



2012 Benhaim Cabernet Sauvignon Grande Reserve

Rating

89

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

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Producer: Benhaim**From:** Israel , Galilee , Upper Galilee**Reviewed by**

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Color: Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Grande Reserve also has 10% of Cabernet Franc and Petite Sirah, aged for 30 months in a mixture of new French and American oak. It comes in at 14.1% alcohol. Given how well some of the less pricey wines showed, this really isn't that much of a step up—if at all. There is more wood and a bit more power but no more precision or concentration. The oak subsumes all possibility of finding typical Cab flavors in here. That may change with a few more years of cellaring, but I have my doubts. Overall, it still shows very well, but it doesn't do much to justify the increase in price. This runs around 250 Israeli shekels, or about \$30 more than the regular Reserves.