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Raise your glasses

What the wineries are offering this year

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This year, Rosh Hashana comes early, and the holiday weather is expected to be "warmer than usual for this time of year..." meaning very hot. With the dinner consisting of the traditional heavy foods, we suggest sticking to the chilled whites and roses. Knowing that most Israelis will prefer to have reds no matter what the temperature, remember that the recommendation of serving reds at room temperature means European room temperatures - i.e., 18°, not 30°.

1848

New for the New Year, 1848 launches the 2011 Dor 7 Merlot. It is dark purple, with aromas of raspberry and red roses. A great wine for the holiday dinner. NIS 119.

Alexander

The 2013 Alexander Sandro is a dark red blend with aromas of berries and wood, dark chocolate and hints of vanilla. NIS 99. A more festive wine is the 2012 Gaston Reserve, a blend of Merlot, Shiraz and Petit Verdot. NIS 149.

Barkan

Barkan offers a selection of gift boxes with wines from the Reserve collection, as well as honey and olive oil. NIS 90.

Ben Haim

The boutique winery offers the 2014 Ben Haim Chardonnay. The aromatic dry, golden-green wine is perfect with fish and antipasti. NIS 90. If you're looking for a good red, the 2010 Ben Haim Senna, from the Tradition collection, is an aged blend with good acidity and fruity aromas, which is not

too heavy. NIS 99.

Binyamina

Binyamina offers two new wines in the Reserve collection. The 2014 Reserve Semillon, perfect for a hot evening, is dry yet fruity and aromatic. The 2013 Binyamina Reserve Marselan belongs to the new trend of Mediterranean wines, made from grapes that do very well in our hot climate. An aromatic full bodied wine. Serve at 16° to 18°.

Bravdo

The second wine in Bravdo's Premium Landmark series is the Landmark 2013 Merlot. It is a unique wine, complex and harmonious. NIS 170.

Bravdo 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon from Karmel Yosef is a full-bodied, unfiltered wine. Dark red with rich aromas of red plums, berries and herbs. NIS 130.

Carmel Selected

Carmel's Selected new white collection includes 2014 Emerald Riesling, Colombar, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscato (sparkling) and Zinfandel Rosé. The 2014 reds include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and blends. The fresh, light wines are an excellent value for money, and the new branding brings elegance to the table. Suggested price NIS 25.

Dalton

From Dalton Galilee winery, try the aromatic 2014 Rosé (NIS 45), or the Alma White 2014, a blend that is a good representative of the upper Galilee terroir - a complex and fun wine (NIS 75). Another lovely white to drink on a hot night is the 2014 Viognier Reserve. (NIS 78).

The reds include the 2013 Petit Syrah (NIS 55) and the 2012 reserve Shiraz, a

more complex and rich dry red (NIS 109).

Derech Eretz

From this collection of affordable good value wines, try the 2014 Shiraz (NIS 30).

Ella

A package with Ella Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 and Ella Sauvignon Blanc 2014 will make life easy if you're in charge of bringing the wines to the table. The Sauvignon is light and crisp with aromas of apples and cut grass. The Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant and well structured. NIS 149 for the package.

Golan Heights

Golan Heights has launched new vintages for its top wines, including the 2012 Yarden Malbec and the 2012 Yarden Syrah. The Malbec has aromas of red and dark berries, hints of tea and tobacco and a whiff of fresh flowers (NIS 135). The Yarden Syrah 2012 has an interesting complexity of fruit and chocolate aromas, with hints of earth and herbs (NIS 110). Both wines will age nicely if kept in good conditions.

Gva'ot

From Gva'ot, try the 2012 Gofna Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve. It's rich, complex and powerful. With a limited edition of 4,050 bottles, this wine should be served with rich meat dishes. NIS 160.

Hacormim

Hacormim Winery has declared a new project, Kadesh, presenting a 2014 vintage line of young blends at NIS 23 to NIS 25. Well worth the price.

