



Session 1, February 11, 2022, 6:00-7:30pm

## Dry Riesling 2021

*Our flagship wine is a blend of fruit from three Seneca Lake sites, showcasing the great diversity of soil and microclimates in the region. It's racy and earthy with great freshness and a delicate level of alcohol from the 2021 vintage.*

Cases produced: 536  
Residual sugar: 6.7 g/L (0.67%)  
Alcohol by volume: 10.8%  
Titratable Acidity: 7.6 g/L pH 3.19

**Tasting notes:** Ripe fruit aromas include peaches, kiwi, starfruit and lime. Elegant and savory with medium body. Noticeably long finish expresses grapefruit and minerals.

**Harvest notes:** 2021 was a rainy but warm growing season. Acids were relatively low thanks to the warm temperatures during the growing season. Sugar was also lower than normal, resulting in lower alcohol in the finished wines. Grapes were harvested from multiple vineyard sites October 7-28, 2021.

**Winemaker notes:** A blend of grapes from our Estate Vineyard and grower-partners, including Doyle Fournier Vineyard (Seneca Lake) and Caywood West Vineyard (Seneca Lake). Fermented separately in both stainless steel and neutral oak barrels, using both native and cultured yeasts, the final blend combines the best attributes of three classic sites.

**Cellaring:** Drink now or cellar 5-8 years from vintage date

**Pairing Suggestions:** Salmon, lobster, white fish, chevre, roasted garlic, grilled asparagus

**Accolades:** This brand new release has yet to be rated, but it's predecessor vintages have all earned 90 points from reputable magazines including *Wine Spectator*, *Wine Advocate* and *Vinous*.



## Good Earth White 2021

*Good Earth White is a ripe, vibrant, aromatic blend that is balanced off-dry and provides an excellent introduction to the cool-climate Finger Lakes style. Locally-adapted aromatic white grapes are backed up by classic Riesling and Chardonnay, resulting in a wine with a round, mouthfilling texture that is fashionable and fun.*

Cases produced: 326  
Residual sugar: 8 g/L (0.8%)  
Alcohol by volume: 10.9%  
Titratable Acidity: 6.4 g/L , pH: 3.62

**Tasting notes:** Ripe and vibrant aromas of citrus and melon lead to a rounded palate of honey and peach with moderate acidity. A subtle spiciness with hints of stone lingers on the finish. Fruity enough to be a cocktail wine, but dry enough to serve with a wide variety of foods. Drink now to enjoy this wine's youthful vitality.

**Winemaker notes:** 69% locally-adapted varieties NY-81 and NY-45, 24% Riesling, 7% Chardonnay. The majority of the blend was fermented and aged *sur lie* in neutral oak barrels to achieve a creamy fullness. Cultured and native yeasts were used for fermentation. A touch of residual sugar was achieved through arrested fermentation.

**Cellaring:** Drink now, not suitable for aging

**Pairing Suggestions:** guacamole, clam bake, turkey burgers, chilled grain salads



Session 2, February 25, 2022, 6:00-7:30pm

## Riesling Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard 2015-library selection



Cases produced: 46  
Residual sugar: 11 g/L (1.1%)  
Alcohol by Volume: 11.5%  
Titratable Acidity: 6.4 g/L  
pH: 3.44

**Tasting notes:** Intense pineapple fruit and a touch of green characterize this not-to-be-missed Riesling that shows originality and flair. Medium dry.

**Harvest notes:** Grapes for this wine are grown on the bluff of Keuka Lake by Donna and Louis Gridley. This vineyard is 7 years old (the youngest used by Silver Thread) and is only one acre. It is the highest elevation site we use, and faces east-southeast for maximum sunlight interception. Grapes were hand-harvested October 2, 2015.

**Winemaker notes:** In 2015, this vineyard gave an extremely low yield following extensive winter damage in 2014-2015, so the fruit was quite ripe and intense.

**Accolades:** 89 pts. *Wine Spectator*

## Riesling Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard 2021

*This wine is always a customer favorite. It's flamboyant tropical flavors stretch our understanding of what Finger Lakes Riesling can be. As the Gridley vines mature, they reveal more and more of the dark shale mineral notes of Bluff Point's high elevation.*

Cases produced: 100  
Residual sugar: 19 g/L (1.9%)  
Alcohol by Volume: 11.0%  
Titratable Acidity: 7.8 g/L; pH: 3.18

**Tasting notes:** Intense peach fruitiness and a touch of green characterize this not-to-be-missed Riesling that shows originality and flair. Wonderful tension between the hint of natural sweetness and the lively acidity in this intensely aromatic wine. Medium dry.

