



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

Malbec 2020

VARIETY
Malbec

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

2020 Yarden Malbec is produced exclusively from Malbec grapes harvested from the sustainably-certified Yonatan Vineyard, located at an elevation of 2,300 feet. The wine displays characters of ripe red and black fruits with notes of crème de cassis, flowers, spice and anise. Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, this full-bodied Malbec exhibits pleasing concentration of flavor. Though ready to drink now, 2020 Yarden Malbec will remain in excellent condition for a decade or more from vintage.

THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was truly historic, with COVID coinciding with challenging harvest conditions. After a summer of above-average rainfall and some of Israel’s warmest-ever temperatures, our second, third and fourth weeks reached record levels, followed by an eight-week harvest period that was the shortest since 1994. Overall quality was high, proving once again that we have an amazing winegrowing region and team that comes through under extreme conditions.

ACCOLADES

Wine Enthusiast **89 pts** (2016)

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 |
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| 14.5% | 6.3 (g/l) | 3.63 |