

SILVER THREAD



BLACKBIRD RED WINE 2020



OUR STORY

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 40-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. Winemaking always embraces the characteristics of the vintage without any adjustments to the fruit or juice, resulting in pure and expressive wines. 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 lakeside vineyard features shallow, shale-heavy soil that limits vigor and yield. It was first planted in 2006 with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, and more Cabernet Franc and Merlot were added in 2013 and 2014. Established vines express a distinctive smoky note unique to the site.

TASTING NOTES

Deep purplish-ruby color with aromas of black cherry, eucalyptus and savory herbs. Medium body with balanced acidity and mouth-filling flavors of dark fruit, tobacco and vanilla. Long finish shows flinty minerality. It has a unique energy and intensity from the bio-intensive farming. **Drink now or cellar 5-8 years.**

VINTAGE NOTES

2020 was a dry, warm and sunny growing season with borderline drought conditions. Fruit achieved high levels of ripeness for our region. Grapes were hand-harvested from our estate vineyard October 4 & 18, 2020. Varieties were fermented and aged separately for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

Finger Lakes, New York



CASES PRODUCED: 159
BLEND: 80% Cabernet Franc,
13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7%
Merlot
ELEVAGE: 10 months in old oak
barrels, mix of French and
American, average
BARREL AGE: 8 yrs
BOTTLED: August 2021
ALCOHOL: 13.0%
BOTTLE WEIGHT: 500g