

SPHERA

White Wine Professionals



We are SPHERA

A boutique winery of exquisite white wines from the Judean Hills of Israel.

Each element of the winery is in harmony with our white concept, which carefully balances nature, innovative technology and a delicate, artistic touch.

SPHERA is a family project and many of our partners along the way have become our friends. The people in our community also contribute meaningfully to our efforts, as do the glorious vistas of the Judean hills which echo in our wines and in our hearts.





OUR PHILOSOPHY

Expertise begins with focus.

We decided to concentrate solely on white wines.

We chose the beautiful Judean Hills as the place to plant our vineyards, to build a winery, and to call our home.

Limiting our attention to white wines works like a magnifying glass, enabling us to discern the slightest of nuances and to focus on the delicate adjustments that are a part of winemaking. Precision is one of the keys to producing fine white wines. Our work is natural and transparent; our wines harbor no secrets and reveal every intervention.

White wine making is all about balance.

We follow a detailed work methodology, but at the same time keep our senses alert, listen to the vineyard and decide when to step back and allow nature to take the lead.

We believe in a clear and minimalistic approach that brings out the fruit's true essence, while ensuring wines that are layered with rich and complex flavours.

We continue to search and evolve, using innovative technologies and unique growing techniques. Even so, our feet remain rooted and our pace is measured in order to maintain uncompromising excellence in our work.

This is SPHERA.

A clear, full circle that moves in harmony. It's our philosophy both for making wine and for living our lives.





OUR VINEYARDS

Our vineyards are located in Givat Yishayahu, surrounding the winery.

Their close proximity allows us to refine our expertise: observing the vineyard, the fruit and the climate up close.

The Givat Yishayahu vineyards offer exceptional conditions for crafting white wines. Nestled in a landscape of valleys, with mountain shade and drying winds, the vineyards benefit from significant temperature variations and cool nights, ideal for the optimal development of the grapes.





OUR WINES

White wines are amazing in their variety: one wine is crisp and sharp, while another may taste full-bodied and rich; one process produces a light and refreshing white wine, another yields a lush and complex blend of flavor and aroma.

Experience our colorful spectrum of whites:

WHITE CONCEPTS

A premier collection of varietal, blends and sparkling white wines.

WHITE SIGNATURE

A limited, numbered edition of extraordinary white wines selected by our winemaker.





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Chardonnay
Givat Yishayahu

A colorful, invigorating wine from grapes harvested at their peak maturity. Gentle fermentation in stainless steel and French oak barrels is used to create a generous and unhurried Chardonnay, whose complex aromas are only gradually revealed.

Vineyard:
Givat Yishayahu 01

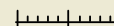
Terroir Features:
A valley in natural woodland, where vines are planted according to the curve of the valley, adjusting to sun and wind exposure. This variation creates a diverse range of grapes, resulting in unique wine flavors.



Soil Type:
Terra Rossa and Limestone



Trellising:
Double Cordon
890 vines per acre
2,200 vines per hectare



Proximity to the Winery:
1500 m



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Sauvignon Blanc
Givat Yishayahu

Crisp and precise, the wine's aroma and palate align perfectly. An early harvest, minimal intervention and extended fermentation process have preserved the original essence of the fruit and produced a direct and bold Sauvignon Blanc - a wine that has no need for compromise.

Vineyard:
Givat Yishayahu 03

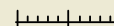
Terroir Features:
A long, narrow valley between mountains. Late sunrise and early darkness contribute to a slow, balanced ripening. A homogeneous vineyard, flowering, ripening, and harvest occur simultaneously across all plots.



Soil Type:
Brown alluvial soil and deep
terra rossa



Trellising:
Double Cordon
890 vines per acre
2,200 vines per hectare



Proximity to the Winery:
600 m



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Riesling
Givat Yishayahu

Bold floral notes, minerality and refreshing fruit give this complex wine its character and charm. Crisp and elegant, with a tempting and lasting taste.

Vineyard:
Givat Yishayahu 01

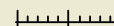
Terroir Features:
A valley in natural woodland, where vines are planted according to the land's shape, adjusting to sun and wind exposure. This variation creates a diverse range of grapes, resulting in unique wine flavors.



