

Golan Cabernet Sauvignon

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The Wine

The 1999 Golan Cabernet Sauvignon offers attractive berry and cherry characters with plum, oak and a hint of herbaceousness. The medium-bodied wine possesses smooth tannins, making it both classic in character and immediately enjoyable. The oak character follows through on the finish.

While great now, Golan Cabernet will age well over the five years following the vintage. We enjoy this wine with a variety of foods, such as roast duck, grilled steak and pasta in tomato-based sauces.

The Vintage

The 1999 season followed an exceptionally dry and relatively warm winter resulting in a harvest beginning two weeks earlier than normal, at the very end of July. Moderate summer and fall temperatures stretched out the vintage to fifteen weeks, finishing on November 4 with Cabernet Sauvignon in the northern Golan. The relaxed pace enabled picking each vineyard block at its optimum. Low-density vine canopies and a lower than average crop yielded exceptional color and flavor development.

The 1999 Golan Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% varietal and comes from a number of vineyards, all in the Golan Heights. The wine was aged for six months in small, primarily American, oak barrels.

The Analyses

Brix at Harvest	23.1
% Alc (v/v)	13.0
TA (g/l)	6.1
pH	3.65
RS	DRY

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. The Golan Heights Winery is located in the town of Katzrin, in the central Golan.



Golan Heights Winery