

CHÂTEAU LEYDET-VALENTIN SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU



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From land in Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France, on the border of Pomerol. The vineyard covers 22 acres and has been fully organic since 2015. The soil in the vineyard is made up of sand, clay and limestone with iron oxide. Grass is planted between the row of vines and plowing is practiced. The average age of the vines is 35 years. The grapes were harvested by hand, with a second hand-sorting after destemming in the cellar. The cuvaision (soak and fermentation) lasts 4 - 6 weeks, in temperature controlled concrete tanks. Barrel aged on the fine lees, with roughly one third new barrels, for 11-15 months. The wine is left on the lees with no racking in order to preserve the freshness of the fruit and is bottled at the estate unfinned, with a light filtration. As a result, it benefits from decanting even more than most.

Vignobles Leydet is first and foremost a family history which dates back to 1862. Since then the property has grown within the two prestigious Bordeaux appellations Pomerol (Château Pomerol) and Saint Emilion Grand Cru (Château Leydet-Valentin.) Today, Frederic Leydet does pretty much everything on his small family estate: about 21 acres in Saint-Emilion and the same in Pomerol. He practices leaf-thinning, green harvest and numerous passes through the vineyard to get the fruit he wants.

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Tasting Note:

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