

Identity card
Brand Mount Hermon
Varieties Cabernet Franc,
Cabernet Sauvignon,
Malbec, Merlot, Petit
Verdot Name 2016 Mount
Hermon Red Wine
Type Dry Red Wine

The Analyses

% Alc (v/v) 14.0 TA (g/l) 5.6 pH3.54 RS Dry

The Wine

The 2016 Mount Hermon Red exhibits fruit notes of berries and cherries, along with nuances of Mediterranean herbs, chocolate and orange zest. This medium-bodied red blend is vibrant and flavorful, making it a great everyday drinking wine.

Ready to enjoy upon release, the 2016 Mount Hermon Red will remain in excellent drinking condition for some three years from vintage. Give this versatile wine a go with grilled lamb chops, hearty vegetarian moussaka, or a plate of assorted cheeses.

The Vintage

2016 was a remarkable vintage. After a routine winter, February saw average daily highs about 4°C (7°F) above normal, setting the stage for a warm spring. Lighter winter rains coupled with normal spring rainfall resulted in 75% of average annual precipitation. A mild summer was not enough to cancel out the impact of the warm spring, resulting in a fast and furious harvest - the shortest in 22 years. The beautiful summer led to wines of exciting quality, proving once again that the vagaries of a particular vintage do not prevent the Golan Heights from producing consistently exceptional wines.

The 2016 Mount Hermon Red was blended from the classic Bordeaux varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. The wine's grapes were harvested from multiple vineyards on the Golan Heights and one in the Upper Galilee. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation, and was bottled without sterile filtration.

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.