

L'Eclat de Valentin



VINTAGE	2019
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
VARIETAL	63% Merlot 37% 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 - 16 months aging in new French oak barrels with no rakings Unfined - Unfiltered 350cs X 6 Production (wooden case) - Bottled March 2021

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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:

"Very deep garnet-purple colored, it comes bounding out of the glass with exuberant scents of warm black cherries, stewed black plums & mulberries with hints of star anise, lavender, wild sage & Sichuan pepper. The full bodied palate is concentrated, with decadent black fruit preserves & loads of spicy spark, framed by ripe, rounded & just enough freshness, finishing long & fragrant." **90-92 Pts** L. Perrotti-Brown **Wine Advocate**

"Cherries, mulberries, cedar, dried spices & some vanilla on the nose. Medium-bodied with creamy tannins. Round & soft with a fruity edge & a flavorful, spicy finish." **92 Pts** James Suckling

More to come.