



2016 Benhaim Duke Reserve

Rating

89

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

2021 - 2027

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 Duke Reserve is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with 20% Shiraz and 10% Merlot, all aged for 24 months in an equal mixture of new French and American oak. It comes in at 12.8% alcohol. This is radically different in style than the Odysseia Reserve. That is silky and shows finesse. This is creamy and has more power, no doubt thanks to the Cabernet Sauvignon. This is probably the richest of the winery's reds this issue as well. It shows the most flavor, with the Shiraz no doubt chiming in. While it is short on finesse, it has the firmest finish. This is a lot of fun, although perhaps a step short in terms of a wine that might develop into something more. Still, of the producer's reds, this probably has the best chance to benefit from a little more aging. Not imported, this runs around 180 Israeli shekels (\$54). There were 2,000 bottles produced.