



## 2014 Benhaim Cabernet Sauvignon Grande Reserve

**Rating**

89

**Release Price**

\$90

**Drink Date**

2018 - 2027

**Producer:** Benhaim

**From:** Israel , Galilee , Upper Galilee

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**Color:** Red

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

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**Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Grande Reserve also has 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petite Sirah, all aged for 30 months in new French oak. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. This is sourced from the winery's own vineyard at Kfar Shammai, on the eastern slope of Mount Meron in the Upper Galilee. The vines are between 700 and 800 meters above sea level. As with all the wines here, this is elegant, very graceful in presentation and easy to drink young. This might have a touch more depth than some and a bit more power than the 2013s (Cabernet Sauvignon tends to come with tannins, all things being equal), but not by much—it is still easy to approach. Then, you get to the wood. That's the rub. It's hard to find the fruit, drenched as it is in vanilla. It gives the wine a certain generic feel. That said, there is some hope. As it sat in the glass, it showed some signs of fruit popping up. Let's still be conservative here. When this proves it can hold long enough to absorb the wood while keeping the fruit still fresh, then it might be entitled to an uptick.