



CHATEAU MUSAR RED CARIGNAN 1989

The 1989 is exceptional.

Exceptional because with the war raging around, the Chateau Musar winery was hit on several occasions and the deep cellars used as air raid shelters.

Serge Hochar remained philosophical throughout, and said of the 1989 vintage: "A dry winter followed by a mild summer led to an exceptional vintage of very good maturity".

This specific bottling is also exceptional as it is the only red wine single varietal bottling currently available at Chateau Musar, produced exclusively from Carignan grapes.

Tasting Notes - 2016

Ruby colour with a burnt orange hue.

On the nose, there are notes of coffee, tobacco, cigar box and Assam tea leaves with a hint of chocolate and spices.

The palate is soft and silky, with spicy red and black fruits such as prunes and blackcurrants surrounded by chocolate and mocha. Nutmeg and sage are present on the long finish. Dense and rich with harmonious acidity providing clarity and cut to the rich, ripe red fruit flavour.

Tasting Notes - 2006

The nose on the 1989 vintage is remarkably fragrant and attractive. Intriguing notes of roasted peanuts, smoked meat and cumin. Nice layering of flavours and texture.

It is indeed a very fine wine; delicate, elegant with good tannins and great length.

“Tall bottle. Designed to commemorate Serge Hochar’s 50th anniversary. He chose this particular vat of Carignan from a single vineyard. Mid ruby – still with quite a depth of colour. Particularly cheesy nose – very different from the usual Ch Musar. It is a tiny bit tart and lighter than most but still very appealing in the great scheme of things. A tiny bit rustic. 14% alc. • Drink 2000-2022”

Jancis Robinson, April 2018 – 16.5 Points