



# Hochar Père et Fils Red 2021

## Overview

Five years in the making, Hochar Père et Fils is a blend of Cinsault, Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from a single vineyard in the Western Bekaa Valley, near the village of Aana. It is characterised by deep, gravelly soil over a limestone base and 1,000m above sea level. Vines here have an average age of 30 years old, yields are low, 20-30 hectolitres per hectare, which results in concentrated full flavoured wine.

## Harvest

Fortunately after having had various extreme climatic conditions in previous years, 2021 was a return to the "good old days" when everything went like clockwork. Pruning and ploughing began in December 2020, followed by a snowy, rainy January and February. More rain fell in March and although it was cold at the start of April, it warmed up by the middle of the month. Summer of 2021 was milder than usual with the hottest month being July which was perfect for ripening and changing the colour of our red varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon was the first to be harvested on the 27<sup>th</sup> August, showing its' power with mint and coffee characteristics, Grenache as usual with its' rose aroma but without a single gram of residual sugar, followed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September followed by high quality Cinsault on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Grape Varietals

Cinsault 50%, Grenache 40%, Cabernet Sauvignon 10%

## Winemaking

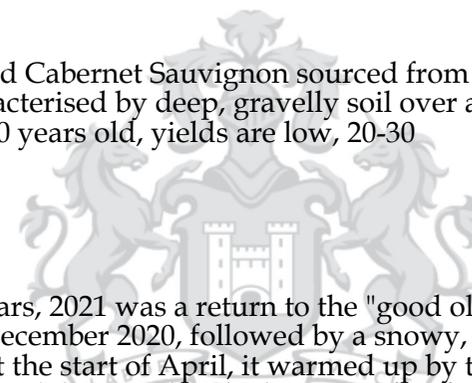
The grapes fermented at temperatures of 27-29 ° C with 15 to 20 days maceration in cement vats, followed by 6 months in French Nevers oak barrels. It was blended in the Autumn of 2022 and bottled during the Summer of 2023.

## Tasting Notes

Dark ruby in colour with cherry fruit, sweet spices and a smokiness on the nose. Cherries and blackcurrant follow through to the palate with a hint of rose (from the Grenache of this year). It is an elegant vintage with a long future ahead, from a year with no climatic extremes – from winter pruning to the September harvest.

## Alcohol

13.5% Alc./Vol



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