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## Israel

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**Growers / Wineries are in alphabetical order with area underneath**

There are 5 main wine producing regions stretching south from the Lebanese border.

Galilee is the northern area including the Golan Heights. Samaria (Shomron) with Mt Carmel, Samson (Shimshon) with Dan, the coastal area and the Judean Lowlands, The Judean Hills with Beth-El, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and then Negev, a semi arid area with some new plantings. As well as the large more commercial wineries there are a growing number of "garagiste" small wineries aiming for quality.

#### Judean Hills

Lewinsohn Winery  
Hod HaSharon

#### White Wines

**Garage de Papa Blanc 2010**

**92 2012-15**

**Chardonnay**

*Tasted at the LWTF May 2012*

Citrus and apple freshness brings out the white flower fragrances on the nose with more generous fruit showing on the palate. The greengage and pear mix is rich filling out the mid palate but then towards the back the citrus takes over giving a lovely fresh feel to the finish.

Recanati Winery  
Hefer Valley

#### Red Wines

**Shiraz 2014**

**88 2016-21**

**Upper Galilee**

*Tasted in the Carlton Club September 2016*

The nose has a mix of fragrances lilacs and lavender the start of the palate spicy. Rich ripe sweet in the middle masses of toasty oak with fleshy black plum at the back and a sweet ripe fruited black pepper finish.

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