



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

# YARDEN

## Blanc de Blanc 2018

### VARIETY

Chardonnay

### 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 2018 Yarden Blanc de Blancs presents delightful fruit aromas of lemon, pear and green apple, accompanied by hints of floral and mineral notes on a nuanced background of toasted baguette. Delicate yet complex, this festive sparkling wine displays fine bubbles and crisp acidity. The sparkling wine is produced strictly according to the traditional method, including the pressing of whole clusters and secondary fermentation in the bottle. Disgorging began after a minimum of five years of aging in the bottle on tirage yeast. Delicious upon release, 2018 Yarden Blanc de Blancs will age elegantly for up to ten years from vintage. Enjoy the wine by itself as an aperitif, or serve it with assorted tapas yellowtail sashimi, or goose liver torchon served with a bit of coarse sea salt and aged balsamic vinegar.

### THE VINTAGE

2018 was a relatively early and short vintage. A somewhat warm winter and spring with average rainfall resulted in an early season. After beginning about 10 days early on July 31, the deluge came in weeks five and six, with 34% of the total coming in those two weeks alone. While we typically harvest about 30% of our fruit in October, in 2018 only 11% of the grapes remained on October 1, and we concluded the harvest on the 15th. Our beautiful summer weather and relatively low yields led to yet another outstanding vintage for Golan Heights Winery

### 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%	8.8 (g/l)	2.90