



PRESS REVIEW

Château Phélan Ségur 2021

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Terre de Vins : 96-97	"Le parti pris est clair : <i>Phélan est fait pour durer</i> ! (...) Bouche nette, riche et sapide, beaucoup de longueur. Une qualité de tanins exceptionnelle."
James Suckling : 93-94	"Plenty of cabernet character ... refined ... <i>typical for the appellation</i> "
Decanter : 94	" <i>One of the absolute standouts for me this year.</i> (...) I love the intensity, it's rich but perfectly executed - elegant and finessed with balance and charm but above all, a sense of energy and freshness that makes it one of the more memorable wines. (...) A gorgeous wine that has such promise. <i>A surefire must buy</i> and what should be great value too."
Beckustator : 93-94	" <i>Un vin invitant</i> , qui cumule puissance et délicatesse et qui dispose d'un très bon potentiel de garde."
Vinous / Antonio Galloni : 92-94	"... a classy Phélan marked by a sense of <i>strict classicism that is hugely attractive.</i> "
Vinous / Neal Martin : 92-94	"It might represent <i>one of the best values for money</i> "
The Wine Advocate : 92-93+	"Concentrated and well-constructed, <i>this is a serious wine</i> with a bright future ahead of it."
Weingabriel : 18	"... viel feinem Tannin, cremiger, dichter Struktur, vielfältiger Aromatik, <i>langer, kräftiger Abgang.</i> "
Wine Cellar Insider : 92-94	"They have been on <i>a non-stop roll here</i> and 2021 continues that streak! "
RVF : 92-94	" <i>D'une distinction admirable</i> , (...) ce 2021 est très réussi."
Le Point : 17 ♥	"... <i>vin complet</i> , fruité éclatant, élevage équilibré, persistant."

Jeb Dunnuck : 91-93+

"... offers terrific purity (...) *outstanding length.*"

Christer Byklum : 93-95

"... *lovely energy to it*, long finish. Really long."

Weinwisser : 93

"Hier ist alles am richtigen Platz. *Ein zeitloser Klassiker!*"

Tasting Book : 93

"... *excellent length*, refined fruit and spiciness lingering in the aftertaste."

Drinks Business : 92-94

"*A great expression of its terroir* (...) All and more than you can expect from a top St Estèphe terroir in this vintage."

1000 Plateaux : 94

"Un *très bon millésime* pour le cru."

Le Figaro : 92-94

"Il est *savoureux*, épicé avec des notes de fruits d'été"

Wine Doctor : 90-92

"... it is *a success for the vintage.*"

Anthocyanes : 90-92

"Bouche droite, tendue, *de beaux tanins*"



Terre de Vins

Sylvie Tonnaire

Le parti pris est clair : Phélan est fait pour durer ! Le flacon primeur n'est pas dans la séduction immédiate, tout est dans la construction d'un équilibre entre densité et expression aromatique. Il peut paraître austère aujourd'hui, à l'aération effluves floraux et cassis tentent une percée. Bouche nette, riche et sapide, beaucoup de longueur. Une qualité de tanins exceptionnelle.

96-97

93-94

Plenty of cabernet character with currant and blackberry and some fresh-herb undertones. Medium body. Fine, firm tannins. Refined and together. Oyster shell and hints of spices such as cloves and white pepper. Tapenade. Typical for the appellation.

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James Suckling

Decanter

Georgie Hindle

One of the absolute standouts for me this year. A dark and brooding nose with purity and concentration. The palate is finely textured with mineral-laced tannins that give grip in the mouth but letting the nuances of fruit and acidity play out in harmony. I love the intensity, it's rich but perfectly executed - elegant and finessed with balance and charm but above all a sense of energy and freshness that makes it one of the more memorable wines. Despite the challenges of the vintage, the fruit is ripe and dense and this gives no drop in the mid palate, sustaining pace and directness from start to finish. This is the first time to have such high percentages of both Cabernet Sauvignon (75%) and Petit Verdot (4%) in the blend. A gorgeous wine that has such promise. A surefire must buy and what should be great value too. Tasted twice and both times this was delicious with exceptional freshness and longevity.

