



Chateau Musar

CHATEAU MUSAR RED 1996

The weather patterns during the year of 1996 were fairly normal. The rainy and cold winter was followed by a mild spring with good flowering. The summer was fresh and moderate, if not cooler than previous years. The combination of the colder, wetter weather delayed the maturity of the grapes and in fact almost stopped it.

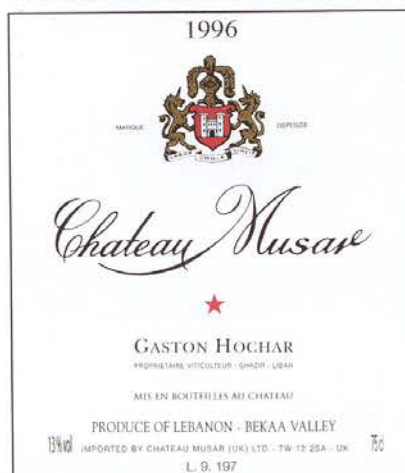
The crop this year though was quite large but because the wines were not powerful and concentrated, it was decided to reduce the production of the 'Chateau' wine in 1996. This was a conscious decision to produce a wine of finesse and elegance and one which completely expressed the classic nature of the vintage.

The 1996 vintage is a blend of the three grape varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Carignan.

Our prediction is that 1996 will be a marvellous year, not a big concentrated vintage but one of finesse, extreme subtlety and refinement. The wines are beautifully harmonious with elegant long length.
Serge Hochar

"In the tasting room we were able to taste, pre-release the 1996 Musar, sweet, rich lovely flavour." Michael Broadbent

"Chateau Musar makes every effort to produce its wines naturally, letting each develop its own character, and the grape composition varies from year to year. This red has an interesting nose, combining gamey, farmyard and leathery aromas. Lovely texture on the palate, round and lots of lively fruit, good length"
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