

ISRAELI WINE TIMELINE

- 1890-92 Rishon Le Zion & Zichron Ya'acov Cellars built.
- 1890 Founding of Latroun Monastery.
- 1895 Founding of Cremisan Monastery.
- 1896 Carmel Wine Co. founded for Europe and America.
- 1902 Carmel Oriental founded for Ottoman Empire.
- 1906 'Société Coopérative Vigneronne des Grandes Caves' (SCV) formed.
- 1907 David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, worked at Rishon.
- 1915 Levi Eshkol, 2nd prime minister, managed vineyards at Rishon.

STATE OF ISRAEL

The quality revolution began in the 1980's, with imported expertise from California.

- 1950 Founding of Askalon Wines (Segal.)
- 1954 Founding of Eliaz (Binyamina.)
- 1957 James Rothschild donated Rishon & Zichron Cellars to S.C.V.
The Israel Wine Institute founded.
- 1968 First varietal wines. CLASSIC VARIETIES.
- 1976 First grapes planted on the Golan Heights. HIGH ELEVATION V'YDS.
- 1976 Carmel Special Reserve aged in small oak barrels.
- 1983 Golan Heights Winery established.
- 1987 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon 1984 - Trophy at IWSC.
- 1989 Margalit Winery founded. BOUTIQUE WINERY BOOM.
- 1990 Founding of Barkan.
- 1995 Serena Sutcliffe MW 'discovered' Castel Grand Vin.
- 1999 Yarden invited to the New York Wine Experience.
- 2003 Handcrafted Wines of Israel founded.
- 2007 Tasting by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.
- 2008 Castel - 4 stars Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book.
- 2008 Cremisan pioneer indigenous varieties.
- 2010 Carmel Kayoumi Shiraz 2006 - International Trophy, Decanter.
Last harvest at Rishon Le Zion Cellars.
- 2013 Golan Heights Winery - Best New World Winery, Wine Enthusiast.
- 2016 Eran Pick (Tzora Vineyards) becomes Israel's 1st MW.
Wine Spectator publishes cover page feature on Israel.
- 2017 Judean Hills Quartet formed. QUEST FOR IDENTITY.
- 2018 Visit to Israel by The Institute of Masters of Wine.
- 2020 IPEVO launch new wine map.
Ido Lewinsohn (Barkan-Segal) becomes Israel's 2nd MW.

