



Merlot

Dry red wine

Vineyards: Sde Boker, Kfar Yuval, Judean Hills,

Varieties: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Wine Notes: An intense rich wine abundant with flavors. Elegant and delicate, it displays strong colors and flavors of ripe plums, liquorice, black tea, mint, cassis, sweet cherry with a hint of vanilla and dark chocolate. Recommended serving temperature: 18°C (64°F).

Winemaking: This dry red wine is produced from the superior juice from the first pressing of the grapes. The wine was fermented in stainless steel vats for three weeks. During this time, the grapes fermented for two weeks with their skins at a carefully controlled temperature in order to preserve the wide range of flavors nature offers. The wines from each vineyard were fermented in separate vats (as a single vineyard) and were aged in separate oak barrels, the blends being created during the aging process. French and American oak barrels are used for aging these wine for 12 months and the wine is unfiltered.

Alcohol by Volume: 14%

Growing region: Sde Boker, Kfar Yuval and the Judean Hills. Thanks to the Tishbis' meticulous and professional supervision, Kibbutz Sde Boker succeeded in cultivating and developing a superior unique vineyard growing Merlot grapes. The vineyard possesses a complex and sophisticated irrigation system, assuring that the vines receive the precise quantity of water according to their specific needs. The micro-climate in this region provides strong sunshine, daytime breezes and cool nights. The loess soil, together with this climate play their part in the creation of a unique terroir, thanks to which, the vineyard cultivates small grapes, with thick skins and intense flavors. This all contributes to a complex wine, rich in tannins. The Cabernet Franc grapes from the exclusive vineyard situated in the Judean Hills, 800 meters above sea level, possess a mountainous, herbaceous character.

Finger Lakes Merlot Estate 2005 was awarded a double gold medal in the "Finger Lakes" competition which took place this year in the United States. With 2,300 wines competing from 500 wineries worldwide, the Tishbi Merlot Estate was chosen by the whole panel of judges as the best internationally produced Merlot.

Awards:



IWSC Tishbi Estate Merlot 2005 Limited Edition- Bronze



Finger Lakes Tishbi Estate Merlot 2005 Limited Edition – Double Gold

