The story of the Recanati winery begins with owner Lenny Recanati’s profound bond with the land of Israel coupled with a passion for fine wine. Today the Recanati winery, which debuted in 2000, is Israel’s sixth largest wine producer, with markets in the U.S., U.K., Germany, France, Italy and Japan.

Lenny Recanati is a successful international banker and financier and a member of one of Israel’s most prominent families. Prior to making their home in Israel in the early 1900s, Recanati’s ancestors had lived for centuries in Italy, one of the world’s premier sources of fine wines. Consequently, Italy and the U.S. (where Recanati spent a portion of his student years) represent the winery’s main export markets.

Chief winemaker Gil Shatsberg is a graduate of the U.C. Davis wine program. Formerly a winemaker at Israel’s Amphorae and Carmel wineries, Gil brings to Recanati proven expertise in his field, allied to a devotion to artistry and craftsmanship in winemaking.

The Recanati winery in the Hefer Valley in the Upper Galilee sources grapes from some of the area’s finest high-altitude vineyards, which enjoy a climate similar to that of France’s Rhône Valley. Warm days and cool nights, together with ideal chalky-gravelly soil conditions and limited rainfall, create an ideal environment in which to nurture classic grape varieties.

Recanati was recently named an “Israeli Winery to Watch” by Wine Spectator.

Recanati wines are Kosher for Passover. The Yasmin wines are produced to meet “mevushal” standards, which are important considerations for both kosher caterers and restaurants.

Diamond Series
- Cabernet Sauvignon: Recanati’s most popular wine.
- Chardonnay: Fermented in French oak and aged sur lie for nine months.
- Merlot Reserve: From Monara Vineyards in the Upper Galilee.

Yasmin Wines
- Yasmin Red (Mevushal): 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot.
- Yasmin White (Mevushal): 60% Chardonnay, 40% Sauvignon Blanc.
  - “Best Buy” – Wine Spectator, August 2014.

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Reserve Wines
- Cabernet Sauvignon: Aged in small American and French oak casks for 18 months.
- Merlot Reserve: From Menara Vineyards in the Upper Galilee.
- Petite Sirah: 100% Petite Sirah.
- Syrah-Viognier: 67% Syrah and 33% Viognier.
- Special Reserve Red: A Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot blend (% varies each year).
- Special Reserve White: 40% Marsanne, 60% Roussanne.
- Wild Carignan: From dry-farmed vines on the slopes of the Judean Hills.