



DAVID LIORIT

ESTATE DIRECTOR

David Liorit was born under a good star in the year of a great vintage in 1982 in Libourne in south-west France and brought up by parents, who entertained a passion for wine. He grew up and his career has developed around vines and wine. At the age of 36, he directs Château Petit Val, a Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, he is a consultant and owner winegrower partner at Château Mas des Etoiles in Cahors.

David Liorit has built a name for himself in the Saint-Émilion vines. After studying oenology, a few trips to Spain and southern France, he became technical manager of an estate at 23 years of age. He benefitted from supervision by Stéphane Derenoncourt: "For five years, I learnt and applied his methods and ways of doing things. It was like being immersed in another kind of school that was totally informal, yet filled with common sense and eco-friendliness. Then at 27, he was appointed general manager of Château Belle Assise in Saint-Émilion that belongs to a group owned by former Formula 1 driver J.-P. Beltoise, and became consultant for a variety of estates in the Libourne area.

At the same time in 2009, he joined forces with Arnaud Bladinière in Cahors, where they developed and enlarged an estate that grows Malbec grapes. Together, they observed their vines, tasted the fruit plot by plot, really focused on getting to know their terroir in depth and strove for top quality.

They decided to recognise their good star and named their property "Mas des Etoiles" (farm of stars). Etoiles ». Then, very quickly, the wine was acclaimed and awarded a gold medal at the International Malbec Competition in 2009, and David Liorit and his partner received the distinction of Best Winegrower of the Year in Midi-Pyrénées from La Revue du vin de France.

In 2014, the connection with Château Petit Val began, when he made the acquaintance of Jean-Louis and Olivia Alloin, the present owners of the property. Jean-Louis Alloin, a businessman from Lyons and epicure, decided to invest in a Bordeaux estate. David Liorit introduced him to Château Petit Val, a Saint-Émilion Grand Cru and sleeping beauty nestling in a small valley with 12 hectares (30 acres) of sandy gravel and clayey limestone soils. Alloin bought the property and entrusted operations at this discrete gem to David, appointing him Estate Director.

Their ambition is to combine expertise, drive for excellence and passion to put Château Petit Val on a par with the top great wines of the appellation. David experiments and innovates with the aim of making a great mineral, appealing and tasty wine, but above all it must be "a wine with soul that inspires enjoyment and discussion; a wine with guts".