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## Château Leydet-Valentin



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**VINTAGE** 

2022

**REGION** 

**Bordeaux** 

**APPELLATION** 

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

**VARIETAL** 

79% Merlot

21% 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

**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.

## **Tasting Notes:**

"I loved the 2022 Chateau Leydet-Valentin, which is based on 79% Merlot and 21% Cabernet Franc. Ripe black cherries, mulberries, flowers and chalky minerality all flow to a medium to full bodied, serious, ripe, concentrated beauty offering building, ripe tannins, beautiful balance, and a great finish." Jeb Dunnuck 91-93+ Pts

## **Press Review:**

"Savory & focused, showing black beans, earth & black fruits on the nose. It's full bodied and creamy with juicy fruit." James Suckling 91 Pts

2020 Vintage: "The 2020 Leydet-Valentin has a medium to deep garnet-purple color and notes of boysenberries, wild blueberries and fresh raspberries, plus wafts of dried mint, lavender and ground cloves. The medium-bodied palate is delicately fruited and refreshing, featuring a soft texture, finishing with a minty lift". *Lisa Perrotti-Brow* 90-92 Pts Wine Advocate - May 2021

"Ripe blackberries & mulberries with hints of sweet spices, dried orange peel and dried flowers. Medium-bodied with firm tannins and bright acidity that brings juiciness to the blue-fruited character. Polished finish." James Suckling 91 Pts

"Dense red & black fruits, chalky minerality, and background oak notes emerge. A medium-bodied, rich, textured Saint-Emilion with lots of love. As with many of these 2020 barrel samples, it gains purity and freshness with time in the glass and should have up-front appeal yet also evolve for 10 - 15 years." Jeb Dunnuck 90-92 Pts - Primeur, May 2021