



## 2012 Benhaim Cabernet Franc Reserve

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> Benhaim
91	NA	2017 - 2026	<b>From:</b> Israel , Galilee , Upper Galilee
<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Color:</b> Red
Mark Squires	31st Oct 2017	233, The Wine Advocate	<b>Type:</b> Table

The 2012 Cabernet Franc Reserve is not, in fact, a monovarietal—the last 15% combined has dollops of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petite Sirah. It was aged for 20 months in a mixture of French and American oak (half new, half used). It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. Beautifully done again, this is a nice successor to the last one I saw. Velvety in texture, it adds focus and a moderate backbone to support the fruit. The mid-palate is elegant but concentrated and solid. There is just a bit of that tightly wound feel. It finishes with those traces of herbs, just a little subdued by the wood. Overall, this drinks beautifully. It can still improve in the cellar. It may not yet be at peak, but it is close. Feel free to dive in. This runs around 150 shekels in Israel.

**Sweetness:** Dry  
**Type:** Table  
**Variety:** Cabernet Franc