



When tasted, Lilian Ladouys always reveals a rich and crisp structure with ripe tannins and refined oak which melts into an explosion of fruit. It has the opulence and length of a Saint-Estèphe fine wine. Thanks to the appellation's limestone-clay subsoils, its power is balanced out by a wonderful sensation of freshness.

This top wine is matured for an average of 14 months in our superb barrel store (40-60% new oak depending on the vintage). Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot make up the majority of the blend, with the proportions varying from one year to the next. They are supplemented by Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. The estate's wines go into gravity-fed vats and undergo vinification with a partially gravity-based system, which is more sensitive to the integrity and subtleties of the grapes and the wine.

APPELLATION: Saint-Estephe

TERRITORY: 80 % Peyrosols, 20 % Argilo calcaires

VARIETAL: Cabernet sauvignon: 45%, Merlot: 50%, Petit Verdot: 4%, Cabernet Franc: 1%

IN THE VINEYARD: All work favorizing a good distribution and aeration of the grapes (disbudding, clipping, thinning out of leaves). Grass planted according to the vigor of the plot. Hand-picked harvest, followed by a manual sorting on clusters and then on berries.

VINIFICATION: Gravitary vatting without pressing. Prefermentary cold maceration. Long vatting period. Racks and returns.

MATURING: 40% of new barrels, 5 months in barrels

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