



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

HeightsWine 2019

VARIETY

Gewürztraminer

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 2019 Yarden HeightsWine features very aromatic fruit notes of litchi, lemon, apple, pear and apricot, along with characters of flowers and spice. This sweet dessert wine exhibits delightfully rich and lingering flavor. The wine is made entirely from hand-picked Gewurztraminer fruit grown in vineyards on the cool northern Golan Heights. Whole clusters of very ripe grapes are brought to the winery and cooled to -12 C (10 F) for one month. The frozen clusters are pressed gently to gradually yield concentrated rich juice, which then slowly ferments for a few months. As it continues developing in the bottle, Yarden HeightsWine will take on enticing marmalade notes and stay in great drinking shape for a decade or more from harvest. The wine shines served alone as an aperitif or dessert, or paired alongside savory hors d'oeuvres such as a country-style pâté, fruit with blue cheese such as Gorgonzola, or sweet fruit-based desserts such as crème brûlée.

THE VINTAGE

2019 was yet another outstanding vintage in the Golan Heights. The season followed Israel's wettest winter in years, ending five years of drought. An unusually cool spring ended abruptly with a warm May, followed by nicely average temperatures from June to mid-September. The harvest started slowly, with first fruits coming in on August 6. A heat wave on September 18-20 catapulted the vineyards' ripening, followed by our second biggest harvest week ever. An unusually warm October kept the harvest in high gear until ending on October 23. Overall, another beautiful season in the Golan gave us another year of 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
12.5%	6.9 (g/l)	3.39

