



GOLAN HEIGHTS WINERY

YARDEN

Merlot Allone Habashan Vineyard 2020

VARIETY
Merlot

ABOUT YARDEN SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

Yarden is the premier label and flagship brand of Golan Heights Winery. The Yarden Single Vineyard wines are premium wines produced from grapes grown in a single vineyard only. Each individually cared for vineyard block receives the utmost attention, in order to maximize the potential of our terroir.

WINEMAKER

Victor Schoenfeld

THE WINE

This single-vineyard wine is produced solely from Merlot fruit harvested from Allone Habashan Vineyard, which is located at an elevation of 600 meters (2,000 feet) in the central Golan Heights. With high clay content (~40%), the vineyard's basalt soils exhibit high water holding capacity. The 2020 Yarden Merlot Allone Habashan Vineyard presents attractive fruit notes of ripe cherries and plums, along with alluring aromas of earth, fresh herbs, bitter chocolate and orange zest. This complex single-vineyard wine exhibits concentrated flavor, a chewy texture, and a long finish. The wine aged in small French oak barrels, of which ~70% were new, for 18 months. Yarden Merlot Allone Habashan Vineyard will continue developing in the bottle in the years ahead and stay in excellent drinking condition for ten years and more from harvest.

THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was truly historic, with COVID coinciding with challenging harvest conditions. After a summer of above-average rainfall and some of Israel's warmest-ever temperatures, our second, third and fourth weeks reached record levels, followed by an eight-week harvest period that was the shortest since 1994. Overall quality was high, proving once again that we have an amazing winegrowing region and team that comes through under extreme conditions.

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
15%	5.8 (g/l)	3.56