

# RIESLING “STV ESTATE VINEYARD” 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

A single vineyard wine made from 100% estate grown Riesling. Silver Thread is perched on the eastern edge of Seneca Lake, where glaciers deposited shallow, stony soil over shale and limestone bedrock. Most of the grapes come from 30-year-old, low-yielding vines.

## 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. Grapes were hand-harvested in tries over three weeks in October.

Juice was separated into four fermentations—including one in a 10-year-old neutral barrel with malolactic fermentation—to allow the grapes to express themselves in a myriad of ways. Fermentation was arrested for a hint of natural sweetness.

## TASTING NOTES

Our most ageable & distinctive Riesling, this wine has classic aromas of lemon pith, apricot and juniper. Medium body with bristling acidity and a long finish characterized by slate, fresh lime and apricot nectar. Medium dry. Drink now or age 5-10 years.

CASES PRODUCED: 140  
ELEVAGE: 3 months in a mix of stainless steel and neutral oak  
DATE BOTTLED: January 2017  
ALCOHOL: 11.4%  
ACID: 7.9 g/l  
PH: 2.92  
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 10 g/L

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