



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

Brut Rosé 2017

VARIETY

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

ABOUT YARDEN

Yarden is the premier label and flagship brand of Golan Heights Winery. Each year, the finest grapes from the best vineyards are reserved for Yarden wines. “Yarden” is the Hebrew word for Jordan River, which bisects the Golan Heights from the Galilee. The label features a symbol of ancient Israel: an oil lamp decorated with mosaic tile.

WINEMAKER

Victor Schoenfeld

THE WINE

2017 Yarden Brut Rosé is a blend of 73% Chardonnay and 27% Pinot Noir grapes harvested from high-elevation vineyards in the northern Golan Heights. This fresh and elegant sparkling wine was created using traditional methods, including hand harvesting, whole cluster pressing and secondary fermentation in the bottle. The wine aged on its tirage yeast for five years. This delightful sparkling rosé displays delicate aromas of wild strawberries and flowers, along with hints of cream, mineral and toasted baguette. While ready to enjoy now, 2017 Yarden Brut Rosé will age well for a decade or more from harvest.

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a remarkable vintage. After a routine winter, February saw average daily highs about 7°F above normal, setting the stage for a warm spring. Lighter winter rains coupled with regular spring rainfall resulted in 75% of average annual precipitation. A mild summer was not enough to counter the impact of the warm spring, resulting in a fast and furious harvest — our shortest in 22 years. Beautiful summer conditions supported wines of exciting quality, proving once again that the vagaries of a particular vintage do not prevent the Golan Heights from producing consistent and exceptional wines.

ABOUT THE GALILEE APPELLATION

The Galilee (or Galil) is the northernmost — and generally considered the best — appellation in Israel. The highest quality growing area within the appellation is the Golan Heights (or simply the Golan), also the coldest region in Israel. The vineyards on this volcanic plateau rise from 1,300 feet to 3,900 feet above sea level and receive snowfall in the winter. Golan Heights Winery is located in the town of Katzrin in the central Golan.



Victor J. Schoenfeld, Winemaker

% ALC BY VOL	TA	pH
12.0%	8.3 (g/l)	2.94