

Chateau Musar Red 1989



Overview

The 1989 is an exceptional vintage. Exceptional because with war raging around them, the Chateau Musar winery was hit on several occasions and the deep cellars used as air raid shelters, yet still wine continued to be produced. A dry winter followed by a mild summer led to an exceptional vintage, despite the surrounding troubles.

Grape Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, Carignan

Winemaking

The grapes reached the winery at perfect maturity and were fermented with their natural yeasts. Wines were aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, blended and bottled in 1992. Released in 1996.

A separate cuvee of 100% Carignan was bottled to celebrate Serge Hochar's 50th birthday and released in 2000 to commemorate the Millennium.

Tasting Notes

When released, Serge commented that the nose on the 1989 vintage was remarkably fragrant and attractive, with an intriguing note of roasted peanut, smoked meat and cumin. Nice layering of flavours and texture. Delicate, elegant with good tannins and great length.

Tawny red with a pale and watery rim. Still some vigour and richness on the nose but rather 'high tone' with volatile acidity/acetone evident. A bit softer on the palate, but gives the impression of a very hot year difficult to control in the cellar; might have been impressive in its youth - Steven Spurrier, October 2019

Alcohol

14% Alc./Vol.

