



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

HeightsWine 2021

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 2021 Yarden HeightsWine is lushly aromatic, showing off appealing characters of litchi, apricot, flowers, spice, apple and kumquat. This sweet and flavorful dessert wine displays balancing acidity and a long finish. The wine is produced exclusively from Gewürztraminer fruit harvested from vineyards certified for sustainable winegrowing on the cool northern Golan Heights. Hand-picked when very ripe, whole grape clusters are brought to the winery and cooled for one month to -12 C (10 F). While frozen, the clusters are pressed gently to gradually bear concentrated and rich juice, which then slowly ferments over several months. Though enticing upon release, the wine will improve in the bottle and acquire attractive marmalade notes, remaining in excellent drinking condition for a decade or more from vintage. Try serving the wine alone as an aperitif or dessert, or pair it with salty hors d'oeuvres such as salmon caviar or fruit-based sweet desserts such as fresh apricot cobbler.

THE VINTAGE

2021 was another noteworthy vintage in the shadow of the coronavirus 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. About a month after starting harvest on August 1, the week spanning late August and early September was our fourth heaviest week ever in our 39 vintages. We completed the 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. All in all, the 2021 vintage saw beautiful results across all of our varieties

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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| 12% | 7.6 (g/l) | 3.20 |

