

Merlot

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Dr. Konstantin Frank Merlot 2012

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.

Vinification

Individual parcels were picked at different ripeness level to add complexity. Some of them underwent pre-ferment maceration to aid with color and flavour extraction, while some others were macerated after fermentation to enhance the mouth feel. A 10 month maturation period in European and American oak added layers of complexity, while polishing and integrating all elements.

The Wine

Description: Medium intensity with black fruits dominant characters of blackberry marmalade, plum and aniseed notes; supported by strong earthy forest floor and sage characters and complimented by a mocha undertone. It is a wine that is ready to enjoy now, or one to cellar to develop even more complexity.

<i>Style:</i>	Dry with velvety tannin.
<i>Body:</i>	Medium to full bodied
<i>Vintage Influence:</i>	Warmer year showing rich fruit characters with more earthy notes.
<i>Maturation:</i>	10 months in European and American oak
<i>Cellaring:</i>	Drink now or cellar until 2019
<i>Food Pairing:</i>	Rich pasta, pizza and meats cooked with mushrooms and/or fresh herbs.
<i>Analysis:</i>	Alcohol: 12.9%, Acidity: 0.54 g/100mL, pH: 3.53, Sugar: <0.1%

