

L'Eclat de Valois



VINTAGE	2019
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Pomerol
VARIETAL	50% Merlot 50% Cabernet Franc
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. 23rd 2019 - Cabernet Franc Oct. 5th 2019 15 to 18 months aging in new French oak barrels with no rakings Unfined

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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 & malo-lactic fermentations take place in new oak barrels. Bottled without filtration.

Tasting Notes & Press Review:

"Aromas of blackberries, dark plums, dried herbs, peppermint & cedar. Medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins. Polished & velvety with a ripe core of blue & black fruit on the center palate & a spicy, polished finish." **92 Pts James Suckling** Jan. 2022 - "Sporting a vibrant, deep purple-black color, the 2019 L'Eclat de Valois offers invigorating scents of redcurrant jelly, black cherries & kirsch plus hints of bouquet garni, Sichuan pepper & unsmoked cigars. The medium-bodied palate has a chewy frame & bold freshness, supporting the savory-laced red & black fruit flavors, finishing with an herbal lift" **87-89 Pts Lisa Perrotti Wine Advocate** June 18th 2020 - "Solid & might merit an outstanding score in 2-3 years. Its deep ruby hue is followed by a complex nose of assorted red plum & darker cherry fruits as well as sappy flowers & spice. It has classic Pomerol damp earth nuances and is medium-bodied, balanced, and elegant on the palate, with solid length" **89 Pts Jeb Dunnock Jeb Dunnock.com** April 2022 - "Soft, polished, fresh & fruity, the core of sweet, ripe, dark plums come through easily accompanied by layers of chocolate covered cherries, espresso bean, smoke & minty herbs. Give the wine a year or two for more complexity..." **91 Pts Jeff Leve Wine Cellars Insider** April 2022