

Wine Sleuth Spring 2022

Chardonnay 2018

This wine's complex subtleties sometimes get overlooked. We encourage you to sip, think, sip, think, and sip again. Its mysteries will reveal themselves over the course of an evening and you will not be disappointed.

Cases produced: 122 Residual sugar: 0 g/L (0%) Alcohol by volume: 12.5%

Tasting notes: Apple, pear and lemon aromas lend freshness to this rich and medium-bodied Chardonnay. Savory nut and smoke flavors distinguish the long finish.

Harvest notes: 2018 was the most challenging vintage in a generation due to tremendous rainfall late in the season. Our meticulous vineyard practices lead to a small but ripe crop. 100% estate grown fruit was handpicked in late September 2018 from vines planted in 1984.

Winemaker notes: Barrel fermented and aged *sur lie* for 10 months in old French oak barrels (average barrel age 10 years). Barrels were stirred every two weeks during aging. Partial malolactic fermentation. Bottled in August 19, 2019.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar up to 5 years from the vintage date.

Pairing Suggestions: Scallops, shrimp, linguine with clam sauce, roast chicken, pumpkin risotto, cream sauces, buttered popcorn.

Accolades: Wine Enthusiast has called it a "Breakthrough Chardonnay from upstate New York." Wine Advocate says, "Solid and penetrating, this should age well. It is a fine value."





Riesling Doyle Fournier Vineyard 2021

Get ready for an exciting new take on this single-vineyard wine. 2021 was an unusual growing season with ripe flavors but low sugar. Look for familiar peach and pear aromas that are characteristic of this vineyard, but with a marked delicacy and low alcohol.

Cases produced: 68 Residual sugar: 15 g/L (1.5%) Alcohol by volume: 8.9% Titratable Acidity: 9.2 g/L; pH: 3.13

Tasting notes: A distinctive Riesling with aromas of creamy pear, peach and chalk. Delicate and light with crackling acidity. Lingering flavors of green apple, honey and chalk. Medium dry.

Harvest notes: A single vineyard Riesling made from grapes grown by Matt and Carre Doyle. Doyle Fournier Vineyard is adjacent and uphill from Silver Thread Vineyard, and has deeper, silt-loam soils. This vineyard was planted in 1973 by Charles Fournier, one of the founding fathers of the modern Finger Lakes wine industry. Grapes were hand-harvested on October 25, 2021.

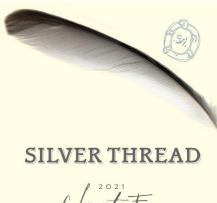
Winemaker notes: This historic vineyard was once deemed the most favorable site in the Finger Lakes by Charles Fournier. Our goal with this wine is to validate his legacy.

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

Pairing suggestions: Pan-seared scallops, salmon with dill sauce, coq au vin, aged gruyere cheese

Accolades: This wine has not yet been rated, but all previous vintages have earned 90+ points from *Wine Enthusiast* and/or *Wine Spectator*

Cabernet Franc 2021



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Cases produced: 258 Residual sugar: 0 g/L Alcohol by volume: 12.6%

Tasting Notes: A delicate and fruity red; perfect for everyday enjoyment. Fresh cherry and cranberry aromas with hints of flowers and dried herbs. Youthful and fruity with medium body, soft texture and light tannins.

Harvest notes: 2021 was a rainy growing season, but our meticulous fruit selection and winemaking practices produced a lovely wine.

Winemaker notes: Mostly fermented in stainless steel tank, with a portion aged in neutral oak. Bottled in April 2021 after 6 months cellar aging.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar 3-5 years.

Pairing Suggestions: Light tomato sauces, Chicken Cacciatore, grilled pizza, broiled salmon.

Blackbird-Estate Vineyard 2020-recommended for cellaring

Our flagship red wine shows elegance and earthiness due to bio-intensive farming practices. It has a unique energy and intensity that place it among the great red wines of the Finger Lakes. The outstanding quality 2020 vintage is ideal for cellaring.

Cases produced: 159 Residual sugar: 0 g/L Alcohol by volume: 13.0%

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.

Harvest 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.

Winemaker notes: Barrel aged for 9 months in old French and American oak barrels (average barrel age 8 years). Bottled in August 2021. 80% Cabernet Franc, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar 8-10 years.

Pairing Suggestions: Braised or smoked meats, aged full-flavored cheeses.

