

# Chateau Musar Red 1991



## Overview

*A classical year, with Cinsault predominant, which made a very interesting wine. We had good vintages throughout the '90's, after all those difficult years. With this peace, I settled down my mind. Tania came home. Gaston got married here at the winery. We had 400 people and served the 1966, the year of his birth - Serge Hochar*

A good rainy winter, moderately cold with an average amount of snow was followed by a fresh spring with late rains and also some frost, which affected some vineyards although it was fortunately before flowering. Summer was quite fresh, even becoming quite cold at the end of August which caused me to be concerned about achieving good maturity. We finally started harvesting on the 16th September and finished on the 2nd October in sunny warm weather. The crop quantity was below average - probably due to frost and the cold weather in the Spring.

## Grape Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, Carignan

## Winemaking

Acidity was high but sugar content was equally high which was a pleasant surprise and fermentation proceeded smoothly and regularly. Aged for 12 months in French oak; blended, then bottled in 1994.

## Tasting Notes

1991 is still a massive vintage. Dark ruby colour - bright and beautiful. The nose is chocolate, animal, tobacco and leather. Very complex and rich, red fruits, spices, olives and lots of fruits. Very harmonious and well balanced. Very long length with chestnut flavours and long fine grain.

*Redcurrant, tomato and a certain rooty/meaty quality mark the bouquet. Full bore plum, tomato, cherry and currant flavours are offset by a barely perceptible kiss of oak - Michael Schnacher, The Wine Enthusiast October 2000*

*Fine mahogany/deep tawny red, slightly burnt looking but clear to the rim. Very striking red fruits on the nose showing both richness and an astounding freshness for 28 years. Lovely natural warmth and sweetness of fruit on the palate, the touch of sweetness enhancing the richness of texture, while a line of acidity and tannin firms up the finish, still has energy and depth - Steven Spurrier, October 2019*

## Alcohol

14% Alc./Vol.

