

Chateau Musar White 1954

Bright gold in colour, and prodigiously aromatic, running through a chain of allusions which seemed to settle, butterfly-like, somewhere new every 10 seconds or so. The list of notes I jotted down seems absurd: prawns, nuts, green pepper, bread, doughnuts, finally settling on buttered brazils and roasted cashews. Extraordinary – yet true. As with many old wines, the palate was not quite as spectacular, but it remained full, deep and living: quince, a hint of pickled lemon, finally a butterscotch fade to oblivion. A grand old white, in sum.

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