



# 2018 GEWÜRZTRAMINER

*Our Classic Range of wines express the purest form of our winemaking style, the terroir of the Finger Lakes, and the range of grape varieties grown.*



**ACCOLADES**  
Awaiting Results

VARIETY:	100% Gewürztraminer.
VINEYARD:	80% Seneca Estate, 20% Keuka Estate.
VINIFICATION:	De-Stemmed. 24 to 48 Hour Skin Contact.
VESSEL:	Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. No Malolactic Fermentation.
ÉLEVAGE:	Unoaked. 5 Months Lees Aging.
DRYNESS:	Dry. 0.9% Residual Sugar.
ANALYSIS:	12.5% Alc, 8.9 g/L R.S., 3.48 pH, 5.6 g/L TA.

## VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage showed how much weather conditions can change during the growing season. Budbreak and flowering were a bit late, beginning in June. July recorded some of the hottest and driest days in the Finger Lakes, perfect conditions for ripening. Several weeks of rain in September forced us to be very selective in the vineyard. Several tries through the vineyard dropping poor fruit before harvesting only the best quality bunches. Harvest finished earlier than normal.

## VINEYARD

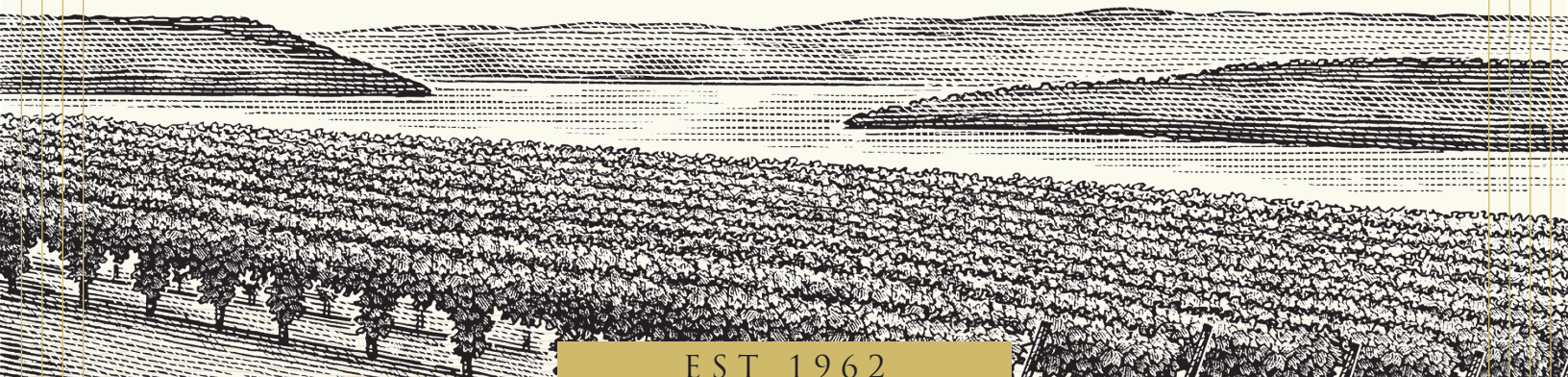
Gewürztraminer was planted in 2012 on one four-acre plot on our Seneca estate vineyard. Temperatures here are a few degrees warmer than Keuka thus providing riper fruit notes. Soils on Seneca are characterized by deep honeoye silt loam. Gewürztraminer blocks on our Keuka vineyard were planted in 1968 and 1981 on 3309 rootstocks. Soils here are shallow, shale-based which add minerality, acidity, and elegance.

## THE WINE

Clean and delicate on the nose with white flowers, orange zest, and lychee, with a touch of white pepper and ginger. A bit drier than the 2017 vintage, the wine is balanced with lively acidity and beautiful flavors of honeysuckle, orange blossom, cardamom, and lychee with a mouth-coating long finish.

## FOOD PAIRING

Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Thai, and Asian cuisines. Pairs well with Spicy and Aromatic Ingredients like Pepper, Ginger, Curry, Sesame, and Soy. Spicy BBQ and Wings.



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