



2016 Benhaim Odysseia Reserve

Rating

89

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

2021 - 2026

Producer: Benhaim

From: Israel , Galilee , Upper Galilee

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Color: Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Proprietary Blend

The 2016 Odysseia Reserve is a roughly equal blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc with 20% Petite Sirah aged for 24 months in an equal mixture of French and American oak (50% new). It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. This has a little more energy than the regular Reserves and silkier texture, plus better mid-palate finesse. It's at least a small step up, although it is not radically different. It's not so clear where the ceiling is here, but this drinks beautifully right now as an elegant food wine with a little complexity. I suspect this is pretty close to its peak moment. Not imported, this runs around 165 Israeli shekels (\$50). There were just 1,700 bottles produced.