

HISTORY

Chateau Qanafar is a small, family-owned and run winery located at 1200m above sea level, in West Bekaa on the oak-forested mountain above the village of Khirbet Qanafar. It is nestled on the gently rolling hills, at the base of the Barouk Mountains, overlooking the Bekaa valley, Lake Qaraoun, and Mount Hermon. Founder, George Naim, an avid wine buff, spent a substantial part of his life in Belgium, and in his spare time, this trained chemist made his own wine at home. For his retirement, he wanted to take his passion into a long term project. Wine-making is the right choice, as Khirbet Qanafar, the Naim's ancestral village. George started planting the vines since 2004 and his son, Eddy Naim, who completed a degree in cellar management at the Californian University UC Davis in 2010 is currently the winemaker of Chateau Qanafar. Today, the vineyards of Chateau Qanafar are spread over 17 hectares with an average production of 50,000 bottles per year. Over the next five years, Chateau Qanafar intends to increase its production to about 200,000 per year, while ensuring that the primary focus is to maintain quality (not volume). The Sales and Marketing arm of Chateau Qanafar wines were initially handled by George 's wife Colette Naim and later by their daughter Eva-Michelle Naim, a Chemical Engineer by profession, who joined the family business in 2017 after deciding to leave her previous employment to complete the Chateau Qanafar family.

The Bekaa Lighthouse which is represented in Chateau Qanafar's Logo:

Traveling at night in the summer to avoid the heat of the day, merchants used lighthouses constructed in strategic locations to find their way. One of these locations was what is now the village of Khirbet Qanafar, which was host to one of the highest lighthouses in the region. It is believed that the name Qanafar is an amalgamation of the ancient Greek words, Ano and Pharos. Ano is believed to mean "high" and Pharos meaning "light" or "lighthouse". Presumably, the village was ravaged by an ancient earthquake, leveling it along with the lighthouse and led to the village being referred to as "the Ruins of Ano Pharos", translating into Khirbet Qanafar.

OWNERS

George Naim, Colette Arslan Naim, Eddy Naim, Eva-Michelle Naim.

TYPE OF WINES PRODUCED

- Reds: Medium to full bodied Dry Red Wines: Le Syrah de Qanafar, Chateau Qanafar, Paradis de Qanafar, Petit Paradis de Qanafar
- Whites: Dry White Wines: Eva – Le Viognier de Qanafar, Le Riesling de Qanafar, Blanc de Qanafar
- Roses: Dry Rose Wines: Le Paradis Rose de Qanafar

HERO PRODUCT

Each of our wines has a unique attribute but for the heroes we propose the following red and white wines:

Chateau Qanafar:

Chateau Qanafar represents the best of Chateau Qanafar's terroir. A full-bodied wine aged for 12 months in 225L French oak barrels. Complex and exuberant with notes of cassis and ripe black fruits, married to velvety oak tannins. Good acidity to balance the fruitiness and a remarkable equilibrium between attack, mid-palate, and finish. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah. The blend varies from year-to-year depending on what the owners believe will produce the highest quality wine possible. Ideal for immediate enjoyment and aging of at least 20+ years depending on storage condition. Best served at 17°C after decanting for one hour.

Blanc de Qanafar:

Estate-grown on calcareous clay and limestone, Blanc de Qanafar is Chateau Qanafar's refreshing take on the well-known Sauvignon Blanc wines. Blanc de Qanafar exhibits intense fruitiness backed by a crisp acidity, the combination of which is uncommonly found in many Sauvignon Blanc wines of the world. An aromatic bouquet of grapefruit, passion fruit, pineapple, Granny Smith apples over a pleasant grassiness and herbal quality. Best served between 8 and 10°C.

UNIQUE ASSET

Quality is the focus. Chateau Qanafar produces a natural wine, meaning that the attributes of the grapes are not modified when they come into the winery. The winery strongly believes that 90 to 95% of the factors contributing to the quality of any wine come from the grapes themselves. Therefore, the focus is mainly on the viticulture following a simple doctrine: Grow great fruit and respect it from berry to bottle. The winemaker's role is to shepherd the quality of the fruit into the bottle, preserving the natural flavors and aromas rather than trying to "create" a wine. ***"Our wines are vibrant with rich***

fruit flavors that embrace the palate to create a pleasurable and memorable experience: a true reflection of our terroir”.

AWARDS WON

Gilbert & Gaillard 2014: Gold medal for Chateau Qanafar 2010, 89/100

Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2014: Silver medal for Chateau Qanafar 2011

Ultimate Wine Challenge Award: Finalist in Red Blends – Europe for Chateau Qanafar 2011, 92/100

Gilbert & Gaillard 2015: Gold medal for Chateau Qanafar 2011, 93/100

PAR Wine Award International 2017: Top Goldmedal for Chateau Qanafar 2010, 96/100

PAR Wine Award International 2017: Gold medal for Paradis de Qanafar 2013, 93/100

PAR Wine Award International 2017: Silver medal for Blanc de Qanafar 2016, 83/100

Coup de Coeur Patrice Frank at Vinifest 2019 for Le Riesling de Qanafar 2017

International Wine Challenge (IWC) 2021: Silver medal for Paradis de Qanafar 2014, 91/100

FACT SHEET OF EACH WINE:

HERO WINE PRODUCTS:



CHATEAU QANAFAR

2015

RED

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Syrah 72%, Cabernet Sauvignon 28%

Aged for 12 months in 225L French oak barrels

15.5% alc./vol.

Gilbert & Gaillard 2014: Gold medal for Chateau Qanafar 2010, 89/100

Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2014: Silver medal for Chateau Qanafar 2011

Ultimate Wine Challenge Award: Finalist in Red Blends – Europe for Chateau Qanafar 2011, 92/100

Gilbert & Gaillard 2015: Gold medal for Chateau Qanafar 2011, 93/100

PAR Wine Award International 2017: Top Goldmedal for Chateau Qanafar 2010, 96/100



BLANC DE QANAFAR

2019

WHITE

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Sauvignon Blanc 100%

14.5% alc./vol.

PAR Wine Award International 2017: Silver medal for Blanc de Qanafar 2016, 83/100

FACT SHEET FOR OTHER WINES:



PETIT PARADIS DE QANAFAR

2018

RED

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Cabernet Sauvignon 35%, Merlot 25%, Syrah 20%, Tempranillo 20%

14.5% alc./vol.



PARADIS DE QANAFAR

2016

RED

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Cabernet Sauvignon 71%, Syrah 23%, Merlot 6%

Aged for 12 months in 225L French oak barrels

15.5% alc./vol.

PAR Wine Award International 2017: Gold medal for Paradis de Qanafar 2013, 93/100

International Wine Challenge (IWC) 2021: Silver medal for Paradis de Qanafar 2014, 91/100



LE RIESLING DE QANAFAR

2017

WHITE

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Riesling 100%

13% alc./vol.

Coup de Coeur Patrice Frank – Vinifest 2019



EVA – LE VIOGNIER DE QANAFAR

2018

WHITE

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Viognier 100%

Barrel-Fermented and aged for 12 months in 225L French oak barrels

13% alc./vol.



PARADIS ROSE DE QANAFAR

2019

ROSE

West Bekaa – Bekaa Valley of Lebanon

Tempranillo 70%, Syrah 18%, Zinfandel 12%

12% alc./vol.