

# CHATEAU MUSATZ

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**When you think of the turmoil Lebanon must have gone through during the civil war (1975-1990), to have continued producing wine to the same high standards, is incredible.**



Chateau Musar kept on producing wines during this time, even when the cellars doubled up as an air-raid shelter! A wonderful estate in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon, and one of the most respected estates anywhere in the world, Chateau Musar has emerged as a UK favourite for its robust and savoury individualistic style. This domaine, under the guidance of the late Serge Hochar (and in its origination with his father Gaston who founded the “Chateau” in 1930), combined an intriguing mix of Bordeaux and Rhône varietals, a practice continued to this day.

The winery was established way back in 1930 by Gaston Hochar, after returning from Bordeaux, and has remained in the family ever since – with sons Ronald and Serge (who sadly passed away in 2014) being involved with running the business.

Despite the civil war and unrest in the region, wine has been produced at Chateau Musar every year, with the sole exception of the 1976 vintage. (Wine wine was made in 1984 and 1992, however 1984's was never released, and 1992 was declassified due to a weak vintage.)

In true homage to the work of the late owner, and our great working relationship, we are delighted to offer an extensive range of library vintages, with the 1999 having been compared by a few to the great vintage of 1959, and to be honest, there are not many places you will find a wine of this quality and vintage at less than £36 a bottle. And it has always held a special place here at The Wright Wine Company. In fact, it was one of the first wines (the 1982 vintage) that owner, Julian Kaye, ever laid down.



We were recently fortunate enough to have a tutored tasting in our shop with Elliott from Chateau Musar. Blown away by every single wine and intrigued by the fact that all of the vintages have their own unique identity, we agreed that the 1999 vintage was truly special, indeed a world class wine.



## RED WINE

Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2005/07	14.0%	£17.00	<i>½ bottle</i>
Musar Jeune Red, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2016/17	13.5%	£13.00	
Le Colombier, Massaya, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2016/17	14.5%	£15.30	
Hochar, Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2016	14.0%	£16.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Current Vintage</i>	2012	14.0%	£30.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2002	14.5%	£33.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2001	14.5%	£34.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2006	14.5%	£34.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	1999	14.0%	£35.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2000	14.5%	£35.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	1998	14.5%	£35.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	1997	14.5%	£40.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2007	14.0%	£40.00	
Hochar, Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2015	14.0%	£44.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2004	14.5%	£45.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2010	14.0%	£45.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2011	14.0%	£48.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2009	14.5%	£50.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2008	14.0%	£53.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2003	14.5%	£51.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2005	14.0%	£55.00	
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2012	14.0%	£75.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2001	15.0%	£75.00	<i>Magnum</i>



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Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2000	14.5%	£85.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2006	14.5%	£100.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	1997	14.0%	£95.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2007	14.0%	£100.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2009	14.5%	£110.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2005	14.0%	£125.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2010	14.0%	£120.00	<i>Magnum</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley,	2010	14.0%	£200.00	<i>Jeroboam</i>
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley	2011	14.0%	£400.00	<i>Methuselah</i>
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## WHITE WINE

Chateau Musar, White, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2010	14.0%	£30.00
Chateau Musar, White, Library Vintage, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2003	14.0%	£39.00

## ROSÉ WINE

Classic Rosé, Massaya, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2017/18	13.5%	£17.50
Chateau Musar, Rosé, Bekaa Valley, <i>Organic</i>	2016	13.0%	£27.50