

Musar Chateau Levantine

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Lebanon

REGION: Bekaa Valley

WINEMAKING: Native yeast ferment in cement vats; bottled after 1 year

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.5%

AGING: Fermented and aged 1 year in cement vats before bottling

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: Vibrant and youthful, with fresh red fruit and supple tannin

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Red berries, currant, blueberry, cherry, dried fruit, warm spice

MOUTHFEEL: Bright, smooth, with soft tannins and energetic freshness

THE SELLING POINTS

Vibrant, youthful blend from estate vines aged 10–60 years

PAIRINGS: Ideal with mezze platters, roast chicken, moussaka, or kibbeh

