

Benhaim, Mount Meron Reserve Merlot 2014 Upper Galilee

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A small amount of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon blended in with the Merlot. 24 months in oak barrels.

Very beguiling ripe plums on the nose – open and generous, welcoming warmth that is very much on the palate as well. Velvety texture, although not too soft – there is a good strong spine underneath the velvet. Plenty of sap and a satisfying seam of cedary herbs and tobacco-leaf bitterness running through that lovely red fruit. Plush and glowing from head to toe but not overripe, and everything contained in a fine-boned corset of tannins. Warm-climate bordeaux blend but beautifully balanced with a real pulse. Begging for a cold roast-beef sandwich (or salad)! (TC)

Producer	Benhaim
Cuvée	Mount Meron Reserve
Grape variety	Merlot (/learn/grape-varieties/red/merlot)
Appellation	Upper Galilee
Region	Israel
Country	Israel (/learn/wine-regions/israel)

Colour	Red
Alcohol	13%
Score	17
When to drink	2019 – 2024
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