**Harvest notes:** Grapes for this wine are grown on the bluff of Keuka Lake by Donna and Louis Gridley. This site, planted in the early 2000s, is one of the highest elevations in the Finger Lakes and faces east-southeast for maximum sunlight interception. Grapes were hand-harvested October 19, 2021.

**Winemaker notes:** At this high elevation site, ripeness varies more from year to year than any of the single-vineyards. 2021 was marked by somewhat less rainfall than Seneca Lake, which led to slightly higher alcohol than the other Rieslings.

**Cellaring:** Drink now or cellar up to 10 years from the vintage date.

**Pairing suggestions:** grilled kebabs with pineapple chunks and teriyaki sauce, chicken salad with mangoes, baked ham with maple glaze

**Accolades:** This wine has not yet been rated, but most previous vintages have earned 90+ points from *Wine Enthusiast* and/or *Wine Spectator*. The 2018 earned 93 points from *Wine Enthusiast*, making it our highest-rated wine ever. 2020: 90 pts. *Wine Enthusiast*.



## Riesling STV Estate Vineyard 2021

*Our 100% estate grown Riesling is the most special wine produced at Silver Thread. It captures the pure, distinct flavor of our site and is unmistakably original. Bio-intensive growing practices encourage intense expression of vineyard character. An ideal candidate for cellaring, this wine will unfold and become more complex with bottle age.*

Cases produced: 162  
Residual sugar: 11 g/L (1.1%)  
Alcohol by Volume: 10.4%  
Titrateable Acidity: 7.3 g/L, pH 3.16

**Tasting notes:** A classic Riesling with intense aromas of lemon pith, quince, apricot and minerals. Medium body with well-integrated acidity and a long finish characterized by apricot, flint and saline. Elegant and savory. Medium dry.

**Harvest notes:** A single vineyard wine made from 100% estate grown Riesling from the shallow, shale-heavy soils of Silver Thread Vineyard. Most of the grapes come from 30-year-old, low-yielding vines. Grapes were hand-harvested in stages between October 7 and 28, 2021.

**Winemaker notes:** This juice was separated into several fermentations—including some in neutral barrels with malolactic fermentation—to allow the grapes to express themselves in a myriad of ways. The lots were blended prior to bottling.

**Cellaring:** Drink now or cellar up to 10 years from the vintage date.

**Pairing suggestions:** braised rabbit, pan-seared pork tenderloin with mustard sauce, white beans with escarole

**Accolades (previous vintage):** 2020--90 points *Wine Advocate*, 2019—91 points *Wine Enthusiast*, 2018, 2016, 2015--90 points *Wine Spectator*, 2017 & 2013--92 points *Vinous*, 2017 & 2016--91 points *Wine Advocate*



## Riesling 2019

*One of the most frequent comments we get about this Riesling is "it's really not that sweet." Made from higher acid fruit than the Dry Riesling, it has some natural grape sweetness for balance. It ages beautifully, becoming honeyed and multi-layered with age.*

Cases produced: 140  
Residual sugar: 24 g/L (2.4%)  
Alcohol by volume: 10.8%  
Titrateable Acidity: 8.6 g/L, pH 2.93

**Tasting notes:** Aromas of apricot, peach, quince and pineapple. Intense fruity flavors are well-balanced with crisp acidity. Long and juicy finish. Drink now or cellar for 5-8 years.

**Harvest notes:** The 2019 growing season was marked by average temperatures with very few hot days. Grapes ripened later than normal but achieved full ripeness. Rainfall was average. Harvest occurred by hand in tries from Oct. 20-Nov. 3, 2019.

**Winemaker notes:** A blend of grapes: 43% Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard (Keuka Lake), 39% STV Estate Vineyard (Seneca Lake) and 18% Doyle Fournier Vineyard (Seneca Lake). Juice from different pickings and vineyards was separated into multiple fermentations, some in neutral barrel. The gorgeous natural sweetness that balances the crisp acidity of this wine was achieved by arrested fermentation.

**Accolades:** 89 points *Wine Spectator*