Jerusalem

One of the oldest wineries in Israel, the



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Jerusalem boutique winery has launched new wines in the Vintage collection: Vintage Emerald-Riesling Muscat, a semi-dry aromatic white wine that is perfect for Rosh Hashana (NIS 30), and the Vintage Petit Verdot/Merlot, a Bordeaux-style fruity wine with aromas of cherry, strawberry and vanilla. NIS 30.

Maia

The young boutique concept winery presents only Mediterranean-style wines that are well suited for our climate. The 2014 Mare White, a blend of Marsanne and French Colombar, is fresh and fruity (NIS 79). The Mare Red, a blend of Carignan, Syrah and Mourvedre, is light with medium body and well suited for warm nights (NIS 85).

Mony

From this boutique winery try the 2014 Nahal Sira, a dark red rich wine that goes very well with meat dishes.

Psagot

Psagot presents new branding and new 2014 whites, including Viognier, Moav and Rosé. The 2014 Viognier is very dry and fresh, with good acidity (NIS 65). The 2014 Psagot Rosé is great as an aperitif - dry, fresh and light (NIS 65). The 2014 Moav, a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, is aromatic

and elegant and can be served with different dishes (NIS 110).

Ramat Negev

From the desert, get the RN holiday gift package with red wines, candy, olive oil and honey. There are different kinds of packages, ranging from NIS 80 to NIS 250.

Recanati

Recanati winery suggests two favorite wines for the holiday table. The 2013 Galil Elion Chardonnay is an elegant, full-bodied dry white wine with aromas of butter and oak (NIS 62). The 2013 Galil Elion Merlot with the typical cherry, plum and herbs aromas, is a dry and fresh red. NIS 62.

Tishbi

Tishbi 2012 Shiraz Estate is a velvety balanced red wine with aromas of raspberry, cherry and ripe plums. NIS 85.

Trio

The young boutique winery suggests the 2013 Alona Carignan. Available at Derech Hayayin stores. NIS 90.

Tulip

Tulip offers holiday packages - "Wish maker" - with a variety of its wines and goodies made by members of Kfar Tikva for people with special needs. Fifty percent of the proceeds from sales of the packages is

apricot. NIS 115.

More suggestions are two Spanish Cavas. For Rosh Hashana, pop the Anna de Codorniu Rosé, an elegant fresh and festive bubbly (NIS 75); and the Anna de Codorniu Brut, a wonderful aperitif that can be drunk throughout the meal. NIS 75.

Masi

The beloved Italian wines from Masi are packed in gift boxes for the holiday. The Super Venetian package (NIS 297) includes Masianco (white), Campofiorin (red) and

donated to the Make a Wish organization for sick children. Packages are sold at NIS 69 and up. Call (04) 983-0573.

Vitkin

The family-owned boutique winery has a few great whites for the holiday, such as the Grenache Blanc 2014. A Mediterranean style wine in limited edition, it has gentle aromas of citrus and herbs. NIS 125.

A great wine to drink in our climate, the Vitkin 2014 Riesling is rich and refreshing with green lemony and elegant aromas. NIS 90.

Yaffo

The boutique winery has launched a gift package together with the Beit Hagalgalim organization for children with disabilities. The children painted the wine labels. The package includes wines from the Homage classic "old world" collection: the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2013 Syrah Merlot. NIS 150 for the package.

Yatir

New from Yatir Forest winery, the 2011 Har Amasa. The winery's flagship red blend is dark red, with aromas of ripe plums and a hint of smoke and herbs. It is a fruity, medium-bodied wine that is a pure pleasure to drink. NIS 100.

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Alvi

The kosher Spanish winery Alvi offers great wines for the holiday. Try the Adar red blend at NIS 79 or the 2011 Vina Encina white, a golden-colored flowery fresh wine (Mevushah) at NIS 39.

Isarco - The Scottish Company

The wine importer suggests the special French white wine from Paul Jaboulet, 2012 Les Jalets Blanc, a golden-yellow dry wine with aromas of honey and

the Rose di Masi. All of them are fresh, delightful wines for lovers of the Italian classic method.

