



Chateau Musar

CHATEAU MUSAR RED 1994

Tasting Note

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1994 was a year of intense heat. The winter was short and mild and was followed by early flowering in spring and a normal summer although we had an unexpected heat wave which lasted from August to mid October. This caused the grapes to start drying before ripening. It was therefore decided to harvest ten days earlier than normal. The result was one of the most concentrated and fruity vintages at Chateau Musar.

Coming from the wood in the spring of 1996, the wine showed green spicy oak notes on the nose, with more open Cabernet character. The palate was firm with quite good tannins, although the fruit was already beginning to show the ripe chocolately texture so typical of Musar. An intense, richly concentrated wine. Later **Decanter Magazine** declared " 1994 wines are powerful ~ a vintage a watch".

Citations

"1994 - its very rich mocha nose reminded me of some new-style Pomerols tasted recently."

Michael Broadbent - Decanter.

"1994 - the heat wave year, seemed almost more Syrah, of which there is none, than Cinsault."

Steven Spurrier - Musing on Musar.

"Richer, gamier, almost Shiraz like 1994"

Joanna Simon

A generous aroma of plums, berries vanilla and spice as well as fine texture. 1994 was one of the country's hottest years with the result that this vintage shows deep concentrated colours of dark berries with a wonderful nose of spice and leather."

"An intense, rich, deeply concentrated wine with ripe fruit and chocolate characters."

J. Sainsbury Wine Database

La robe semble tuilée avec ses bords clairs. Le nez apparaît puissant mais nuance, évolue mais agréable: arômes de prune, figue, moka, caramel, fruits macérés, moka. La bouche s'avère tendre, raffinée, soutenue par une acidité qui semble d'autant plus marquée que les parfums sont méditerranéens.

La Revue du Vin de France - Jan. 2001

20/20 Radio Broadcast

"Exhibits notes of spicy, rich, sweet fruit and cedar with a wonderfully lingering finish."

Michael Whiteside

Extract from www.vinguiden.se / Swedish article

Big, warm, fruity nose with barrel character, mature and with notes of leather, dried fruit and cornith. Medium bodied, crisp and a touch of grapey sweetness. Goes well with intense meat dishes such as game. Also with powerful cheeses or just with a cigar...

Jenny Sandstrom 5th May 2001

Sommelier Challenge - WINE 2001

'A regional combination. High acidity but no tough tannins. The rich flavours of the dish and the wine are evenly balanced.'

Petrolly, acetone nose, with bitter cherry aroma. A complex palate with tar and violets, though volatile acidity. Great length. The wine lifted all of the flavours in this dish, tying them together. In return the food cut through the wine's volatility. A harmonious match.

Adrian Wells - The Pheasant, Ross-on-Wye.

Chateau Musar Red 1994 top scorer in the tasting, the closest they came to a regional offering and the only red wine chosen.

Clear ruby, not too dark, with forward aromas of black cherries, herbs and fragrant pepper and a distinct but pleasant whiff of the barnyard. Full and complex, fruit and earthy flavours are consistent with the nose; zingy acidity and soft tannins set up a very long finish with fruity and floral notes that seem to last for minutes. A very fine wine, capable of ageing well for years.

Food Match: Its earthy qualities make it an exceptional match with wild mushrooms, in the form of tortellini in a light porcini bechamel sauce."

Robin Garr – US

Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Cinsault

Alcohol content: 14% vol.

Vintage report:

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"A very attractive, forward example of Musar, one of the most individual wines on the market. Light in colour with a browning rim. Full, bold, dangerous nose (high volatile acidity that just stops short of being faulty) with sweet, exotic herbal notes and hints of old leather and tea. Spicy, rich palate is warm and sweetly fruited, with high acidity, very little tannin, ripe cherry and strawberry fruit. Overall, beautifully balanced and complete. Very good/excellent" **Jamie Goode**

"Explosive nose of ripe red cherries, strawberries jam with very nice volatile acidity... in the mouth, ripe cherries, zeste d'orange, noix de muscade, refreshing acidity... this wine is still very young and vibrant and has still many years potential... great wine!! 94/100"

Philippe Camps

“Mid ruby. Pale rim. Heady, animal nose. Jewel-sweet fruit and quite an aggressive attack. Still quite edgy. For the moment it could do with a little more concentration in the middle. But it’s certainly sweet at the beginning. Very confident and vigorous. Reminds me a bit of the 1980. Some light tannins evident on the end. Still resolving itself but admirably transparent. 14% alc • Drink 2012-2028”

Jancis Robinson, April 2018 - 17.5 Points