



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

# YARDEN

## Merlot 2021

**VARIETY**  
Merlot

**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**

The 2021 Yarden Merlot features aromatic red berry and black fruit notes, along with hints of orange marmalade, coffee, earth, spice and blueberry scone. This attractive Merlot is full-bodied and flavorful. Though pleasing now, the 2021 Yarden Merlot will continue developing in the bottle for several years and will stay in excellent drinking shape for a decade and beyond from harvest. Try pairing this food-friendly wine with grilled lamb chops, Moroccan beef tagine, or mushroom stroganoff.

**THE VINTAGE**

2021 was another noteworthy vintage in the shadow of the pandemic, and our fantastic team once again rose to the challenge. Winter was characterized by average rainfall, with warmer-than-average temperatures in both winter and spring. The week spanning late August and early September was our fourth heaviest harvest week ever in our 39 vintages. We completed harvest in mid-October, capping off a relatively short 11-week season. Our yields, which were a modest 7% below normal, were balanced by very high quality yields. All in all, the 2021 vintage saw beautiful results across all of our varieties.

**ACCOLADES**

Wine Enthusiast **92 pts (2016)** | Wine Enthusiast **89 pts (2017)**

**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
14.5%	5.6 (g/l)	3.60