



# Château Ksara

This exceptional cuvée, combining Marselan and Arinarnoa, delivers intense complexity, showcasing Château Ksara's commitment to innovation and tradition.



## Le Souverain 150th Anniversary 2016

Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

### Region and Vineyards

Le Souverain is born in the heart of the **Bekaa Valley**, a region renowned for its Mediterranean climate and unique high-altitude terroir, providing perfect conditions for growing bold and expressive red grapes. The **limestone-rich soils** offer excellent drainage, promoting concentrated flavors and balanced acidity in the fruit.

The 2016 vintage benefited from meticulous vineyard management, with the tannins and anthocyanins closely monitored from véraison. The grapes were manually harvested at optimal ripeness to ensure precision and quality.

### Winemaking

Le Souverain is a blend of **Marselan** and **Arinarnoa**, two innovative varietals chosen for their structure and aromatic intensity. After manual harvesting, the grapes were **destemmed and fermented in thermo-regulated tanks**, with daily tastings and **remontage** (pump-overs) to enhance extraction.

Following fermentation, the wine underwent **malolactic fermentation** and was aged in **new French oak barrels for 24 months** in Château Ksara's historic Roman cellars. This extended aging process contributed to the wine's depth, complexity, and refined tannins. The wine was further aged in bottle, allowing it to reach its full potential.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, dense purple with remarkable intensity.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of wild dark berries, spice, licorice, fennel, and carob.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and elegant, with velvety tannins and flavors of black fruit, subtle oak, and spice leading to a long and balanced finish.

### Did you know?

Le Souverain was introduced in **2007** to commemorate Château Ksara's 150th anniversary, marking a significant milestone for Lebanon's wine industry. Since then, each decade is celebrated with a commemorative label, reinforcing its symbolic importance.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 50% Arinarnoa, 50% Marselan



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## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Venison or wild boar:** The bold structure and rich tannins of Le Souverain complement the savory intensity of game meats.
- **Beef Wellington:** The wine's complexity pairs beautifully with the layered richness of this classic dish.
- **Duck breast with fig reduction:** The wine's fruity and spicy notes enhance the sweetness and depth of the sauce.
- **Mature hard cheeses:** The structured tannins and earthy aromas make it an excellent match for aged Parmesan or Pecorino.



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