## Le Marquis de Calon Ségur 2016

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Appellation

Saint-Estèphe. Château Calon Ségur's second label.

Owner

SURAVENIR.

Manager

Laurent Dufau.

Winemaker

Vincent Millet.

Consultant œnologist Éric Boissenot.

Le Marquis Calon Ségur SAINT-ESTÈPHE

Soil

A thick layer of gravel laid down during the Quaternary Period. Predominantly clay sub-soil from the Tertiary Period. At the summit of the gravel deposits, there is also a fine layer of clay of lacustrine origin.

Vineyard area

55 ha (136 acres).

Area in production

45 ha (50 ha planted).

Grape varieties

56% Cabernet sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 7% Cabernet franc, 2% petit Verdot.

Blend

55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet sauvignon.

Average age of the vines

22 years.

Pruning method

Double Guyot.

Planting density

8,000 vines/ha.

Yield

42 hl/ha.

Harvest dates

Merlot: September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>. Cabernet sauvignon: 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Cabernet franc: 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Petit Verdot: October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Harvest

Hand picking. A first selection of grapes on the vine. Mechanical sorting of the grapes by vibration, followed by hand sorting.

Vinification

Temperature-controlled conical stainless-steel tanks. Maceration for 20 days. Pumping over twice a day. Fermentation at 26°C. Malolactic fermentation (indigenous lactic bacteria) in stainless steel at 20°C.

Ageing Estimate 17 months, 30% new barrels. Fining with egg white.

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