

# Wine Market Update - Valentine's Day

# With Valentine's Day around the corner, **Brian Ward**, Senior Specialist of Fine and Rare Wines, shares tips for festive bottles for any budget

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### <u>Champagne</u>

The Champagne region has a nearly endless supply of bottles ideal for enjoying a nice evening, celebrating a special event, or adding to a collection. Here are a few to consider...

Entry Level - Louis Roederer Brut NV - 92 Wine Enthusiast

Mid Level - VIlmart Grand Cellier d'Or Brut - 93 Stephen Tanzer

Cellar Worthy - 1996 Krug - 98 Wine Advocate; 2000 Dom Pérignon Rosé - 96 Wine Advocate



#### <u>Bordeaux</u>

There are many Bordeaux wines with fascinating histories. For Valentine's Day, none seems more appropriate than Château Calon-Ségur, which features a heart on its label. The winery is named after the Marquis de Ségur who also owned famed wineries Château Latour and Château Lafite Rothschild until his death in 1755. Despite his association with these renowned labels, Ségur famously said that while he made his wine at Latour and Lafite, his heart was in Calon-Ségur. Château Calon-Ségur wines are wonderful to drink with a spicy red and black fruit start and a lighter, medium-bodied finish, ready to enjoy now or hold.

Ready to Drink - 2001 Château Calon-Ségur, 90 Wine Spectator

Cellar Worthy - 2010 Château Calon-Ségur, 97 Wine Enthusiast

#### Dessert Wine

To finish off the evening, try a Sauternes sweet wine made from Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. These wines age well and take on intense and complex butterscotch, honey and toffee flavors, allowing them to stand alone as dessert.

Entry Level - 2004 Château Coutet, Barsac, France - 94 Wine Enthusiast

Mid Level - 2001 Château Suduiraut, Sauternes, France, 98 Wine Advocate

Cellar Worthy - 1990 Château D'Yquem, Sauternes, France, 99 Wine Advocate

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