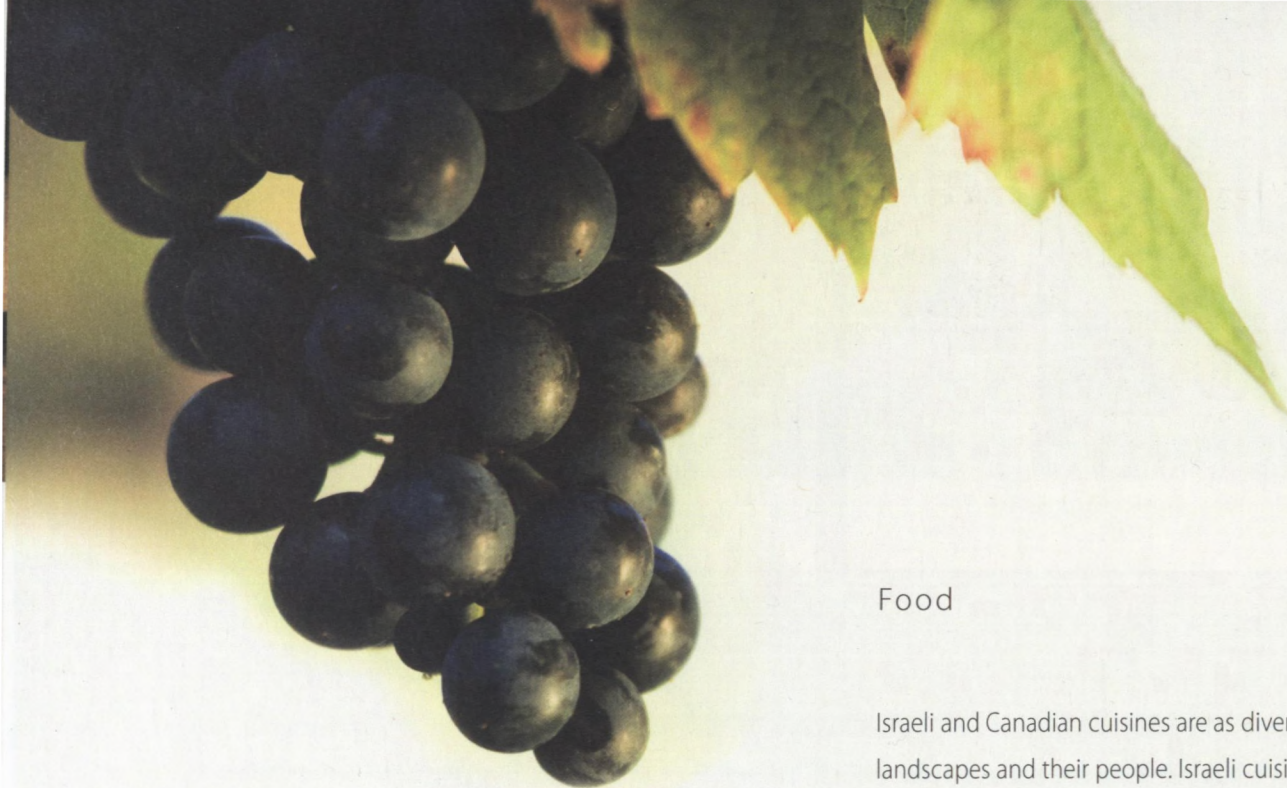




Food

Israeli and Canadian cuisines are as diverse as their landscapes and their people. Israeli cuisine is mainly influenced by Middle Eastern cooking practices, although North African, Mediterranean Basin, and Central and Eastern European influences can be discerned in a variety of dishes. Similarly, Canadian cuisine combines traditional English and French fare with Aboriginal, European, Latin American, Asian, African and Middle Eastern influences. Fusion is common, and Canadian and Israeli chefs are making names for themselves by creating new and unexpected twists on international standards. Israeli chefs, like their Canadian counterparts, are charting new territory in modern cuisine.

Both Canada and Israel are building prestige worldwide with their fine wines. Canada's wine regions are establishing their reputations with new interpretations of classic varieties, while Israel is one of the world's original wine regions and today produces refined Mediterranean wines that rival those from Spain, Portugal and Italy.

