

# Yatir Forest

| COUNTRY | REGION       | GRAPE   | VINTAGE |
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| Israel  | Judean Hills | Cabernet Sauvignon (65%), Petite<br>Verdot (28%), Cabernet Franc (7%) | 2018    |

# **ABOUT THE DOMAINE**

The Yatir Winery was founded in 2000 as a joint venture between local grape growers and the Carmel Winery, who recognized the extraordinary potential of the area. The Yatir region, located in the southern tip of the Judean Hills, has a rich and fascinating history of wine production dating back 2500 years. In the late 1990s, at the request of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, vines were planted as part of his vision to make the Yatir Forest bloom. Located at the foot of the Israelite Tel Arad Fort in the Yatir Forest, this exclusive winery produces 150,000 bottles of high quality wines a year, each reflecting the uniqueness and character of the region.

### WINEMAKING

The composition of varieties varies from year to year depending on the nature of the harvest, to emphasize the "Yatir" character, the specialness of the area, and its vineyards. Vineyards: Various plots in Yatir Forest that yielded the highest quality grapes in the given year. The wine aged for 15 months in French oak barrels of which one third were new. Bottled in February 2020 and remained in the winery for a further year to age in its bottle. Warm winter. Significantly rainy spring season - total precipitation: 244 mm. – similar to the annual average. The winter season commenced later than usual (the trend over recent years). A spring season with several extreme hot spells. Pleasant summer season with lower evaporation than usual & cool nights. Consistent and high-quality ripening.

**TECHNICAL NOTES** 

Alcohol by volume 14.5%

# **TASTING NOTES**

Displaying deep crimson hues, with rich aromas that combine intensity with elegance & freshness. Potential aging period of a decade or more.