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Yves Beck

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93-94

Belle intensité du bouquet de Phélan avec des notes de baies noires suivies d'une touche de réglisse et de graphite. En bouche le vin a du corps et est doté d'une bonne structure tannique. Celle-ci se révèle lentement et atteint son amplitude en fin de bouche. Un vin invitant, qui cumule puissance et délicatesse et qui dispose d'un très bon potentiel de garde.

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Antonio Galloni

*The 2021 Phélan Ségur is bright, punchy and full of character, with all the youthful vigor and fruitiness of a barrel sample. I very much like the energy here. There's less density than in the preceding years, but that is not a bad thing at all. Cedar, tobacco, sage and bright red berry fruit open nicely, all woven together by the aromatic intensity that is such a signature of the year. This is the second vintage that incorporates a touch of Petit Verdot, while the Cabernet is the highest it has ever been here. Readers will find **a classy Phélan marked by a sense of strict classicism that is hugely attractive.** Tasted four times.*

92-94

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Neal Martin

92-94

*The 2021 Phélan Ségur has an attractive bouquet of blackberry, raspberry and dried rose petal scents, quite fragrant and appealing even at this early stage. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit, fine tannins, well-judged acidity and quite a tensile finish. This is very promising, though it will need four to five years in bottle. **It might represent one of the best values for money,** depending on the release price, of course.*



William Kelley

*Unfurling in the glass with aromas of dark berries, plums and cherries mingled with notions of rose petals, pipe tobacco, sweet spices and loamy soil, the 2021 Phélan Ségur is medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, with impressive depth at the core, ripe tannins and lively acids, concluding with a long, saline finish. **Concentrated and well-constructed, this is a serious wine with a bright future ahead of it.** It's a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot. Tasted five times, twice at the estate.*

92-93+

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WEINGABRIEL - Andre Kunz

*Cremiges, samtene, feines, elegantes Bouquet, Cassis, Pflaumen, Edelhölzer, Tabak, fein Lakritze. Dichtverwobener, eleganter, frischer Gaumen mit kräftiger, dunkler Frucht, viel feinem Tannin, cremiger, dichter Struktur, vielfältiger Aromatik, **langer, kräftiger Abgang.***

Alexandre Ma

92-94

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve

Smoke, dark chocolate, flowers, and espresso-tinged black cherry notes are in the nose. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, forward, soft, round, and fruity, with cocoa overtones to accompany the black cherry and espresso-oriented finish. This should be quite enjoyable on release. The wine blends 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot. This interesting blend represents the highest percentage of Cabernet ever placed into Phelan Segur. They have been on a non-stop roll here and 2021 continues that streak! Drink from 2023-2037.

92-94



Olivier Poels

92-94

D'une distinction admirable, avec une belle netteté du fruit et surtout une admirable qualité de tanins, ce 2021 est très réussi. Déjà complexe, avec des notes fruitées et épicées en finale, il est promis à un bel avenir.

Le Point

Jacques Dupont



Le coup de cœur de la rédaction

Fruits rouges, note florale, bouche dense, juteuse, de la matière, vin complet, fruité éclatant, élevage équilibré, persistant.

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91-93+

JEB DUNNUCK

"Tasted on numerous occasions, the 2021 Château Phélan Ségur (75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot) makes the most of this challenging vintage and offers terrific purity in its cassis fruit as well toasted spice and violet notes. It has some background oak, medium-bodied richness, good mid-palate density, and outstanding length."

RVI

Revue Vinicole Internationale
1er magazine dédié aux Vins & Spiritueux
Fondé en 1880

Vladimir Kauffman

Le vin est élégant, équilibré, avec un joli fruit, vif et une finale en finesse.

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95-97

Château Phélan Ségur ampio ma freschezza importante, visciole incenso, lamponi croccanti, lunghezza e dinamicità, bocca sontuosa con vegetale balsamico da manuale.

