



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

Brut Rosé 2018

VARIETY

Chardonnay and Pinot Noir

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 Brut Rosé features appealing fruit notes of lemon, pink grapefruit, and pale strawberry, along with pleasing characters of mineral, rose, cream and a nuance of toasted brioche. With its attractive pale salmon color, this sparkling wine is refined and refreshing. The 2018 Yarden Brut Rosé is made from a blend of 71% Chardonnay and 29% Pinot Noir fruit grown in vineyards on the high-elevation and cool northern Golan Heights. The sparkling wine was produced using traditional methods only, including hand harvesting, whole cluster pressing, and secondary fermentation in the bottle. The wine aged on the tirage yeast for five years. Though ready to enjoy now, 2018 Yarden Brut Rosé should age nicely for a decade from vintage. We love serving this food-friendly wine with a colorful cheese and fruit board, crispy pan-fried barramundi with lemon butter sauce, or mixed vegetable tempura.

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
11.5%	8.5 (g/l)	2.94

