

## VINTAGE 2022

- Monumental -

**Harvest:** from September 14 to September 26

**Climatic conditions:**

**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.

**Blending:** 56% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc  
**Analysis:** Degree: 14,2% vol. - pH: 3,8 - IPT: 96



**Tasting notes:**

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.

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.

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.

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.**

**Château Phélan Ségur:**

Owner: Philippe Van de Vyvere  
General Director: Véronique Dausse  
Vineyard Manager: Stéphane Rougé  
Cellar Master: Fabrice Bacquey  
Consultants: Michel Rolland, Julien Viaud  
Vineyard: 70 hectares  
Average age of the vineyard: 35 years  
Density of plantation: 10 000 vines/hectare  
Grape varieties: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Cabernet Franc