



## The Top 50 Kosher Wines in the World (continued)

<b>SPARKLING WINES</b>		<b>score</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>when to drink</b>	<b>price</b>
1.	Nicolas Feuillatte, Brut, Champagne, n.v., France (Kosher Edition)	90	Rich, with tiny, concentrated bubbles and a long-lasting mousse. Citrus, pear, and light yeasty aromas and flavors. This is excellent Champagne by any standard.	Not Relevant	\$42
2.	Pommery, Champagne, n.v., France (Kosher Edition)	90	A blend of 55% Pinot Noir and 45% Chardonnay, this medium-bodied Champagne is just yeasty enough and shows grapefruit, apple, floral, and spicy aromas.	Not Relevant	\$55
3.	Yarden, Blanc de Blancs, Israel, 1999	90	Just yeasty enough to enchant, with rich citrus, peach, and tropical fruits, along with a hint of mineral crispness. Sharp bubbles, a long mousse, and a lovely finish.	Now-2009	\$20
4.	Yarden, Brut, Israel, n.v.	89	Made in the traditional Champenoise method from a blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, this wine shows good balance, an abundance of citrus and white peach fruits, and nutty flavors.	Not Relevant	\$18
5.	Golan, Moscato, Israel, 2006	87	Made from Muscat Canelli grapes. Remarkably floral on the nose. Shows green apples, ripe white peaches, tropical fruits, and a hint of grapefruit, all with a nice fizziness.	Now	\$10

<b>DESSERT WINES</b>		<b>score</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>when to drink</b>	<b>price</b>
1.	Chateau Guiraud, Sauternes, France, 2001 (Kosher Edition)	95	Deep golden yellow, with a creamy texture and herbal sweetness. On the nose and palate, honeyed peaches, apples, and citrus, matched nicely by generous spiciness.	Now-2020	\$80
2.	Yarden, Noble Semillon, Botrytis, Israel, 2004	92	Golden in color, concentrated and balanced. Shows dried apricots, orange peel, toasty oak, and tropical fruits along with deep honeyed spices.	Now-2018	\$34
3.	Langer, Tokaji, Aszu, 5 Puttonyos, Hungary, 1998	91	On the nose and palate, dried summer fruits, citrus peel, and oriental spices, all matched by fine acidity to balance the generous sweetness. Long and elegant.	Now-2012	\$55
4.	Carmel, Gewurtztraminer, Late Harvest, Single Vineyard, Kerem Sha'al, Israel, 2005	91	Medium- to full-bodied, with generous sweetness set off by balancing acidity. Generous litchis are complemented nicely by summer fruits and a hint of rosewater. Elegant.	Now-2010	\$26
5.	Yarden, Heightswine, Israel, 2003	90	Light- to medium-bodied with delicate honeyed apricot and peach aromas and flavors, good balancing acidity, and an elegant finish.	Now-2008	\$23

## Kosher Red Wine: 12 Best Buys

<b>RED WINES</b>		<b>score</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>when to drink</b>	<b>price</b>
1.	Galil Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon, Israel, 2005	89	Medium- to full-bodied, with near-sweet tannins and plum and berry fruits, spices, and a tantalizing overlay of mushrooms.	Now-2009	\$13
2.	Dalton, Shiraz, Reserve, Israel, 2004	88	Medium- to full-bodied, with soft tannins and moderate smoky oak highlighting aromas and flavors of plums, currants, and berries.	Now-2009	\$12
3.	Baron Philippe, Mouton Cadet, Bordeaux, France, 2005	87	Garnet toward purple, medium- to full-bodied, with soft tannins integrating well. Light spicy wood highlights blackberry and currant fruits.	Now-2008	\$11
4.	Binyamina, Cabernet Sauvignon, Special Reserve, Israel, 2004	87	Aged in French oak barrels for 18 months. Dark ruby in color, full-bodied, with moderate spicy oak comfortably balanced by currant and blackberry fruits, which lead to a long, filling finish.	Now-2009	\$13
5.	Carmel, Merlot, Regional, Upper Galilee, Israel, 2004	87	Aged in French oak, this generous wine shows plum and cassis fruit and appealing hints of tobacco and eucalyptus on the finish.	Now-2008	\$12
6.	Baron Herzog, Cabernet Sauvignon, California, 2003	86	Soft and round, this medium-bodied red shows an appealing array of ripe berry, cassis, and spices, all lingering nicely.	Now-2007	\$13
7.	Baron Herzog, Syrah, California, 2004	86	Soft and round, with appealing raspberry and currant fruits on a gently spicy background.	Now	\$13
8.	Kolobarra Hills, Shiraz, W. Australia, 2004	86	Medium-bodied, with soft tannins and appealing plum and berry fruits backed up by hints of black pepper and vanilla.	Now-2008	\$12
9.	Goose Bay, Pinot Noir, East Coast, New Zealand, 2005	86	Light- to medium-bodied, with soft tannins and raspberry, strawberry, and spicy aromas and flavors that linger nicely.	Now-2008	\$12
10.	Tierra Salvaje, Carmenere, Maule Valley, Chile, 2003	85	Medium-bodied, with soft tannins and generous smoke and tobacco yielding to plum, blackberry, and spices.	Now	\$8
11.	Tierra Salvaje, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina, 2006	85	Dark garnet in color, medium-bodied, with soft tannins and generous smoke and tobacco that yield nicely to the aromas and flavors of plums, blackberries, and spices.	Now-2008	\$8
12.	Teal Lake Cabernet Merlot, South-Eastern Australia, 2004	85	Medium-bodied, with soft tannins and generous currant, berry, and earthy herbal aromas and flavors. Not complex, but easy to drink.	Now-2007	\$11

**Notes:** A score of 90 or higher indicates a wine of "Exceptional Quality." A score of 85-89 indicates "Very Good to Excellent and Highly Recommended." All ratings are the opinion of wine expert Daniel Rogov. A non-vintage or n.v. wine is a blend of grapes harvested in several different years. Drinking windows are never given for n.v. wines. Pricing is based on an informal survey by the author.