

CHÂTEAU DE VALOIS POMEROL



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The soil in the vineyard is sand mixed with fine gravel over gravel subsoil. Iron oxide is present in the clay subsoil. The vineyard is around 20 acres. The vines are an average of 40 years old. The grapes are hand-picked, sorted and destemmed. Cold soaked, and then fermented for 4-6 weeks in temperature controlled stainless steel vats. Barrel aging on fine lees in French oak for 11-15 months. No fining; light filtration before bottling.

'Vignobles Leydet' is first and foremost a family history, which dates back to 1862. Since this date the property has grown within the two prestigious Bordeaux appellations that are Pomerol and Saint Emilion Grand Cru. The name Valois was given to the property by a family friend in 1886. Today, Frederic Leydet does pretty much everything on his small family estate, which is about 20 acres in Saint-Emilion and the same in Pomerol. He has gradually moved back to organic farming (completed in 2015). He practices leaf-thinning, green harvest, and numerous passes through the vineyard to get the fruit he wants. In order to preserve the freshness of the fruit he chooses to leave the wine on the fine lees, with no racking. He bottles his wines unfiltered. As a result, his wines benefit from decanting even more than most, and it is strongly recommended.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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