

Chateau Musar White 1992



Overview

The weather was terrible. We had winter until June. Hail came. Biblical weather! I tried to make a Chateau Musar, but 2 years later found it wasn't up to my standards, so we distilled it. The best grape that year was Obaideh – Serge Hochar

These vines are on original rootstocks and are grown in at 1200-1400 metres above sea level in the foothills of the Anti-Lebanon mountains. Released after several years in bottle, it will continue to develop complexity over many more and is suited to a wide range of food from rich pates, rillettes and cheese, to delicately spiced Asian cuisine.

Grape Varietals

Obaideh

Vineyard Region

Mount Lebanon slopes

Winemaking

This particular vintage is 100% Obaideh. A proportion was barrel fermented with natural yeasts in 225 litre French oak barriques, then matured for nine months. Blended with the stainless-steel cuvee and bottled. Aged in the winery's cellars before release.

Tasting Notes

Beautifully deep amber colour with aromas of hot buttered toast, caramel, vanilla and toffee apples. Dry, but the weighty texture and aroma/flavour associations lend a perceived sweetness. A wonderfully complex wine with many layers of spice, fruit and development that keep revealing themselves in the glass as time passes.

Aged for nine months only due to the lightness of vintage, this wine exudes melon aromas, possesses a medium body with a clean and pleasant aftertaste. Pair confidently with fried Mediterranean fish famous for their intense taste. Pan-fried tuna with tomatoes, green and red peppers enriched with extra-virgin olive oil would be an excellent match too – Hrayr Berberoglu, foodreference.com

Deep orange gold. On the nose, beginning to mature and open up. Good depth and concentration. Lovely flavours of old Cheddar cheese and surprisingly high acidity. Very good length on the aftertaste. Will age for long time. After an hour in the glass, the wine started to develop its characteristic honey aromas which also revealed themselves on the palate alongside a beautiful vanilla and beeswax aroma. The next morning saw it develop a rich, sweet, cognac-like nose; bone dry, powerful yet elegant on the palate with pronounced alcohol and hot and long finish. By day three, the middle nose had developed even more – Bartholomew Broadbent, October 2019

You can't judge this wine too quickly; it needs to be tasted with an open mind over a long period. The initial aromas are delicate: dried flowers and dried apricots; nice but not complex. Then in the mouth it becomes something unique – an intriguing wine that hides its class in a cryptic message. On the first day I gave it 92 points, but it is only from day two that it starts to show its amazing complexity, becoming something between a wine and an elixir. It starts to fade away on the fifth day after opening. Decanting is a must – Pedro Ballesteros Torres MW, June 2020

Alcohol

12.5% Alc./Vol.

