

CHATEAU MUSAR JEUNE ROUGE

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Un-oaked and made according to Musar's natural non- interventionist winemaking philosophy, Musar Jeune wines are vibrantly fruity and richly concentrated. The Musar Jeune Red is a blend of old vines from organically certified vineyards. The Syrah vines, were planted in 2001 and are now giving complexity and power. The grapes were fermented in concrete vats at an average of 28 degrees C and in accordance with their natural, authentic winemaking philosophy, the wines were not filtered or fined and the sedimentation occurred naturally.

The wines of Chateau Musar are unique expressions from a country with an ancient winemaking culture, as vines have been cultivated from Lebanon's high altitude Bekaa Vallely for over 6,000 years. The vineyards of Chateau Musar are located in the Bekaa Valley and in Mount Barouk, around Kefraya and Aana, which is about a two-hour drive from the winery in Ghazir, just north of Beirut. The Bekaa Valley receives an average of 300 days of sunshine annually, and 39–78 inches of rain per year. The Bekaa has a Mediterranean climate and an altitude of more than 3,000 feet above sea level. The soil is predominately gravelly with a limestone base. The white vines are 100–150 years old, and are located at 4,000 feet above sea level.

Chateau Musar was founded in 1930 by Gaston Hochar. In 1959, after studying oenology at the University of Bordeaux, his son Serge became winemaker. The civil war that tore Lebanon apart from 1975 to 1990 did not defeat Chateau Musar; Serge refused to abandon the wine, and lost only the 1976 and 1984 vintages to the war. Owing to his inspiring determination and grand passion for his wines, Serge received the inaugural "Man of the Year Award" from Decanter magazine in 1984. Recognition from Michael Broadbent, at the 1979 Bristol Wine Fair, threw Musar into the international spotlight and helped create a cult-like following. Chateau Musar is one of the most written-about and discussed wines in the world today. Every wine of Chateau Musar is produced naturally with a 'non-interventionist' wine making philosophy and the winery was the first in Lebanon to implement organically certified viticulture.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:



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