Soil Type:
Terra Rossa and Limestone



Trellising:
Double Cordon
890 vines per acre
2,200 vines per hectare



Proximity to the Winery:
1500 m



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First Page
Givat Yishayahu

A full-bodied, complex wine made from a blend of aromatic varieties that have been aged individually, thus ensuring the presence of each distinct character. A tight, harmonious wine, rich with a profusion of white hues: Semillon, Chenin Blanc, Roussanne.

Vineyard:
Givat Yishayahu 02

Terroir Features:
The wind flow in the valley reduces humidity, supporting a healthy growing season.



Soil Type:
Terra Rossa, Rendzina,
Rich alluvial soil.



Trellising:
Tamir method
1,780 vines per acre
4,400 vines per hectare
The planting density and growth angle create shaded rows, limiting direct sun and ensuring balanced vine growth



Proximity to the Winery:
1500 m



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Givat Yishayahu

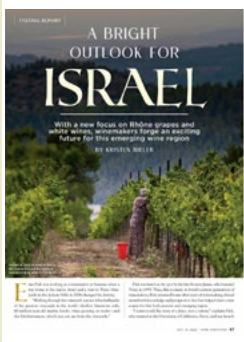
A limited, numbered edition of extraordinary white wines created by our winemaker. White Signature wines have been aged in oak barrels, producing harmonious and well-balanced wines.

Vineyard:

Givat Yishayahu 01 / 02 / 03 / 04

Each year, the winemaker selects the most suitable varieties from different vineyard plots.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVMENTS



Wine Spectator, 5 October, 2022

SPHERA | WHITE SIGNATURE Judean Hills 2021

SCORE: 91

A heady, enticing white, with flint, pear, meringue and honeyed peach spilling across the oily palate. Gains lushness and warmth from toast and cream notes. Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay. - B.S.

SPHERA | WHITE CONCEPTS SAUVIGNON BLANC Judean Hills 2021

SCORE: 90

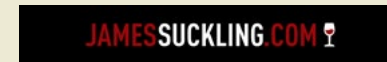
A focused, uniquely structured white, with a firm mineral backbone filled out with honeydew, kumquat, pear and fresh-cut parsley. - B.S.

SPHERA | WHITE CONCEPTS FIRST PAGE Judean Hills 2021

SCORE: 90

Medium- to full-bodied, with a zesty spice character to creamed pear, melon and yellow plum. Floral and rich. Chenin Blanc blend. - B.S.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVMENTS



JamesSuckling.com, Weekly Tasting Report (march 8-14, 2023)

By Senior Editor Stuart Pigott

"There are also some stunning dry whites from the 2022 vintage that raise the bar for this category in Israel to a new high.

"I regard Doron Rav Hon as the leading maker of white wines in Israel, and his Sphera Judean Hills White Signature 2022 has great flint and grapefruit aromas plus wonderful textural complexity," Stuart said. "He also made the best-ever Israeli dry riesling!"

SPHERA | RIESLING 2022 | SCORE: 94

What an expressive and subtle nose with a wide spectrum of citrus aromas (from lemon blossom to yellow grapefruit) and white peach. Breathtaking vibrancy, purity and precision on the medium-bodied palate, then, just when you think you've got all it has to give the racy and stony finish really takes off.

SPHERA | CHARDONNAY 2022 | SCORE: 94

A remarkably aromatic chardonnay! Tons of lemon blossom and fresh lemon juice aromas with just a hint of tropical flowers. Excellent concentration and incredible precision on the medium-bodied palate, the long racy finish has crystalline purity.

SPHERA | WHITE SIGNATURE 2022 | SCORE: 95

Intensely flinty nose with a grapefruit zest character that adds energy and a toasted white baguette character that adds warmth. Great textural complexity on the concentrated, but light-footed palate. The long structured finish pulls you back for more.

SPHERA | LIA BLANC DE BLANCS 2018 | SCORE: 94

You could almost mistake this Israeli sparkling for a very good Blanc de blancs Champagne! Spot on balance of wonderful creaminess with a fine mousse and finely-nuanced candied citrus character.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVMENTS

Wine Spectator

Published on January 20, 2025
Kristen Bieler, Senior Editor

SPHERA | WHITE SIGNATURE 2022

SCORE: 92

Wafts of toasted macadamia and blanched almond add warmth and richness to this otherwise firmly structured, fresh white. Creamy and full on the palate, with aloe and pear invigorated by grapefruit pith acidity and jasmine perfume. Distinctive, balanced, and delicious. Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2028.

