



2016 Benhaim Cabernet Franc Reserve

Rating

88

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: Cabernet Franc

The 2016 Cabernet Franc Reserve also has 18% Merlot, all aged for 24 months in a 60/40 mixture of American and French oak (75% new). It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. Straightforward but pleasing, this manages to rise above the wood and show a little of the grape's character. It drinks very well from the get-go, but extended aeration reveals that it doesn't really have another gear. It becomes softer and less interesting. It doesn't have a real backbone or much concentration. I wouldn't plan on aging this, as it has nowhere to go in terms of improvement. The winery has basically aged it for you, thanks to the late release. This shows pretty well, although it is certainly pricey for what it is. It's worth leaning up today but drink up. Not imported, this runs around 165 Israeli shekels (\$50). There were 6,500 bottles produced.