



2016 Benhaim Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

| Rating | Release Price | Drink Date | Producer |
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| 87 | NA | 2021 - 2025 | |
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The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, also with 10% Merlot and 5% Petite Sirah, was aged for 24 months in an equal mixture of French and American oak (70% new). It comes in at just 12.5% alcohol. This is a one-dimensional Cabernet Sauvignon that tastes more of oak than the grape. The oak impact isn't that heavy, but the grape flavors are even more muted. This just does not express the grape well enough. It doesn't seem quite ripe enough. That said, as a basic restaurant wine, it drinks nicely. It is well balanced, easy to like and ready to drink. Indeed, it doesn't seem likely to age very well, although it can hold a few years. Overall, this isn't bad, but it's not a value wine. It is a little short of the distinction it needs for the price point. Not imported, this runs around 165 Israeli shekels (\$50). There were 6,500 bottles produced.

Producer: Benhaim

From: Israel, Galilee, Upper Galilee

Color: Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon