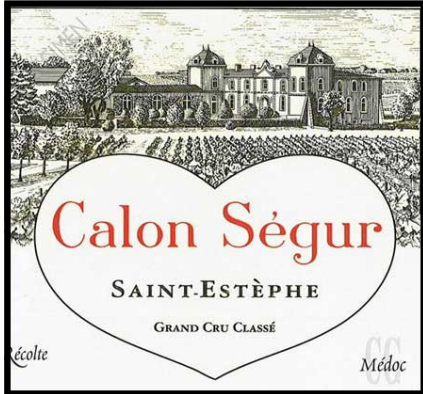


CHATEAU CALON SÉGUR

SAINT-ESTÈPHE, BORDEAUX, FRANCE



Perhaps because it is one of the oldest estates in the Médoc, or perhaps because its most emblematic owner, the Marquis de Ségur, built an absolute legend around Calon. Historians date the origins of Calon back to the Gallo-Roman era. Wine growing at the estate can be traced back to the 12th century, but it was in the 18th century, at the time of **Nicolas-Alexandre the Marquis de Ségur**, who also owned Latour, Lafite and Mouton, that the finest chapter of the property's history was written. Calon thereafter was to be known as Calon Ségur.

The estate acquired the rank of Third Classified Growth in the famous 1855 classification. From 1894 to 2012, Calon's owners, the Gasqueton family, preserved the estate's identity with sobriety and elegance. Today, Château Calon Ségur and Château Capbern Gasqueton, are owned by the Suravenir company, subsidiary of the banking group Crédit Mutuel Arkéa headed by Jean-Pierre Denis. The insurance company joined forces with the Videlot group. Together, they are leading an extensive program of renovation, which will at the same time carefully preserve the estate's historic values.



The vineyard is made up of one single block adjacent to the village of Saint-Estèphe. Unique in the Médoc, it is completely surrounded by a stone wall. Inside, closest to the chateau, this "enclos" groups together the most famous plots of Calon. Cabernet Sauvignon is the backbone of Calon Ségur. This grape variety makes up over three-quarters of the blend, and in great years its proportion can be as high as 90%. No great wines can ever be made without constant and meticulous care of the vines. The soils are ploughed in the time-honored tradition. From spring to autumn, vine canopy management tasks are done by large numbers of vineyard personnel. The crop is picked by hand at perfect ripeness.

Appellation: Saint-Estèphe. Third classified Growth in 1855.

Owner: SURAVENIR. **Manager:** Laurent Dufau.

Winemaker: Vincent Millet. **Consultant Oenologist:** Éric Boissenot.

Vineyard area: 55 hectares (136 acres)

Area in production: 45 hectares (50 hectares planted)

Varietals: 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petite Verdot

Average age of the vines: 22 years

Pruning: Double Guyot

Harvest: Hand picking. A first selection of grapes on the vine. Mechanicle sorting by vibration, then second sorting by hand.

Vinification: Temperature-controlled conical stainless-steel tanks. Maceration for 18 to 21 days.

Pumping over twice a day. Fermentation at 26°C. Malolactic fermentation (indigenous lactic bacteria) in stainless steel at 20°C.

Ageing: 18 to 20 months, 30% new barrels. Fining with egg white.

Production: 80,000 bottles



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