



# 2018 DRY RIESLING

*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.*

- VARIETY: 100% Riesling.
- VINEYARD: 60% Seneca Estate, 35% Keuka Estate, 5% Volz Vineyard
- VINIFICATION: De-Stemmed. Direct Press.
- VESSEL: Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
- FERMENTATION: Unoaked. 5 Months Lees Aging.
- DRYNESS: Dry. 0.5% Residual Sugar.
- ANALYSIS: 11.9% Alc, 5.7 g/L R.S., 3.04 pH, 7.8 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

Riesling was first brought to the Finger Lakes by our founder. Those original vines dating back to 1958 are still in production. Riesling blocks on our Keuka vineyard were planted in 1958, 1962, 1968, 1976, 1999, 2006, and 2012 with various clones (88, 90, 11, 318, 239, 49, 110, 38). Soils here are shallow, shale-based which add minerality, acidity, and elegance. Riesling was planted in 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012 on our Seneca estate vineyard with 90 and 356 clones. Temperatures here are a few degrees warmer than Keuka thus providing riper fruit notes. Soils on Seneca are characterized by deep honeoye silt loam. A small portion of the grapes come from Eric Volz Vineyard, just north across the road from Dr. Konstantin Frank's plantings on Keuka Lake. Riesling was planted in 1985.

## THE WINE

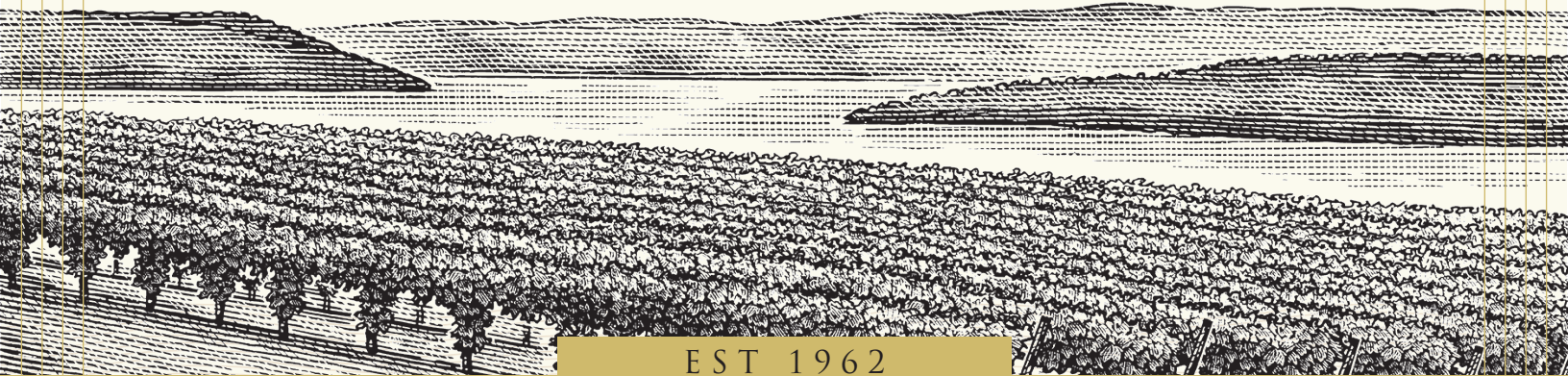
An subtle style with notes of minerality, grapefruit, lime, candied citrus and soft apricot. The crisp lime-driven acidity enhances the distinct Keuka Lake minerality, rounded by stone fruit and ginger.

## FOOD PAIRING

Apples, Soft Cheeses, Chicken (Poached, Lightly Prepared), White Fish (Lightly Prepared), Salad (Green Fruits, Seafood), Green Vegetable Dishes, Sushi.



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