

Chateau Musar Red 1956



Overview

Serge had been involved at the winery assisting his father, where it became clear he had a natural skill for winemaking. He had blended the Chateau Musar White 1954 and been involved with winemaking in the subsequent years, but complete control was not handed over until 1959, when this vintage, produced by Gaston Hochar was bottled by his son, Serge.

Grape Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, Carignan

Tasting Notes

These wines keep so well; the 1978 at dinner was faultless, far better than many a 1978 Bordeaux. Then to cap it all, the 1956 made by the founding father, Gaston, but bottled by Serge in 1959, was quite remarkably good – Michael Broadbent, Decanter Magazine

Good colour for its age; remarkably sound, slightly chocolatey nose; surprisingly sweet, delicious, excellent tannins and acidity. Totally delicious. At dinner with the Hochar family, Serge, his brother Roland, their wives and Gaston junior on our first day in Lebanon, Dec 1999 – Michael Broadbent

His 1956 will always be a great wine. A great vintage with typical Musar characteristics. Beautiful dark brick colour with a superb nose of heavy nuts and an almost dried hazelnut paste aroma with complex scents of old cedar. This wine is perfectly balanced on the palate offering a richness to both body and soul. While it has a long and lingering silky flavour, it still feels extremely youthful. My kind of wine! – William Bincoletto, "Chateau Musar Revisited" Purple Feet Magazine, Aug./Sept. 2001

Just enormous, with layers of dried fruit, wood and spice – DN Vinguide, Norway, June 2002

Alcohol

14% Alc./Vol.

