2007 Yarden Gewurztraminer

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The Wine

The **2007 Yarden Gewurztraminer** displays an aromatic mix of characters: juicy litchi, fresh flowers, green apple, orange blossom, persimmon and a hint of fresh mint and spice. The wine's very subtle sweetness makes it great as an aperitif or with a meal.

We drink a lot of Gewurztraminer and with many different foods. Try with a fish based paella or wild mushroom soup or with a perfectly roasted chicken. While **Yarden Gewurztraminer** is ready to enjoy, it improves over the first year and is great at about 18 months from the vintage. It remains in good shape for up to about three years from the harvest.



The Vintage

A dry winter preceded the 2007 season, resulting in 81% of normal rainfall. A cold March and April gave way to a warm period lasting through the end of July. August and September, our most stable months, did not disappoint us again this year, bringing exactly average temperatures coupled with zero rain- a winegrowing paradise. A warm October shortened the tail of vintage, resulting in a relatively short 13-week harvest. Low yields (8% below expected) helped contribute to a vintage of excellent overall quality.

Yarden Gewurztraminer is made entirely from Gewurztraminer grapes grown in the cool northern Golan Heights. Here in Israel's coolest viticultural region, the climate and soil come together giving Gewurztraminer a conducive environment in which to develop its distinctive character.

The Analyses

% Alc (v/v)	14.5
TA (g/l)	6.2
pН	3.28
RS	SEMI 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.

