



Chateau Musare

CHATEAU MUSAR RED 1981

Rubier in colour than the 1982 and weightier on the palate, this vintage in fact appears younger than the 1982. It is quite tannic, although not aggressively so; but altogether a powerful vintage.

Leather and cassis accompanied by fresh acidity - a wine of strong character and starting to show its true potential now. Distinctive and powerful - showing chocolate, tobacco, fruits and spices. Full, round, powerful and tannic with a long, warm finish.

Subtle, developed aromas of red berries and oak. Medium bodied with perfumed, sweet currant and strawberry fruit, very fine tannins and a superb, soft texture. Perfectly balanced with flavours of coffee, spice and oranges.

Cedar and cigar box aromas lead into a plummy palate with leather, wood and dried cherry flavours. The tannins are still brooding, adding a dry complex element that seems just right. Very impressive now.

*“Undoubtedly the class of the older field [ten vintages tasted from 1993 to 1977] (...) Very impressive, and shows no sign of an impending drop-off”
Michael Schachner, Making Wine in a War Zone, *The Wine Enthusiast*, October 2000.*

*“Initial nose almost rottingly vegetal followed by a deep, plummy, almost toasty scent. The plum is reiterated on the palate.” Sarah Woodward, *WINE*, November 2000.*

*“The Grand Marnier / orange flavour really stood out in the 1981, as did its pronounced tannins.” Chris Giroux - *Canadian Tasting*, 9th March 2001.*

“This (...) has a beautiful colour, with a brick-red core fading to an orange rim. The nose, initially a little reticent, yields to reveal sweet meats, camomile, liquorice and leather, and then a metallic and vegetal richness. Beautiful texture on entry, the midpalate loses its initial hollow streak to show a creamy svelteness. Great character, so typical of Musar, with meaty-leather flavour. You can sense (...) a little grip, particularly in the finish which is stained with tannin. Still going strong at twenty-three years of age! Excellent.”

*Chris Kissack, *The Wine Doctor* (www.thewinedoctor.com), May 2005.*