## Lahat Winery: A Tradition of Persistence and Vision for the Future

Lahat Winery, which began as Itay Lahat's personal venture in 2012, is now expanding to new dimensions with plans to increase production to 70,000 bottles in 2025 and beyond in the coming years. The winery, to be located in the Western Upper Galilee, reflects a fascinating journey of learning, development, and a unique personal winemaking vision.

### Behind the Winery

Itay Lahat, for whom wine has been life's focus since 1995, brings rich and diverse experience in the Israeli wine industry. A graduate of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture and the University of Adelaide's Faculty of Oenology in Australia, with an MBA degree, Lahat has gained comprehensive and unparalleled experience as a vine agronomist, enologist, and consulting winemaker, working with various leading large and boutique wineries in Israel.

### Lahat wines

The Lahat Winery offers two 'trilogies' – three different expressions of Roussanne, and three different expressions of Syrah.

## Lahat 2023 Vintage: A Year of Challenges and Achievements

### White Wines

The 2023 vintage marks a significant milestone for the winery with the addition of three new vineyard plots and doubled production capacity. This vintage's white wines present an impressive balance between full body and freshness, resulting from favorable weather conditions in August 2023 that allowed flexibility in the winemaking process.

The 2023 Lahat White, composed of 70% Roussanne, 25% Viognier, and 5% Marsanne, displays rich and harmonious aromatics, produced from a blend of seven different plots in the Upper Galilee. The wine aged nine months on the lees in barrels, of which 20% were new. In addition, Itay produces two other wines:

Lahat Leichter – a blend of Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, and Marsanne. Lahat Roussanne – a varietal wine made in amphoras.

### Red Wines

The 2023 red wine series represents the deep expression of terroir in the Western Upper Galilee. Despite weather challenges, particularly a heat wave that affected the late Syrah

plots, the wines display impressive depth, weight, and complexity, well-balanced with pleasant acidity.

The 2023 Lahat Red, composed of 88% Syrah and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, presents a juicy, spiced, and peppery character, with red fruit alongside earth and spice aromas. The wine aged 16 months in oak barrels. The two additional red wines are:

Lahat LEIBU – a blend of Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre Lahat Syrah – a single-vineyard varietal wine with Northern Syrah characteristics.

Lahat rose will be introduced along with the 2024 vintage whites.

Vision for the Future

With the establishment of the new winery in the Western Upper Galilee and expanded production, Lahat Winery continues to maintain its guiding principles: precision, continuous learning, and deep connection to the land and vineyard. The winery focuses on producing wines that reflect "personal terroir" – a unique wine expression of place, time, and the winemaker's personal vision.

Lahat Winery's wines are known for their distinctive style: fresh wines with moderate alcohol content, relatively high acidity, emphasizing primary fruit aromas while influenced by fermentation notes. Some are immediately accessible, while others require more depth or time – but all express the deep connection between winemaker, vineyard, and wine. This style, along with the commitment to quality, innovation, and authenticity that has made 'Lahat' a household name in the Israeli wine industry, will continue to guide the winery into the future.

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