Le Marquis de Calon Ségur 2018

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-ESTEPHE

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

53% Merlot, 47% Cabernet sauvignon.

Average age of the vines

22 years.

Pruning method

Double Guyot.

Planting density

8,000 vines/ha.

Yield

41 hl/ha.

Harvest dates

Merlot: 19 - 25 September.

Cabernets: 26 September - 5 October.

Petit Verdot: 8 October.

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.