

Musar Chateau Rouge

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Lebanon

REGION: Bekaa Valley

WINEMAKING: Native ferment in cement, oak aged, bottled unfiltered

AGING: 7 years in barrel and bottle before release; built to age

THE STORY

Founded in 1930 by Gaston Hochar, Chateau Musar is Lebanon's most iconic winery, inspired by 6,000 years of winemaking history and Bordeaux tradition. Under the late Serge Hochar, the winery gained global acclaim for its non-interventionist style and ageworthy reds. Today, the Hochar family and winemaker Tarek Sakr continue the legacy, working with certified organic vineyards in the Bekaa Valley. With natural fermentations, minimal sulfur, and no fining or filtering, Musar wines reflect Lebanon's terroir with elegance, depth, and singular identity.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Aged Lebanese red with elegance, depth, and rustic charm

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Dried cherry, leather, spice, cedar, tobacco, herbs, forest floor

MOUTHFEEL: Silky and structured, with fine tannins and long earthy fini

THE SELLING POINTS

Complex, cellar-aged Musar showing vintage character

AWARDS: 91pts Vinous

PAIRINGS: Perfect with lamb, roast duck, lentils, tagine, mushrooms, manchego

