

Chateau Musar

BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON

They often have a rustic demeanor, including astringency, acidity and brett. Clearly, though, Hochar has no interest in the cookie cutter. They very much are wines with strong personalities, and the ability to age gracefully. It is an old truism that, because of the bottle variations that tend to occur for various reasons with the passage of time, evaluations

of older wines are no longer about the wine, but about each individual bottle. Yet, these as a group performed extremely well and had a lot to offer. That's a trend, not a coincidence. Give credit where credit is due - wines with 40-50 year aging curves don't often show up at all these days, let alone from emerging markets. That makes them special." —MARK SQUIRES



Chateau Musar Rouge 2004

An exceptionally graceful, modern and restrained Musar, bright, with that silky texture...bursts of delicious and juicy fruit on the finish... call it raspberry flavored, though, because the fruit is delicious.

91
POINTS



Chateau Musar Rouge 2003

This is a ripe, sexy Musar... It retains its elegant mid-palate as well as lovely fruit and fine balance. There is a slightly sweet tinge to the finish... The lush texture and surprising richness make this a luscious wine.

91
POINTS



Chateau Musar Rouge 2001

Nuanced by cherries and spice, it is quite delicious... the fruitiness melds beautifully with the barnyard notes, and it is nicely supported by the tannin.

91
POINTS



Chateau Musar Rouge 1998

This is a ripe, sexy Musar...It retains its elegant mid-palate as well as lovely fruit and fine balance.

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Chateau Musar Rouge 1994

Sweet and relatively sexy Musar on opening, with some brett nuances (surprise!), but nice fruit and a chocolate-y note in the background.

90
POINTS



Chateau Musar Rouge 1988

Tightly wound, powerful and focused on opening, this muscular Musar opened with a friendly nod... was just lovely, beautifully balanced and a pleasure to drink.

93
POINTS



Chateau Musar Rouge 1981

Simply wonderful, a prime time wine aging brilliantly...beautifully structured, this has silky texture, a crisp finish and good balance... I rather loved it and it seemed quite brilliant.

93
POINTS



Chateau Musar Rouge 1969

Fresh and bretty, a big, concentrated and powerful wine that is aging brilliantly.

92
POINTS



Chateau Musar White 1989

Wonderful, a lovely vintage for this wine, beautifully constructed, solid but balanced, with fine concentration and strong, complex flavors

92
POINTS

