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Estate Winery Basse Galilee

Nestled at the foot of Mt Tabor in the Lower Galilee, Netofa Winery was founded by Pierre Miodownick in 2006. Born in the Languedoc, a region in France where life is almost all about viticulture and wine, Miodownick naturally made winemaking his profession. After 28 harvests in the best vineyards of France, Spain and Portugal, Pierre made aliyah, and harvested his first grapes in Israel. There is no need to look for Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, or Chardonnay, as the Lower Galilean soil is better-suited for southern varieties which thrive in the warm, Mediterranean climate and limestone-rich soil. Netofa's vineyards are meticulously tended to, with each plot dedicated to a different grape variety. Made from estate-grown Syrah, Tempranillo, Chenin Blanc, Roussanne, Grenache, and Mourvèdre grapes of the highest quality, Netofa's wines showcase the essential expression of the local Galilean terroir.

DOR

This is the second release of Netofa's flagship wine, currently their only varietal red wine. Produced with the winery's estate-grown grape variety in a given vintage, the 2013 was a Syrah, whereas the 2016 is made from Tempranillo, made famous by the wines of Rioja in Spain. The Dor shows the distinct characteristics of Lower Galilee's Tempranillo. Dark ruby red towards garnet in color. The nose shows notes of ripe cherries, dried strawberries, leather, smoky wood, and freshly brewed coffee. Full-bodied, with a velvety texture, with on the palate ripe red fruit, black olives, Mediterranean herbs, savory mushrooms, medium acidity, with lush tannins as well as hints of vanilla and espresso that linger on the long, rich and mouth-filling finish. Generous, scrumptious and flavorful now but will keep evolving over the coming decade.

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Latour Red

A blend of mostly Syrah blended with a nice amount of Mourvèdre and which was aged for about 12-14 months in French oak barrels. Dark garnet towards purple in color. The nose slowly opens up with aromas of ripe black and raspberries, wild blueberries, with a touch of saddle leather, black pepper, and charcoal. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is fleshy and layered, featuring ripe raspberries, blackberries, hearty spices with savory, earthy notes, medium-plus acidity and firm tannins, highlighting notes of freshly cracked pepper and charred meat on the long, complex, and elegant finish. If you close your eyes while sipping this wine you might picture yourself by a bonfire savoring a hearty meal on a hill overlooking the Galilee

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Tel Qasser Red

A blend of Grenache (Noir) and Syrah, aged for 10 months in French oak barrels. Deep purple in color. On the nose, freshly picked blackberries and raspberries, dried violets, lavender as well as hints of grilled meat and black pepper. Medium-bodied, with a silky-velvety texture. The fruit is on point, neither overripe nor overly extracted. On the palate, notes of juicy berries, ripe pomegranate seeds, English pepper, graphite, freshly cured tobacco leaves, with medium-plus acidity and soft tannins that caress the mouth with touches of fine roasted coffee beans on the long and elegant finish. This wine is a crowd-pleaser, perfect to please wine aficionados and amateurs alike.

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Latour Rosado

Made from Tempranillo grapes, this is a unique rosé. Bright pink in color, with an enticing nose of fresh ripe cherries, forest berries, iodine, orange peel, as well as dried rose petals. Medium in body, with on the palate crunchy ripe sour cherries, raspberries and blood orange, medium-plus acidity, as well as notes of juicy, tart plums on the moderately long finish. A rosé to enjoy with dinner outdoors on a mild summer night.

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Tel Qasser White

This wine is 100% Roussanne, a grape variety often dominating the white blends produced in the Northern Rhône Valley (Hermitage, Saint-Joseph) aged for 10 months in French oak barrels. Bright gold in color, with light green reflections. On the nose, notes of honeysuckle, orange blossom, Anjou pear, white peach as well as hints of roasted nuts. Medium, perhaps medium to full-bodied, with a slightly oily texture. The palate features notes of stone fruit, orange rind, pear, toasted almonds, medium-plus acidity, a touch of saline minerals as well as hints of vanilla beans that linger on the long and suave finish. An impressive, complex yet very drinkable white.

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Latour White

Made of 100% Chenin Blanc, a variety originating from France's Loire Valley, and aged in French oak barrels, adding complexity and structure to the wine. Bright straw in color, with on the nose, fresh spring flowers, hay, ripe citrus fruit, quince and Anjou pear. Medium-bodied, with on the palate, notes of tart pear, quince, lime, earthy minerals, medium acidity, with hints of honeydew, green apple and hazelnuts on the long finish. Elegance and complexity, to enjoy now and for several more years.

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