

Red Wine

By the Glass

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Wine of the week ~ Sommelier's Choice

Merlot Volcanic ~ Odem Mountain ~ 2007

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Cabernet Sauvignon Volcanic ~ Odem Mountain ~ 2007

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Carignan Reserve ~ Barkan ~ 2007

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Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon Volcanic ~ Odem Mountain ~ 2007

110

The grapes come from Kfar Yuval, the most northern vineyard in Israel, and also from Kibbutz Tzova in the Judean Hills. This wine aged 12 months in French oak barrels

Cabernet Sauvignon Gamla ~ Golan Heights ~ 2007

65

120

Coming from the Golan Heights & Upper Galilee, this Cabernet is intertwined with some Merlot & Cabernet Franc to make it a great companion to a juicy steak

Cabernet Sauvignon Terra ~ Teperberg ~ 2006

135

Awarded as a great value for money by the Israeli Wine & Gourmet magazine in the 2009 Israel Wine Tasting. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for blueberry, dried fruit

Cabernet Sauvignon Rechasim Dishon ~ Segal ~ 2007

170

This 100% Cabernet comes from the vineyard in Dishon in the Upper Galilee area, an exceptional terroir which provides for great Cabernets. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for vanilla, chocolate, mocha

Cabernet Sauvignon Halel ~ Tanya ~ 2007

175

Named after the owner's daughter, Tanya winery is located in Ofra, north of Jerusalem. This ripe Cabernet comes from vineyards situated 900 meters above sea level in the surrounding mountains of the winery

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Altitude +624 ~ Barkan ~ 2007

185

Alma is a single vineyard in the Upper Galilee that provides great Cabernet grapes for this elegant wine with natural, spiced sweetness. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for raspberry, black cherry

Cabernet Sauvignon Yarden ~ Golan Heights ~ 2007

195

This wine marks the 25th vintage of the finest grapes that make up this noble Cabernet, with ripe flavors and a hint of oak barrels. A true classic!

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Merlot

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Merlot Volcanic ~ Odem Mountain ~ 2007

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Unique basalt terrain mixed with fossils & limestone is common in the Upper Galilee, where this Merlot is made, offering floral and forest fruit aromas

Merlot Gamla ~ Golan Heights ~ 2007

60

115

Golan Heights Winery defines value for money with this wine. Presence of oak is slightly felt. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for cocoa

Merlot Terra ~ Teperberg ~ 2006

125

Spices & distinct pleasant oak contribute to the richness of this Merlot, which displays a medium-full body & comes from a vineyard in Moshav Mata in the Judean Hills. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for earth & minerals

Merlot Reserve ~ Odem Mountain ~ 2007

145

Having spent 18 months in French oak barrels, this unique Merlot is rich with black fruit such as berries & cherries. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for black olives, bitter herbs

Merlot Yarden ~ Golan Heights ~ 2006

165

Characteristically ripe and fruity, this is an elegant Merlot. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for chocolate, orange zest

Merlot Halel ~ Tanya ~ 2007

175

Like many great Israeli Merlots, this one ages 14 months in French oak barrels, a full-bodied fruity wine to enjoy with rich- flavored meat dishes

Shiraz / Syrah

Shiraz Reserve ~ Barkan ~ 2007

125

Unlike the 2006 one, this one is 100% Shiraz, untouched by other varieties – to emphasize the quality of the grapes of the Judean Hills

Syrah ~ Ella Valley ~ 2007

160

The second year of Syrah for the winery, seems like 2007 marked the transition to 100% variety content in several wineries including this one

Shiraz Kayoumi Single Vineyard ~ Carmel ~ 2007

165

A single vineyard wine from Kayoumi in the Upper Galilee on the slopes of mount Meron. The 2006 one received an outstanding regional trophy at the Decanter World Wine Awards of 2010, chosen from 11,000 different wines.

Shiraz Reserve ~ Kitron ~ 2007

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A true boutique winery, the entire family takes part in the wine-making. A rich wine, resembles Australian Shiraz style. Aroma/flavor challenge: look for black pepper

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Special Varieties

Cabernet Franc Appellation Upper Galilee ~ Carmel ~ 2007

Made with some Petite Verdot & Malbec grapes, displays a medium-full body.
Aroma/flavor challenge: look for cassis, tobacco leaves

105

Carignan Reserve ~ Barkan ~ 2007

The first Carignan in the Barkan Reserve series, pleased to meet you! Ripe with aromatic layers of black fruit. Aroma/flavor challenge: look for clove, espresso

130

Petite Sirah Old Vines ~ Appellation Judean Hills ~ Carmel ~ 2006

For the first time in Israel since the 1990s, this wine was chosen wine of the month by the Decanter magazine in July 2010 issue. Got to have it!

