
Château Calon Ségur 1995

CSPC# 745418

750mlx12

12.5% alc./bol.

Grape Variety

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc.

Appellation

Saint Estèphe

General Info

3d classified growth in 1855. Calon, meaning little river skiff used in Middle Ages to ferry timber across the Gironde estuary, gave its name to the district which was at one point known as Calones or Saint-Estèphe-de-Calons. In early times, Château Calon-Ségur was one of the original three vineyards in Saint-Estèphe, and in 1825 Château Montrose (in 1855 classified as a Second Growth) was a forest-land parcel belonging to the Calon-Ségur estate. By marriage, the estate came to be owned by Nicolas-Alexandre, marquis de Ségur who also owned Chateau Latour and Chateau Lafite. Despite his ownership of these two First Growths, the Marquis said that his "heart was with Calon" and the wine's label today includes a drawing of a heart around the Chateau's name. Chateau Calon Ségur had been in the hands of the Gasqueton family since 1894. The future of Calon-Ségur has been in question since the death of proprietor Denise Capbern-Gasqueton in September 2011 at the age of 87. Bordeaux third-growth Château Calon-Ségur has been sold to Suravenir, the life-insurance subsidiary of French banking group Credit Mutuel Arkea, for an estimated \$212.5 million. Videtot, a Bordeaux wine group owned by Jean-François Moueix, is a minority partner in the deal. The purchase agreement was signed June 29, 2012 and the buyers expect to finalize the sale in November 2012.

Vineyards

The vineyard has 74 acres in total and it is surrounded partially by a stonewall and located in the northern town of St. Estèphe.

Vinification/

Maturation

The wines are fermented for 3 weeks in enamel-lined steel vats and are then matured in oak barriques (40% new) for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

A late harvest at Calon Ségur has resulted in extremely ripe, powerful fruit with a dense, backward structure. Chocolate and cassis flavours continue to evolve in this slow developing classic, which will require at least another 3-5 years cellaring.

Cellaring

Drink 2005-2035

Scores/Awards

95 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2007
96 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - January 31, 1998
92 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #115 - February 1998
92 points - Robert Parker, Bordeaux Book 3rd Edition - January 1998
95 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2009
91 points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 1998
17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com
16 points - Decanter.com - September 2, 2003
16 points - Decanter.com - December 1, 1999
16 points - Decanter.com - June 1, 1999
91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - October 5, 2010
87 points - Jean Marc Quarin
16 points - La Revue du Vin France

