



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

# YARDEN

## Katzrin 2020

### VARIETY

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% 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

The 2020 Yarden Katzrin features enticing aromas of ripe black fruits intertwined with notes of dark chocolate, earth and spice, along with hints of blood orange zest, fresh herbs and mint. Displaying full body, concentrated flavors and a lingering finish, this wine is a great choice for very special occasions. Though tempting upon release, Yarden Katzrin wine will continue developing in the bottle for several years, and will stay in stellar drinking condition for some 15-20 years and more from harvest. We love serving this festive wine with grilled picanha steaks, roast lamb with mint salsa verde, or a creamy mushroom risotto.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was truly historic, with COVID coinciding with challenging harvest conditions. At least the weather treated us well for most of the season, with winter bringing 151% average rainfall, and a mostly cooler spring and summer prevailing. Then an unprecedented heat wave hit on August 29. September, Israel's hottest ever with daily temperatures 7 F degrees above normal, saw our second, third and fourth largest harvest weeks ever. And the resulting eight-week harvest was our shortest since at least 1994. Overall quality was high, proving once again that we have an amazing winegrowing region, and an amazing team, even under extreme conditions.

### 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
15.5%	6.5	3.51

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