

## Château Lilian Ladouys, Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois, 2014

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Combining gourmet richness, voluptuousness and subtlety, Lilian Ladouys's wines are made by and for epicureans.

### THE WINE

Owners: Jacky and Françoise Lorenzetti

Director : Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen

Oenologist : Eric Boissenot

Area: 46 acres

### THE VINTAGE

2014 is the warmest year since 1900 ! This exceptional sunshine allowed us to have an early budbreak and flowering, we were ahead of 15 days. Rainfalls and fresh temperatures between May and August lost the time gained and the veraison spread over August. In September and October, we had a real Indian Summer, the sunshine was worthy of an August weather. So we could get a perfect ripeness and an optimal concentration thanks to these hot and sunny days.

### SITUATION

AOC Saint-Estèphe

### TERROIR

Peyrosols and limestone

### 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.

### WINEMAKING

Gravitary vatting without pressing

Prefermentary cold maceration

Long vatting period

Racks and returns

### MATURATION

15 months in barrels

30% of new oak

### VARIETALS

Merlot : 56%, Cabernet-Sauvignon : 40%, Petit Verdot : 2%, Cabernet franc : 2%

### SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol level : 13,68 % vol.

Residual Sugar : 0.3 g/l

Acidity : 5.3 g/l

pH: 3,75

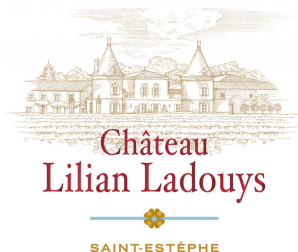
Age of vines: 35 years old

Yields : 44hL/ha

Volume production : 1650 hL

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#### TASTING NOTES

This Lilian Ladouys 2014 has a beautiful and intense purple color. The bouquet is very open, dominated by the Merlots from gravels on bedrock clay-limestone soils, exhibits notes of small red fruits and orange peels. After aeration, the wine is on the rise and reveals flavors of cedar and gunflint aromas. The palate is expressive, it has a lovely attack extended by a chewy structure. The finish has some powdered tannins with a lot of moka and toasted almonds flavors. 2014 is probably the best vintage made since the purchase done by Jacky and Françoise Lorenzetti.

Tasted at the Château in April 2015

#### REVIEWS AND AWARDS



90-92/100

"« It veers towards fleshy red berry fruit on the nose with hints of dried herbs and sous-bois lending personality, something to talk about. The palate is medium bodied with tobacco infused black fruit, masculine in style with good backbone and impressive precision on the finish. This Saint-Estèphe cru has seen a rapid improvement in recent years and this is another fine wine to add to their roster. I expect the bottle sample to land at the upper end of the band and continue the upswing in fortunes since its acquisition by Jacky Lorenzetti. »"

Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, 01/04/2015



91/100

"« Remarkably harmonious, very fine tannins, begin to find its own real style which will rise it to the first rank of the appellation bourgeois. »"

Guide Bettane et Desseuve des vins de France, 01/04/2015

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"« A floral, peppery and spicy nose with a beautiful freshness. Notes of Amarena cherries, Damas flowers, licorice, gun-flint. The palate is rich and fruity, very fine. The strong, silky and smooth structure offers powdered tannins. The finish concludes on a solid, aromatic and log finish. An amazing finish. »"

Weinzeitung, 01/04/2015

