

Rkatsiteli

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Dr. Konstantin Frank Amber Rkatsiteli 2016

New York's most award-winning winery since 1962

Winery Background

Dr. Konstantin Frank ignited the "Vinifera Revolution", a movement that forever changed the course of wine growing in the Finger Lakes and the United States. Dr. Frank's vision, knowledge and determination are credited with elevating the New York wine industry from a state of happy mediocrity to a level that today commands world attention. Located on Keuka lake in the Finger Lakes region, Dr. Konstantin Frank Wines features some of the oldest vinifera vines in the United States and continues to produce wines of distinction and quality.

About the Variety

One of the oldest varieties known to man, dating back thousands of years. Pronounced *er-ka-tsee-tely*, this grape comes originally from the Republic of Georgia. It is grown in cool climate regions mainly in Eastern Europe. It's a very versatile variety able to produce still, sparkling, sweet and fortified wines.

Vinification

The Amber Rkatsiteli was destemmed and crushed into an open fermenter with no additions. The fermentation started with native yeasts and the ferment was treated like one of our red wines with punchdowns being performed 2 - 3 times daily until dryness. The skins and seeds were left in contact for a total of 30 days prior to being pressed off to neutral European oak where the wine sat on full lees for 8 months prior to being filtered in preparation for bottling.

The Wine

Description: This Rkatsiteli is reminiscent of the traditional Rkatsiteli found in eastern Europe. This wine is of good palate weight with a vibrant acidity, distinct minerality, earthiness and notes of sweet basil, cloves, honeysuckle and grapefruit.

- Style:** Dry with textural mouth feel
- Body:** Medium bodied
- Vintage Influence:** Excellent acidity and great balance of flavors
- Cellaring:** Drink now or cellar until 2021
- Food Pairing:** Stilton cheese, citrus glazed mahi mahi, grilled vegetables, shrimp alfredo
- Analysis:** Alcohol: 12.5%, Acidity: 0.61 g/100mL, pH: 3.53
Sugar: 0.2%

