

# PINOT NOIR 2016



SILVER THREAD  
VINEYARD



Owner-winemakers Paul and Shannon Brock represent the new generation of young winemakers propelling the Finger Lakes region to prominence. At the helm of Silver Thread since 2011, the couple has shepherded the 36-year-old estate winery to new heights with a focus on expressive, terroir-driven Riesling. Estate vines are farmed bio-intensively, a holistic, non-chemical approach. Small-batch wine production does not exceed 3,000 cases. The turtle image on our label is a local Native American artifact that reminds us to care for the land and water that give us the gift of wine.

## VINEYARD NOTES

Our estate Pinot Noir vineyard was planted in 1984 by Silver Thread founder Richard Figiel. One of the oldest Pinot Noir vineyards on Seneca Lake, the glacial till includes shale and limestone outcroppings amidst silt-loam soil and contributes to naturally low yields. Dijon clones planted include 115 and Clone V (reportedly a suitcase clone from Clos Vougeot).

## VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was an outstanding growing season that began in mid-May after a relatively mild winter. Exceptionally dry and warm-but-not-hot weather led to small berries with concentrated and complex flavors. Disease pressure was low throughout the season.

Fruit was hand-picked in late September, destemmed and fermented in small lots. The wine was aged in old French oak barrels for 10 months and bottled August 2017.

## TASTING NOTES

Reminiscent of a Bourgogne Rouge but with a Finger Lakes stamp of origin, this terroir-driven Pinot Noir has aromas of cherry, strawberry, forest floor, wet stone and tea leaves. Medium-bodied with a silky texture, palate-cleansing acidity, light tannins and a hint of toast. Lingering flavors of the shale-heavy soil at its roots.

CASES PRODUCED: 100  
ELEVAGE: 10 months in neutral French oak, average barrel age 8 years  
DATE BOTTLED: August 2017  
ALCOHOL: 11.6%