

BRUT WINE'S FESTIVAL 2020

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February 2nd: Feldstein

Avi Feldstein is one of the most experienced winemakers in Israel, and in the last few years he has spread his wings and began to manifest his dreams in a winery of his own. His wines are personal, complex, and unique. Much like their winemaker. We're presenting glasses of some Feldstein wines less familiar to those who already know and love the winery. And of course, it's a great opportunity for people who haven't had the pleasure of drinking Avi's wines.

February 10th: Abaya

The Abaya winery in the Western Galilee is a unique winery run by an even more unique winemaker. Yossi Yodfat strives to grow grapes and to make wine according to the exacting principles of biodynamic agriculture. His goal is to produce the best possible fruit while caring for the environment of the vines and the health of the soil in which they grow. Yossi ferments his grapes spontaneously, using the naturally-occurring wild yeasts present on and in the grapes themselves (i.e. without the addition of commercially prepared yeasts). He does not filter, or clarify the wine, or perform any manipulation that he feels might impact the natural flavours of the grapes. Yossi seeks out fruit from old vines and focuses on Colombard and Carignan grapes from vineyards which he rescues (from being uprooted) and gently restores. We have chosen to pour glasses of a selection of Yossi's wines that will enable a horizontal rich tasting experience for anyone who is not yet familiar with the Abaya vineyard.

February 17th: Soreq

Soreq Winery is celebrating its 20 year anniversary this year. This boutique operation of 35,000 bottles a year was started by the Shacham family back in 1994. This establishment is truly unique, not because of their product – which is excellent – but because they also boast a winemaking school, which contributes to the Israel's contemporary winemaking revolution. Soreq produces both high quality wine, as well as high quality winemakers.

February 24th: Ortal

Winery got its name from the Kibbutz in which it is situated. Naama Sorkin the wine maker arrived to Ortal after years being the wine maker of Dalton Winery. She aspired returning to the basics, to the land and cultivate the vineyards until she decided to make wine again. Naama's wines are delicate, light and elegant. The vineyards are planted in the volcanic soil of Ramat Hagolan. Its spirit is in France.

March 2nd: Kerem Shvo

Shvo Vineyards is an estate winery located in Jish (Gush Halav) in the Upper Galilee region in the north of Israel. The vineyard is planted nearby, on top of a hill at an altitude of 800 meters above sea level, in the heart of a natural oak forest, overlooking Mt. Meron. Thanks to the vineyard's unique location, on the western edge of the Upper Galilee, it benefits both from the Upper Galilee's typical agreeable weather, and from the tempering effect of the western winds blowing from the Mediterranean sea. The soil, exceptional for the region, is a gravelly flint (silex) clay, reminiscent of some of the most exciting soils in the Loire Valley. The vineyard spreads over approximately 100 dunams (10 hectares / 25 acres). It is mainly planted with Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre and Barbera for the reds, along with Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin Blanc for the whites.

March 9th: Garage De Papa

The eponymous "Garage de Papa" winery was founded in winemaker Ido Lewensohn's father's garage. Ido has juggled a number of hats in recent years; he was winemaker at the large Recanati winery, and today is head winemaker at Barkan and Segal wineries where he produces more bottles of wine than any other winery in Israel. Meanwhile he's busy making his own wines at his family boutique winery. Lewensohn's wines, like their winemaker are characterized by a great deal of knowledge and experience but without the fear of daring, of trying new ideas, making mistakes, and deep research.

March 23rd: Neve Yarak

Momo Shmilovich's "Neve Yarak" is a young winery benefiting from old vines planted by Momo's family in the 1980s. Momo cultivates the land near his home in Moshav Neve Yarak. His agricultural work provides the basis for his research into the myriad of possibilities inherent to Carignan grapes – among others. His quest for wines with true local identity and meticulous work with Mediterranean varieties lead to an important and fascinating story.

March 30th: Itay Lahat

Itay Lahat is an oenologist and viticulturist, with a long experience in the wine industry. He started out at the 1995 harvest as an assistant at the Israeli Wine Institute, producing micro-vinification wines from grapes harvested in experimental plots throughout the country. From vintage 2000 until vintage 2007 Itay was a winemaker at Barkan Winery, performing multiple professional duties such as winery viticulturist, white and rose wines winemaker and red wines co-winemaker; producing wines from all wine regions and most of the grape varieties planted in Israel. From mass-market, commercial wines to highly decorated super premium wines which won acclaimed awards worldwide.

April 13th: Bar-Maor

Bar-Maor - the winery of Rami Bar-Maor, from Binyamina – showcases the vineyards of Hanadiv Valley. All its wines are produced solely from Valley region grapes. Rami is tirelessly engaged in investigating his home terrain – that inspires him to create passionate, seductive wines. We're presenting glasses of some Bar-Maor wines less familiar to those who already know and love the winery. And of course, it's a great opportunity for people who haven't had the pleasure of drinking Hanadiv Valley wines

April 20th: Harashim

Harashim Winery is a boutique bio-dynamic winery, located in northern Israel, near Mitzpe Harashim, atop Mt. Shazor at an altitude of 860 meters. The Winery is surrounded by stunning natural woods, breathtaking scenery and magical, tranquil Galilean atmosphere. As natives of

this mountain, raised in the wild nature of Harashim, our highest value is land conservation. We act to preserve and enliven the biodiversity in the vineyard and in its surroundings. Our actions are dictated by biodynamic methods of agriculture and winemaking.

The results of these practices support our unyielding ambition to create the highest quality wines. Living soil produces soulful wines. Unique wines that loyally express the vineyard plots and the nature that surrounds them.

May 4th: Margalit Winery

Margalit Winery was founded by Dr. Yair Margalit in 1989. The winemaker is now his son, Assaf Margalit. Yair Margalit, winemaker, educator, author and consultant, is one of the founding fathers of the Israel quality wine revolution. Assaf Margalit, who studied in California, is one of Israel's best winemakers of the new, younger generation. Margalit Winery is situated in Binyamina with vineyards in the Upper Galilee, Binyamina and Zichron Ya'acov. The winery is most famous for its Bordeaux varieties.