

# Château Lilian Ladouys



SAINT-ESTÈPHE

## Vintage 2013



<b>Owners</b>	Françoise et Jacky Lorenzetti
<b>General director</b>	Emmanuel Cruse
<b>Director</b>	Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen
<b>Vineyard manager</b>	Ludovic Wallet
<b>Wine maker</b>	Jérôme Juhé
<b>Consultant oenologists</b>	Eric Boissenot et Christophe Coupez

<b>Area of the property</b>	45.5 ha
<b>Area in production</b>	44 ha
<b>Vineyard density</b>	8 500 à 10 000 vine stocks
<b>Vineyard average age</b>	35 years old
<b>Terroir</b>	Gravels of terrace type 3 (Peyrosols)
<b>Grape varieties</b>	40% Cabernet Sauvignon 55% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot 2% Cabernet Franc

### A complicated weather

The vintage 2013 was a real technical challenge. At the beginning of the season, we had important rainfalls and fresh temperatures which caused a delay of the vegetative cycle. The flowering occurred end of June with lot of rain, which gave flower abortion and shot berries. However, thanks to the dry and sunny during the summer, the berries could catch up with the delay and had a good maturity.

### All attention to the vineyard

The weather conditions of 2013 needed a special treat of the vines and a good reactivity of our teams. The “green works” were very important: a good precocious leave removal on both sides of the grape provided efficient ventilation of the bunches and their optimal exposure.

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## A short harvest

The cool and damp weather of September forced us to be ready to start the harvest at any moment. Our goal was to pick the berries when the optimum maturity matches with the perfect sanitary level of the crop. Picking started on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 with the Merlots and ended on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 with the Cabernets Sauvignons.

## A respectful winemaking-process

A winemaking carefully devised (gravity tank filling and soft extractions) combined with an ageing of selected barrels permitted to make wines with a beautiful texture.

The vintage 2013 requires a lot of subtlety and technical savoir-faire but it paid-back! The Cabernets Sauvignons and Merlots are very interesting: a deep and intense color, great freshness, fine tannins and fresh fruits flavors.

Château Lilian Ladouys 2013 is a harmonious wine with an aromatic freshness and velvety tannins. Very pleasant wine!

## **Château Lilian Ladouys 2013 blending**

55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

**Yield:** 35 t/ha

## **Analysis**

Alcohol (% vol) : 12,82°

Total Acidity (g/l<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l) : 4

pH : 3,46

Index of total polyphenols: 72

