



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

Katzrin Chardonnay 2022

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 2022 Yarden Katzrin Chardonnay shows off enticing lemon and pear fruit notes, along with pleasing characters of tropical fruits, flowers, spice and a hint of brioche. This full-bodied Chardonnay is full-flavored yet bright and drinkable. Yarden Katzrin Chardonnay is produced exclusively from grapes grown in the northern Golan Heights in our best Chardonnay vineyards, which have been certified for sustainable winegrowing. The wine aged sur lie in new French oak barrels for nine months. Though enjoyable now, the 2022 Yarden Katzrin Chardonnay will develop in the bottle for several years and remain in great drinking shape for about eight years from harvest. The wine pairs wonderfully with hazelnut-crusted red-snapper, grilled free-range veal chops, or a festive cheese board.

THE VINTAGE

The festive 2022 harvest marked our 40th vintage and first since 2019 not under strict coronavirus protocols. A rainy March ensured the start of spring growth with the desired full water profile in the Golan’s beautiful volcanic soils. Though a historic heat wave hit at the end of August, our deep-rooted vineyards were largely unaffected. Our ever-increasing vine resilience and vineyard resolution, as shown by our growing number of vineyard blocks, has led to ever-increasing wine quality. The relatively short 11-week 2022 vintage delivered quality fruit and yields 4% above normal, making for yet another outstanding harvest in the Golan Heights.

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
14.5%	6.2 (g/l)	3.20

