



Chateau Musar

CHATEAU MUSAR RED 1981

Tasting Note

Rubier in colour than the 1982 and weightier on the palate - in fact this vintage appears younger than the 1982. Quite tannic although not aggressively so but altogether a powerful vintage.

Leathery/cassis with 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, tannic and long alcoholic 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.

Undoubtedly the class of the older field. 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.

Citation

"The grand marnier/orange flavour really stood out in 1981, as did its pronounced tannins."

Chris Giroux - Canadian Tasting 9th March 2001

A scent of fragrant sweet roses, and sweet, exotic fruits with a raisiny edge to taste. Despite this sweetness, the flesh and the sensual Cinsualt `skin` of the wine was still much in evidence. As we drank the wine (at dinner on my first night in the Lebanon in 1993), it became cleaner and more refreshing: another Musar hallmark.

Andrew Jefford, December 4, 2013