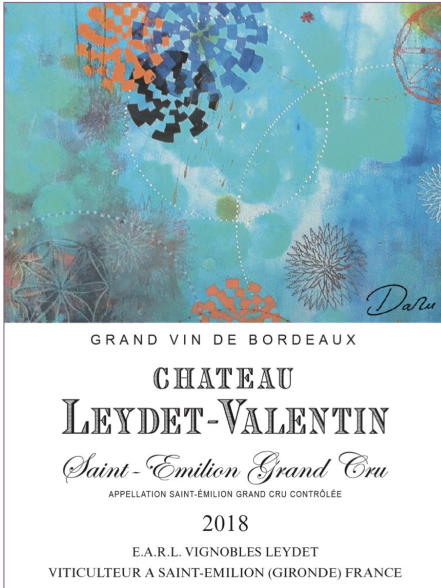
89/92 Pts Antonio Galloni **Vinous**

91Pts Bettane & Desseauve

90 Pts Roger Voss **Wine Enthusiast**

88 Pts James Molesworth **Wine Spectator**

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"The deep garnet colored 2018 gives up notions of baked cherries, warm plums and mulberries with hints of Indian spices, tobacco and iron ore. Medium to full bodied with a firm frame of fine grain tannins and great tension, it finishes on a lingering mineral note" **Lisa 91/93+Pts Wine Advocate / Primeurs**

"Lots of spice, cedar pencil, candied flowers, and toasty notes emerge, and it's medium to full-bodied, rich, and mouthfilling on the palate, with ripe, nicely integrated tannins. I love the overall balance, and it has plenty of mid-palate depth, loads of sweet fruit, and a great finish. It's beautiful, certainly outstanding, Saint-Émilion to enjoy over the coming 10-15 years, ". **92 Pts Jeb Dunnock jebdunnock.com March 2021**

"The 2018 Leydet-Valentin is jammy, inky and absolutely delicious. Super-ripe dark cherry, plum, espresso, menthol and licorice infuse this sumptuous, super expressive Saint-Émilion. All the elements are in the right place. The 2028 should drink well right out of the gate. There is much to admire in this plush, creamy Saint-Émilion". **89-92 Pts Antonio Galloni - Vinous**

"A firm, chewy red with blackberry, wet-hearth and mushroom character. It's medium-bodied, intact and fine. Chewy at the end. Really well done." **92 Pts James Suckling jamessuckling.com**

"Floral, fresh, spicy, roasted cherry filled wine with a plush, silky, dark plum finish." **92 Pts Jeff Leve The Wine Cellar Insider March 2021**

"Slender with plenty of fruits and with touches of spices, this wine is charming and deep, distinguished sensation in palate as the alcohol and body are balanced by the freshness of the tannins". **91Pts Bettane & Desseauve**

"Ripe black fruits and dark-chocolate flavors highlight this powerful wine. There's a bit of pepperiness from the alcohol, while freshness comes from the black-currant acidity." **90 Pts R. Voss Wine Enthusiast**

"Warmed plum and cherry preserve flavors glide through easily, laced with hints of cocoa, tobacco and singed cedar." **88 Pts James Molesworth Wine Spectator**

"Revealing attractive blackberry, mulberry and cedar scents... there is a good acidity that cuts through the muscular finish." **Neal Martin Vinous**

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