



• Yarden Chardonnay | 2018 •

Varieties: Chardonnay
Name: Yarden Chardonnay 2018
Type of wine: Dry white wine
Analytical data:
 Alcohol 14.0 %
 Acid (g / L) 6.5
 pH 3.19
 RS Dry



The Wine

The 2018 Yarden Chardonnay presents appealing pear, lemon, green apple and tropical fruit notes, intermingled with mineral and floral characters, all with a background of French oak. This flavorful and drinkable wine exhibits a full body and a lingering and satisfying finish.

Ready to enjoy now, the wine should continue to develop in the bottle for a number of years, and should stay in good drinking condition for about five to seven years from harvest. Yarden Chardonnay pairs beautifully with grilled sardines, pistachio-crust chicken breasts, or creamy mushroom risotto.

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.

Golan Heights, Israel's oldest winegrowing region. Over the years, the northern Golan has become recognized for producing Chardonnay fruit of remarkable quality. The wine aged in French oak barrels, of which some 40% were new, for seven months.

The Appellation

The Galilee (or Galil) is the most northern, and generally considered the best, appellation in Israel. The highest quality area within the appellation is the Golan Heights (or simply the Golan), the coldest region in Israel. The vineyards on this volcanic plateau rise from 400 meters (1,300 feet) above sea level to 1,200 meters (3,900 feet) and receive snowfall in the winter. Golan Heights Winery is located in the town of Katzrin in the central Golan.



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