



## Ixsir

This wine delivers a seamless blend of ripe fruit, subtle oak, and velvety tannins, embodying both Mediterranean warmth and mountain freshness.



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## Altitudes Red 2020

Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

### Region and Vineyards

Ixsir sources its grapes from diverse vineyards across Lebanon, from Batroun and Jezzine to the historic Bekaa Valley, with altitudes ranging up to 1,800 metres. These **high elevations** allow for cooler night temperatures, slowing ripening and enhancing aromatic precision while maintaining freshness. The soils, primarily limestone mixed with clay and sandy loams, provide excellent drainage and mineral character.

Lebanon is among the world's oldest winegrowing regions, with a viticultural heritage stretching back thousands of years. Today, Ixsir honours this legacy while adopting modern practices. The estate has become a pioneer of **sustainable viticulture** in the country, integrating biodiversity and respect for terroir into its philosophy. This combination of ancient land and forward-thinking viticulture gives its wines both authenticity and international appeal.

### Winemaking

Altitudes Red 2020 is crafted from a blend of **Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Caladoc, and Tempranillo**. Each variety contributes a distinct personality: Cabernet Sauvignon lends structure and dark fruit, Syrah brings spice and depth, Caladoc adds freshness and colour, while Tempranillo provides elegance and red-fruit charm.

After careful sorting, the wine undergoes fermentation under temperature control to preserve fruit character and achieve balance. Aging is carried out partly in French oak barrels for six months, with **60% new oak and 40% one-wine barrels**, imparting subtle complexity without overpowering the fruit. The result is a polished wine, full-bodied yet graceful, with supple tannins and a persistent finish.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with purple reflections, vibrant and youthful.
- **Aroma:** Generous notes of red fruits, raspberry, and gooseberry, layered with hints of spice and delicate oak.
- **Palate:** Elegant and smooth, with a rounded body and remarkable softness. Red berry flavours dominate, framed by supple tannins and a lingering, harmonious finish.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Caladoc, 22% Syrah, 17% Tempranillo



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### Did you know?

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The Caladoc grape in this blend is a crossing of Grenache and Malbec, created in France in the 1950s. Though rarely seen internationally, its **adaptability to warm climates** and ability to produce deeply coloured, fruit-forward wines make it particularly well-suited to Lebanon's Mediterranean terroirs.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary** - the wine's ripe fruit and supple tannins complement the richness of the meat and herbs.
- **Duck breast with cherry glaze** - the red-fruit profile of the wine mirrors the sweet-tart flavours of the dish.
- **Aged Manchego cheese** - the wine's softness and subtle oak marry well with the nutty intensity of the cheese.
- **Mediterranean vegetable stew** - the roundness and fruit freshness balance the earthy, spiced flavours of slow-cooked vegetables.



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