SPHERA | WHITE CONCEPTS FIRST PAGE 2023

SCORE: 90

Fluid and creamy, with energy and restraint to the nectarine, green plum and racy citrus notes on an unadorned frame. Flint and smoke cruise through, with fine-grained mineral accents drawing out the finish. Succulent acidity powers through, keeping this clean and mouthwatering. Chenin Blanc, Roussanne, and Sémillon. Drink now through 2029.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

The April 2025 issue of the Wine Enthusiast
Reggie Solomon

SPHERA | WHITE SIGNATURE 2023

SCORE: 94 & EDITOR'S CHOICE

This wine has a charming herbal character. The savory wine opens with beautiful, nuanced aromas of bread dough, yogurt, sun-kissed golden apple, dried hay and biscuit. Additional flavors of butter, toasted brioche and leavened bread round out the palate.

SPHERA | WHITE SIGNATURE 2022

SCORE: 94 & EDITOR'S CHOICE

This wine has a nuanced, autolytic character that shines. The wine opens with a perfumed nose of quince, pear tart, bread dough and butter-topped biscuit. The palate is round with an understated fruit character that is undeniably yeast enabled. Save this wine for contemplation and deep conversations with friends and family whom you actually like.

SPHERA | WHITE CONCEPTS CHARDONNAY 2023

SCORE: 93

This is a complex Chardonnay perfect for those who adore classically made Sauvignon Blanc. Savory dried grass and Provencal herb aromas open on the nose of the perfumed wine alongside bruised yellow apple, lemon pith and dried papaya. Ripe fruit flavors dominate on the palate with herbal elements receding while providing subtle, background-singer depth that doesn't overshadow the star of the show.

SPHERA | WHITE CONCEPTS FIRST PAGE 2023

SCORE: 91

Bruised Bosc pear, white button mushroom, dried field grass and white peach skin aromas open on the nose followed by dried lemon shavings. Tart acidity kicks off the palate followed by a mineral undercurrent that completes with citrus uplift in the blend that is comprised of 50% Chenin Blanc, 40% Roussanne and 10% Sémillon.



THE TEAM

Winemaker and co-owner Doron Rav Hon studied viticulture in Bourgogne, France, completing his apprentice period at Domaine Jacques Prieur and specialization in sparkling wines in Champagne. Precision and minimal intervention define his creative philosophy.

Co-owner Sima Rav Hon is the passionate beating heart that pumps up the special vibe of the winery. She is focused on building the brand's unique identity, as she explains: "SPHERA has its own special language that evolves and develops with time. It is a part of everything we do".

In the past few years, the next generation - Lia, Erez, and Nadav has begun to find its natural place in the winery, taking an active role in its operations.

Having grown up in Givat Yishayahu, they have lived and breathed the vineyard rows, the green landscape, agriculture, hospitality, and winemaking since childhood. We are excited to embrace the fresh ideas they bring.





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2024 Vintage Specifications

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CHARDONNAY 2024

Vineyard Age: 10-22 Years
Harvest: Hand picked 8/2024
Yield: 3,843 kg/Acre 9,500 kg/Ha
Residual Sugar: Dry Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 6.3 SG: 0.990 PH: 3.4

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024

Vineyard Age: 6 Years
Harvest: Hand picked 8/2024
Yield: 2,430 kg/Acre 6,000 kg/Ha
Residual Sugar: Dry Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: 6.5 SG: 0.989 PH: 3.3

RIESLING 2024

Vineyard Age: 6-22 Years
Harvest: Hand picked 8-9/2024
Yield: 3,240 kg/Acre 8,000 kg/Ha
Residual Sugar: Dry Alcohol: 12.5%
TA: 6.9 SG: 0.993 PH: 3.15

FIRST PAGE 2024

Vineyard Age: 9-22 Years
Harvest: Hand picked 8/2024
Residual Sugar: Dry Alcohol: 13%
Yield: 2,635–3,645 kg/Acre 6,500–9,000 kg/Ha
TA: 5.6 SG: 0.990 PH: 3.37

WHITE SIGNATURE 2024

Vineyard Age: 10-22 Years
Harvest: Hand picked 8/2024
Yield: 3,845 kg/Acre 9,500 kg/Ha
Residual Sugar: Dry Alcohol: 13.5%
TA: 6.3 SG: 0.990 PH: 3.4



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