

# Recanati

Wine Region: Galilee, Israel Date Established: 2000 Winemaker: Gil Shatsberg

The story of the Recanati winery begins with owner Lenny Recanati's profound bond with the land of Israel coupled with a passion for fine wine. Today the Recanati winery, which debuted in 2000, is Israel's sixth largest wine producer, with markets in the U.S., U.K., Germany, France, Italy and Japan.

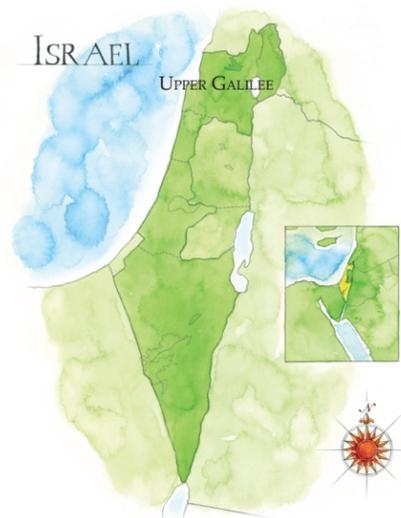
Lenny Recanati is a successful international banker and financier and a member of one of Israel's most prominent families. Prior to making their home in Israel in the early 1900s, Recanati's ancestors had lived for centuries in Italy, one of the world's premier sources of fine wines. Consequently, Italy and the U.S. (where Recanati spent a portion of his student years) represent the winery's main export markets.

Chief winemaker Gil Shatsberg is a graduate of the U.C. Davis wine program. Formerly a winemaker at Israel's Amphorae and Carmel wineries, Gil brings to Recanati proven expertise in his field, allied to a devotion to artistry and craftsmanship in winemaking.

The Recanati winery in the Hefer Valley in the Upper Galilee sources grapes from some of the area's finest high-altitude vineyards, which enjoy a climate similar to that of France's Rhône Valley. Warm days and cool nights, together with ideal chalky-gravelly soil conditions and limited rainfall, create an ideal environment in which to nurture classic grape varieties.

Recanati was recently named an "Israeli Winery to Watch" by Wine Spectator.

Recanati wines are Kosher for Passover. The Yasmin wines are produced to meet "mevushal" standards, which are important considerations for both kosher caterers and restaurants.



- Owner Lenny Recanati, Winemaker, Gil Shatsberg and the winemaking team display their passion for wine by creating artisan, world-class wines.
- Vineyards are located in the upper Galilee, Israel's region best suited for grape growing.
- The only Israeli wine to make *Wine Spectator's* Top 100 Wines list in the last 8 years.
- Earned the two top scores from Robert Parker for Israeli Red Wines in 2014.
  - All wines are certified OU Kosher with the Yasmin line being Mevushal.



## Diamond Series

- **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** Recanati's most popular wine. **90 Points**, Smart Buy, TOP 100 Wines of 2014 - *Wine Spectator*, November 15, 2014.
- **CHARDONNAY** Fermented in French oak and aged sur lie for nine months. **90 Points** - *Wine Enthusiast*, April 2014
- **MERLOT** Bright, fruit-forward with notes of small blackberries, black cherry and cassis accented by soft fruit cake spice. **89 Points** - *Wine Enthusiast*, April 2014.
- **SAUVIGNON BLANC** From the Shomron Region, near the Mediterranean coast, largest grape growing area in the country.
- **SHIRAZ (MEVUSHAL)** Soft nutmeg aromas mingle with sweet red berry and plum fruit notes. **87 Points**. - *Wine Enthusiast*, September 2014.
- **ROSE** 70% Barbera and 30% Merlot. "Intense aromas of red plum and strawberry" - **90 Points**- "**Best Buy**" *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2014.

## Yasmin Wines

- **YASMIN RED (MEVUSHAL)** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot. **90 Points** - "**Best Buy**" Top 100 Values of the Year - *Wines and Spirits*, August 2014.
- **YASMIN WHITE (MEVUSHAL)** 60% Chardonnay, 40% Sauvignon Blanc. "**Best Buy**" - *Wine and Spirits*, August 2014.

## Reserve Wines

- **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** Aged in small American and French oak casks for 18 months. **90 Points** - *Wine Enthusiast*, April 2014.
- **MERLOT RESERVE** From Menara Vineyards in the Upper Galilee. **90 Points** - *Wine Spectator*, September 30, 2013.
- **PETITE SIRAH** 100% Petite Sirah **90 Points** - *Wine Enthusiast*, 2014.
- **SYRAH-VIOGNIER** 97% Syrah and 3% Viognier. **90 Points** - *Wine Enthusiast*, April 2013.
- **SPECIAL RESERVE RED** A Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot blend (% varies each year). **92 Points** - *Robert Parker*, April 2014.
- **SPECIAL RESERVE WHITE** 40% Marsanne, 60% Roussanne. **90 Points** - *Wine Enthusiast*, 2014.
- **WILD CARIGNAN** From dry-farmed vines on the slopes of the Judean Hills. **92 Points** - *Wine Advocate*, April 2014.



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