

RATING

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TASTING DATE

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MATURITY

2018 - 2033

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Let the Good Times
Roll: 2015 Bordeaux
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REVIEW

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A blend of 62% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon and the balance Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, the 2015 Château Lilian Ladouys is a serious Saint-Estèphe that shines in a vintage which was more difficult for the northern portions of the Médoc. Possessing medium-bodied notes of currants, dried herbs, spice and hints of background oak, it's nicely balanced on the palate, has fine, ripe tannin, moderate density, and an undeniable charm that will keep it drinking nicely for 15 years or more.

Château Lillian Ladouys is a 45.7-hectare estate planted to 8,500 vines per hectare, with an average vine age of 35 years. Fermentations occur in stainless steel and last for 4-6 weeks, and aging is in 30% new, 30% once used and the balance second fill barrels. There are roughly 25,000 cases of this beauty so it should be easy to find, and it's worth it.