



Wine



Montefiore
Kerem Moshe

A Glass of History

Moses Montefiore's passion for fine wine reinvigorated with a new winery founded in his memory

Moses Montefiore liked a glass of wine. He drank a bottle every day of his long life. (He lived to be 101!) He loved the vineyards of the Judean Hills, and he was the first to recommend that vines be planted in the 19th century and that Jews should return to agriculture. He was considered a builder of Jerusalem, visiting Israel

seven times and founding Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the cornerstone of modern Jerusalem. The windmill he built is a Jerusalem icon. Now, 150 years later, a winery has been founded in his memory: Montefiore. The partners in this venture are Arnon Geva and the Montefiore family. Geva, a co-founder of the award-

winning Castel boutique winery, says: "The Montefiores are one of the premier wine families in Israel and we hired one of Israel's finest winemakers. We have a dream team." Grapes for the wines come only from the Judean Hills that Sir Moses loved so much; the winery only uses grape varieties





▶▶▶ particularly suitable for the Israeli climate. There are two innovative, Mediterranean-style blends, three oak-aged reserve varieties and a prestige blend called Kerem Moshe. Rachel Montefiore explains: “We want to make food-friendly wines with elegance and good balance, which are refreshing to drink and not too powerful.”

Robert Parker’s Wine

Advocate, newsletter of the world’s leading wine critic, was complimentary: “For my first impression, the style seemed to lean to elegance and harmony. These are graceful wines, not bombastic wines... they are a pleasure to drink.”

Montefiore wines are available in many of the leading hotels, restaurants, and wine stores and are exported to nine countries. A quality olive oil was also added to the portfolio recently.

Mishkenot Sha’ananim is today the cultural center of Jerusalem, hosting festivals, art exhibitions and music concerts. There you will see the Montefiore Windmill and Moses Montefiore’s legendary carriage. You can meander through the beautiful streets of the adjacent Yemin Moshe. The Montefiore Windmill is again grinding flour and the Montefiore Winery is making wine and



olive oil. The Biblical “He will bless ...your grain, wine and olive oil” (Deut. 7:13), has come true in our times! Take the time go to the Montefiore Restaurant and sip a glass of Montefiore wine. Overlooking the Old City Walls of Jerusalem, sit and ponder 150 years of history of Jerusalem, Israel and Israeli wine.....in a glass! ➔