Andrea Gori

Christer Byklum

Ruby. Blackberries, anise, spices, rich and fruit driven nose, intense. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, anise, blackberries, detailed, lovely energy to it, long finish. Really long.

93-95

WEINWISSER

*Verführerisches Bouquet, frisch gepflückte Schattenmorelle, Johannisbeergelée, getrockneter Rosmarin und zartes Veilchenparfüm. Am delikaten Gaumen mit seidiger Textur, herrlicher Extraktfülle, perfekt stützender Rasse, engmaschigem Tanningerüst in einem durchtrainierten Körper mit feingliedrigen "St.-Estèphe-Krallen". Im konzentrierten Finale mit edler Cassiswürze, Szechuan-Pfeffer und fein sandiger Adstringenz. **Hier ist alles am richtigen Platz.** Viermal verkostet, immer auf dem gleichen Niveau. **Ein zeitloser Klassiker!***

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tastingbook
Your Personal Wine Professional

Markus Del Monego

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*Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Expressive nose in a multilayered style, balckcurrants, elderberries, hints of blackberries and mulberries, discreet floral hints and gingerbread spices in the background. Subtle oak, very refined nose. On the palate well structured and balanced with almost full-bodied character, **excellent length, refined fruit and spiciness lingering in the aftertaste.***

Colin Hay

Not difficult to pick as Phélan-Ségur and, frankly, very good in the context of this challenging vintage. Spicy and bonfire-smoky, with super use of the oak. There are gamey and charcuterie notes too, assorted cracked Asiatic spices and punnets of plump blackcurrant fruit, pulling all of this together. A great expression of its terroir, this is limpid, lithe and elegantly crafted, with impressive concentration and yet more sinuous than linear. All and more than you can expect from a top St Estèphe terroir in this vintage.

92-94

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1000 Plateaux - Jacques Perrin

Grande séduction au nez avec des nuances de cerise juteuse, beaucoup de grâce et d'appétence, bouche à la fois charnue et vineuse, très bien construite, ascendante, pleine de bons tanins extraits avec adresse. Un très bon millésime pour le cru.

bettane+desseauve

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LE FIGARO

*Un fruit pur et éclatant au nez. Les arômes rappellent un bouquet de fleurs fraîchement coupées, dont la sève apporte un note délicieusement verte qui donne une fraîcheur supplémentaire. En bouche, on retrouve une texture de velours assez grossier, de sorte que l'on mange presque le vin. **Il est savoureux, épicé avec des notes de fruits d'été, une point d'encre et un côté floral qui persiste jusqu'en finale.***

92-94



Chris Kissack

90-92

*The harvest here kicked off on September 23rd, finishing on October 13th, with a yield of 32 hl/ha. The blend features 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot, the former over-represented and the latter under-represented compared to the vineyard. The remaining 4% is Petit Verdot. This opens with some warm and smoky notes on the nose, with a little matchstick note too, as well as a hint of bitter sage. The palate is fresh, quite supple, with a lovely sinewy hint to the texture, leading to a dark and juicy midpalate, with lots of powdery tannins wrapped around the edges. There is a touch of bitter grip to the structure, but it isn't distracting. This latest release doesn't have the same level of chutzpah seen in other recent vintages of Phélan-Ségur, which have been very successful, nevertheless this certainly looks good when lined up next to many of its peers, and **it is a success for the vintage.** Well done. The alcohol is about 13.5%. Tasted twice.*

Yohan Castaing

*Petite récolte sur les merlots. Très beau nez de fruits noirs frais avec une pointe mentholée. Plus floral à l'aération. **Bouche droite, tendue, de beaux tanins** avec une légère austérité typique de Saint-Estèphe qui devrait se fondre avec le temps. L'acidité est présente et droite. Aérien en finale.*

90-92

Challenge^s

Bâti sur de grands cabernets (75 %), d'une grande pureté de fruits et d'une qualité de tanins remarquable, Phélan livre un vin intense, énergique, à la longue finale. Construit pour livrer le meilleur de lui-même dans une décennie et plus.



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