



Frank Phélan
Saint-Estèphe AOC
BORDEAUX (FRANCE)

Since 1985, the Gardinier brothers have ensured the prestige of the château and its heritage. The three brothers Thierry, Stéphane and Laurent Gardinier perpetuate the values and the chivalrous spirit of its creators, men of heart and of conviction. The vineyard of Château Phélan Ségur covers 70 hectares of magnificent clay-gravels on the hillocks and plateaux of Saint-Estèphe. Created in 1986, Frank Phélan, the second wine of the château, bears the name of the son of Bernard Phélan, founder of the estate. Frank Phélan comes from 15 hectares of old vines and a selection of vines of less than ten years. It respects the classic values of the Château by expressing another facet of its terroir.

- Grapes:** 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Viticulture:** Soil is superficial graves, clay subsoil. 12 months in French oak barrique.
- Alcohol:** 13% vol.
- Appearance:** Dark plum
- Nose:** Rich, ripe black fruits
- Palate:** Blackcurrants and blackberries, delicate vanilla and spices aromas embellish the fruit.
- Food Pairings:** Lamb, beef or mushroom dishes.

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Bordeaux Wine Region of France

Climate: Temperate climate, short winters and a high degree of humidity due its closeness to the Atlantic.

The **Bordeaux** wine region is named after the region's main city, Bordeaux and is divided by the Gironde estuary with the majority of the vineyards located either on its "right" or "left" bank. There are many sub-zones along both banks known for their exceptional quality such as: Margaux, Saint-Julien, Pauillac, **Saint-Estèphe**, Médoc, Saint-Emilion, and Pomerol to name a few. The current permissible red grapes allowed are: **Merlot**, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Cabernet Franc**, Malbec and Petite Verdot. Common white grapes allowed are Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle.

Bordeaux is one of the most important wine regions in the world with its complicated system of classifying reds from the Chateau's in the Médoc by quality from Fifth to First Growth. The great **Classification of 1855** was ordered by Napoleon III and still holds today. Only one white wine was included in this honored classification, Château d'Yquem which produces a famous dessert wine called Sauternes.

In a broad sense, the term **Médoc** is typically coined as the geographical area of the Left Bank. However, the AOC is comprised of these sub-regions: Haut-Médoc AOC, Margaux AOC, Listrac-Médoc AOC, Moulis-en-Médoc AOC, Saint-Julien AOC, Pauillac AOC, Saint-Estèphe AOC. Many of these are included in the Classification of 1855, however **Médoc** proper is not.