



Ronan Laborde
Owner

CHATEAU LÉCUYER 2021 AOP Pomerol

— Background —

Château Lécuyer is a tiny estate of only 3 hectares located in the small but prestigious Pomerol appellation. It was originally known as Château de Bourgueneuf, but was re-baptized Lécuyer (squire) when the Petit and Cambier family took over the estate in 2004. Lécuyer benefits from an exceptional terroir. 1 hectare is located on the summit of the famous Pomerol plateau next to Clos L'Eglise, Château Clinet and Château Rouget. The other 2 hectares are located in the heart of Pomerol.

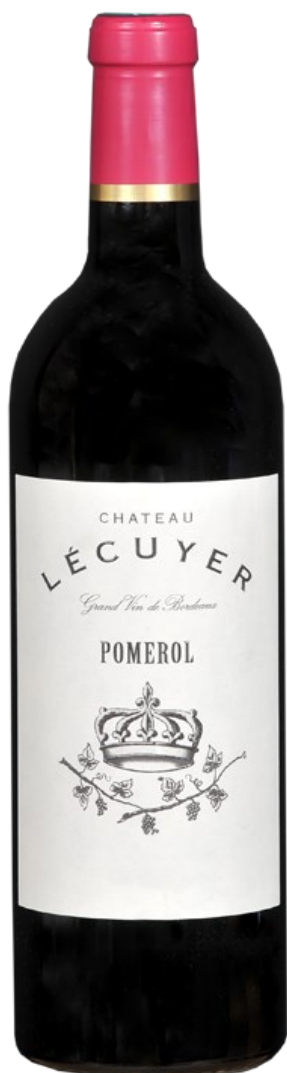
In 2022 Ronan Laborde, owner of Château Clinet and president of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux bought Château Lécuyer is a lovely boutique estate and a prime example of the new wave of attractively priced, outstanding wine coming from the right bank of Bordeaux. Château Lécuyer expands the range between the second wine Fleur de Clinet and the first wine Château Clinet.

— Viticulture —

- 3 hectares of vineyards. 1 hectare is planted on the famous Pomerol plateau on limestone and gravel over an iron pad. 2 hectares are planted in the heart of Pomerol near the area known as Bourg Neuf on a sandy topsoil and deep limestone subsoil.
- **90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc.**
- Age of vines: 5 years 15%; 30 years 15%; - 40+ years 55%.
- High density plantings of 5,500 vines/hectare.
- Traditional soil ploughing on the limestone/gravel plateau and grass growing between rows on the sandy plots.
- Rigorous pruning with leaf thinning in July and green harvest in August.
- Manual harvest with a rigorous sorting in the vineyards.

— Winemaking —

- Manual harvest in small baskets.
- Vibrating sorting table.
- Vinification by plots.
- Entire vinification process in small 400 liter oak barrels for a total of 4 weeks.
- Whole bunch cold pre-fermentation maceration at 12°C for 5 days to extract aromas and hot post-fermentation maceration to concentrate fruit
- Malolactic fermentation in 100% new "fine grain" French oak barrels from Baron, followed by 12 months of aging.
- Racking off the lees after 6 months.
- No fining and no filtering.
- Annual production of 1,300 cases.



93 Points. From a seven-acre vineyard, this wine is rich, balanced and fruity. It has an elegance and freshness reflecting the vintage. The wine, from 40-year-old vines, is packed with black fruits and ripe tannins.

