



2017 MARGRIT RIESLING

Our Helm Series of wines are our most distinctive wines that focus on originality made from exceedingly old vineyard sites and wines chosen from our highest quality barrels.

This single vineyard Riesling is inspired by Willy Frank's wife Margrit, a woman in the Frank family known for her enthusiasm for life and fierce devotion to her family. As a beloved woman, mother and grandmother, Margrit's contributions to the family business have been immeasurable.



VARIETY:	100% Riesling.
VINEYARD:	100% Seneca Estate.
VINIFICATION:	De-Stemmed. Direct Press. Pneumatic Press.
VESSEL:	Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. No Malolactic Fermentation.
ÉLEVAGE:	Unoaked. 5 Months Lees Aging.
ANALYSIS:	12.5% Alc. 8.7 g/L Residual Sugar. 3.16 pH. 7.0 g/L TA.
PRODUCTION:	380 Cases.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was a study on how much weather conditions can vary from year to year. The 2016 growing year was very hot and dry with very little precipitation. Winter before the 2017 growing season was cold but our vines survived without any damage. The growing season was cooler with ample precipitation all year long with plenty of sunshine. That made for a vintage with good production and plenty of time to develop complexity.

VINEYARD

The grapes from this single vineyard come a single plot on our Seneca estate vineyards. This plot was planted in 2008 with clones 356 and 90 on 3309 rootstocks. Our Seneca estate vineyard is located in Hector, New York, in the warmest mesoclimate in the Finger Lakes known as the 'Banana Belt'. Temperatures here are a few degrees warmer than Keuka thus providing riper fruit notes. Soils on Seneca are characterized by deep honeoye silt loam.

THE WINE

Dry, rich, and seductive. The riper vineyard site expresses tangerine, grapefruit, and candied lemon zest balanced with mineral notes of shale and wet stones. The mouthfeel is round and rich with enough acidity to cut through.

FOOD PAIRING

Swordfish (Lightly Grilled), Bratwurst, Pork Chops (Simply Prepared), Summer Fruits, Salmon (Raw, Poached), Scallops, BBQ.

ACCOLADES

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