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Cabernet Franc ~ Ella Valley ~ 2007

This wine is balanced between natural acidity and flavors of sweet dark cherries & berries. Aroma/flavor challenge: look for green pepper, roasted mushroom

160

Argaman Rechasim Dovev ~ Segal ~ 2007

An Israeli cultivar – a cross between Souzao (Portuguese) & Carignan (Spanish) grapes, with a distinguished inky color and pronounced flavors

165

Red in the Blend

Meritage ~ Teperberg ~ 2007

Bordeaux style meets value for money. Mostly Merlot, complimented by Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot – this wine is peaking in 2010-2011

105

Petite Syrah - Zinfandel Reserve ~ Recanati ~ 2007

Coming from different vineyards in the lower & upper parts of Galilee respectively. The Petite Syrah makes up for most of it. Aroma/flavor challenge: look for chocolate, walnuts, blackberries, plum

135

Yiron ~ Galil Mountain ~ 2007

Celebrating 10th anniversary in 2010, the latest vintage premium wine is composed of 62% Cabernet, 31% Merlot & 7% syrah. A great Israeli wine, whether in a meal or as a stand-alone. A must for wine-loving tourists!

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Merlot - Shiraz - Cabernet ~ Yatir ~ 2007

A modern blend from 6 different varieties, all grown in Yatir Forest in southern Israel: Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot

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Sapphire The Chosen Stones ~ Binyamina ~ 2007

40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Shiraz, 25% Merlot. Good to go with lamb chops.
Aroma/flavor challenge: look for black pepper, coffee beans

175

Mediterranean ~ Carmel ~ 2007

A new exciting wine, an intriguing alternative to the common blends: 37% Carignan, 26% Shiraz, 20% Petit Verdot, 15% Petite Sirah & 2% Viognier – all Mediterranean related varieties. An elegant wine, perfect for every meal

210

Cabernet - Merlot Eliya ~ Tanya ~ 2006

70% Cabernet Sauvignon & 30% Merlot constitute this Bordeaux lese blend, aged 18 months in French oak barrels, boasts spicy aromas and flavors

225

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A League Of Their Own

Merlot VC ~ Ella Valley ~ 2004

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A powerful Merlot, complimented by 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, from the Judean Hills, with pronounced flavors and herbal aromas. 6 years after the vintage and this Merlot is still young and kicking!

The Cave ~ 2005

305

A boutique winery named after the actual cave where the wine is kept in the most ideal natural conditions. 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Merlot that age separately for 26 months are then combined to form this powerful wine. Aroma/flavor challenge: look for raspberry, vanilla, toasted oak

Cabernet Sauvignon Superieur ~ Barkan ~ 2006

325

Coming from the best plots of the finest vineyards in the Upper Galilee, this Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% Merlot has aged for 18 months in brand new French & American oak barrels. A Decanter is recommended to tame this Super(ieur)-Cabernet

Limited Edition ~ Carmel ~ 2004

410

The third year running for this fine Bordeaux lese blend, powered by 65% Cabernet Sauvignon with 20% Petit Verdot and 15% Merlot. The winemaker has stretched himself along the best vineyards in Israel, with up to 50 potential candidates each vintage, but only few make the cut. A most elegant, almost restrained wine, not the typical Israeli red wine, nevertheless intriguing and multi-layered. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for mint, black fruit, smoked meat, toffee

Grand Vin ~ Castel ~ 2005

455

Are all of Israel's greatest wines made in Bordeaux style? Castel's was one of the first of this genre, crafted for the first time in 1992 from the winery's first vintage, and ever since this wine has surely been one of Israel's greatest red wines. Turning Kosher in 2003 hasn't affected the quality of the wine; in fact, many wineries have followed since. Cabernet Sauvignon serves as the bulk of the wine, assisted by Merlot & Petit Verdot, all grown in the Jerusalem mountains vineyards and aged for about 24 months in French oak barrels, and another 12 months in bottles before released

Yatir Forest ~ Yatir ~ 2005

510

Considered by many as one of the leading wineries in Israel today, it is no surprise their best wine is in such high demand, 40% of the 26,000 bottles of this vintage are intended for export. With 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot and 10% Merlot that have aged for 14 months in French oak barrels, this wine is like dynamite, exploding with flavors and aromas inside the mouth and nose. Aroma / flavor challenge: look for licorice, chocolate, berries

Katzrin Yarden ~ Golan Heights ~ 2004

675

A classic red wine, one of the first Israeli red wines that were made with aging potential, This wine can be enjoyed even 15-20 years after released. Therefore, it's produced only in exceptional vintage years from the winery's best plots in the vineyards of the Golan Heights and also from the great vineyard in Ramot Naftali in the Upper Galilee. Almost entirely made from Cabernet Sauvignon (94%) with 6% Merlot, it reveals layers of flavors and aromas as it opens up. Dedicated to special occasions, this festive wine is at the top! Aroma / flavor challenge: look for earth, tobacco, orange zest, raspberry

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