

Château Phélan Ségur 2022

CSPC# 742352

750mlx12

14.2% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	56% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot.
Appellation	Saint-Estèphe
Website	http://www.phelansegur.com/en/millesimes/
Analysis	pH: 3.80 TPI/IPT: 96
Sustainability	· HVE3 certification (2021) · Organic & Biodynamic - not certified
General Info	In 1805, Bernard Phelan, an Irish wine broker settled in Bordeaux, acquired le Clos de Garaméy, located in Saint-Estèphe, followed in 1810 by the Ségur de Cabanac estate to complement his first acquisition. The whole was called Château Ségur de Garaméy. He thus created a magnificent wine-producing domain that remains practically unchanged today, apart the sale in 2010 of 20 hectares to Château Montrose. The particularity of Château Phélan Ségur is its original architectural design: the neo-classical main residence is not separated from the agricultural buildings but is extended by them. Since 1985, the vineyard has been run by the Gardinier family who bought it from the Delon family, owner since 1924. 2015 also marks the Gardinier family's 30th anniversary at the head of Phélan Ségur.
Winemaker	Fabrice Bacquey – wine cellar master Vineyard Manager - Luc Peyronnet Michel Rolland, Julien Viaud - consultant winemakers
Vintage	The winter of 2021-2022 was dry in Saint-Estèphe (545mm of rain in the growing year compared with 850mm on average). Bud burst came early. The Gironde protected us in extremis from frost in April. We experienced the first peaks of heat in June. Flowering went well. Up until then, everything was fine. On the evening of 20 June, a violent hailstorm hit the north of the vineyard. On these plots, we lost 50% of our crop. The vines were subject to severe physiological stress, and stopped growing. We help them regain their strength using biostimulants and trace elements. Summer was dry and hot with peaks of 41° C! Our vineyard teams "scratched" the soil and mowed the grass to reduce competition for water. We limited leaf removal to protect the berries from scalding and trimmed the vines to reduce evapotranspiration. The clay in our Saint-Estèphe soils helped the vine get through this drought. While the young vines did suffer, the resilience of our vineyard surprised us, even amazed us. On certain identified plots, we continued to use braiding as an alternative to trimming. Wines from these braided vines show more freshness and balance and have less of a "hot" feeling. In September, the vineyard was healthy with no trace of disease, and the berries were tiny. The Merlot harvest began on 14 September. This was followed by the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot and then the Cabernet Sauvignon. Regardless of the grape variety, all our plots ripened at the same time. Nine consecutive days of picking were enough to bring in all the grapes. The yields were low, even lower than expected.
Vineyards	70 hectares. The average vine age is 35 years. The sale reduced the Phelan-Ségur vineyard from 90 hectares to 70 hectares. These 70 hectares are spread over four locations, with one-quarter planted next to the <i>château</i> and <i>chai</i> , the remaining three more distant. The <i>terroir</i> underfoot is an alluvial gravel mixed with sandy clay, over a deeper bedrock of chalk. The vines are 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Merlot, and current replanting work is focusing on increasing the proportion of the former over the latter, although work in 2011 did include one small plot replanted to Merlot. The planting density is about 8500 vines per hectare.
Harvest	It's the first time since 2005 that Merlot is more than half of the blend as part of the Cabernet Sauvignon was hailed in June. This impacted on the yield which is 28 hl/ha compared to the average of 45. Harvest: from September 14 to September 26
Vinification/ Maturation	Once in the winery the fruit receives a high-tech treatment, with table-sorting, destemming, optical sorting, pressing and fermentation on a plot-by-plot basis in thermo-regulated stainless-steel vats; these were replaced in 2011, reducing their capacity from 210 hectoliters down to 115 hectoliters, thereby allowing more precise plot-by-plot vinification. Subsequently the wines undergo malolactic in a warmed room and then <i>élevage</i> , all undertaken in oak barrels, 50% new, sourced from five coopers, the principal source being Taransaud. 60% in new barrels for 18 months.



Tasting Notes	After long ageing, it reveals a bouquet of a rare complexity, the oak harmoniously integrated. This subtle and authentic balance creates an intense emotion.
Winemaker's Notes	<p>2022 enters into the very exclusive circle of vintages that are extra-ordinary, in every sense of the term. The depth of its almost black colour and its captivating purple reflections instantly immerse us in the atmosphere of the vintage.</p> <p>The nose surprises with its unexpected marriage of juicy black fruit, spices and subtle floral notes. The concentration and aromatic complexity (black cherry, rose, cedar) almost display arrogance.</p> <p>On the palate, the attack is stunning: fleshy, flavourful and mellow. It is a warm invitation to discover the power, density and richness of the vintage. The wine has character, a wave of silky, assertive tannins forms on the mid-palate and comfortably melds with the impressive structure of the wine.</p> <p>The finish is persistent, well-balanced and ends on menthol notes synonymous with freshness. The foundations have been laid for a wine with immense ageing potential. Château Phélan Ségur 2022 is monumental.</p>
Serve with	meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, chicken, roasted, braised, stewed, and grilled dishes.
Production	12,000 cases made.
Cellaring	Drink 2027-2040.
Scores/Awards	<p>95 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - May 2025</p> <p>95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2025</p> <p>17 points - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - May 2023</p> <p>95 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - May 2023</p> <p>95 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2023</p> <p>95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2025</p> <p>95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2025</p> <p>93 points - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2023</p> <p>94 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - January 2023</p> <p>97 points - Terres de Vins - April 2023</p> <p>94 points - Vert de Vin - April 2023</p> <p>17.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - August 2023</p>
