



# Château Ksara

Crafted in the heart of the Bekaa Valley, Château Ksara Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of bold character, offering layers of blackcurrant, spice, and a touch of vanilla, underpinned by fine tannins and elegance.



## Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

### Region and Vineyards

Situated in the **Bekaa Valley**, the cradle of Lebanon's winemaking tradition, Château Ksara benefits from a unique terroir. The valley's **high altitudes**, ranging between **900 and 1,000 meters above sea level**, provide cool nights that preserve the grapes' acidity and warm days that ensure full phenolic ripening. This Mediterranean climate, combined with **limestone-rich soils**, contributes to wines with excellent structure and minerality.

The **Cabernet Sauvignon** used in this vintage comes from **Ksara's best-sited vineyards**, where the vines are cultivated using sustainable viticulture practices. Handpicking ensures that only the finest grapes, at optimal ripeness, make their way into the winery, reflecting the estate's commitment to quality.

### Winemaking

This vintage was crafted with precision to highlight the potential of **Cabernet Sauvignon** in the Bekaa Valley's unique terroir. After harvesting, the grapes were **destemmed** and underwent fermentation at **28°C** with regular remontage (pump overs) to extract color and tannins while preserving aromatic intensity. The fermentation lasted for **15 to 20 days**, followed by separation of the free-run wine from the press wine.

The wine underwent **malolactic fermentation** to soften acidity and add depth before being aged in **French oak barrels** for **12 months**, with **50% new oak** imparting delicate notes of vanilla and spice. The careful balance of aging in oak enhances the wine's complexity while retaining its vibrant fruit character.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** A deep purple hue, indicative of its youthful vibrancy and structure.
- **Aromas:** Expressive aromas of **blackcurrant, raspberries**, and subtle hints of **vanilla, spice**, and **leather**.
- **Palate:** Rich and elegant, with layers of dark fruit flavors complemented by fine, well-integrated tannins. The finish is long and balanced, with lingering notes of **spice** and **oak** that enhance its complexity.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon



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## Did you know?

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**Château Ksara** is Lebanon's oldest winery, established in **1857**, and played a significant role in reviving Lebanon's winemaking tradition. The estate is known for its underground Roman caves, which naturally regulate temperature and humidity, providing the perfect conditions for wine aging.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Beef Bourguignon:** The wine's structure and tannins match perfectly with the richness and depth of this classic dish.
- **Duck breast with cherry sauce:** The fruity and savory notes of the wine harmonize beautifully with the cherry glaze.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** Highlights the wine's earthy undertones and adds a creamy complement to its elegant tannins.
- **Roasted lamb with rosemary and garlic:** The wine's bold character and complexity enhance the flavors of the meat and herbs.



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