## Château Calon Ségur 1996

CSPC# 745418 750mlx12 12.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety
Appellation
Classification

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot.

Saint Estèphe

Third classified Growth in 1855.

http://www.calon-segur.fr/en/#menu-tome-ii-en

Website General Info

3rd 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-Calon. 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 Segur 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 lifeinsurance subsidiary of French banking group Credit Mutuel Arkea, for an estimated \$212.5 million. Videlot, 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. Estephe.

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** Notes of tobacco, spice box, cassis, cigar box and leaf, medium bodied, with a fresh,

bright, crisp red and black fruit finish.

Cellaring

Drink 2009-2028

Scores/Awards

90 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2007

90 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - January 1999

**92 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #122 - April 1999

**92 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2009

**94 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2000

**17 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - September 2006

90 points - Jeff Leve, the wine cellar insider.com - June 10, 2012

15.5 points - La Revue du Vin France

17 points - Bettane & Desseauve

92 points - Jean Marc Quarin

92 points - Campbell Mattison, The Wine Front

