



Winemaker Notes

Riesling Expert IV

Gewurztraminer – Estate Vineyard 2021

Refreshingly dry with intense tropical fruit, floral and spice aromas, and a silky, rounded mouthfeel.

Cases produced: 184
Residual sugar: 3g/L (0.3%)
Alcohol by volume: 11.4%
Titratable Acidity: 6.2, pH: 3.47

Tasting notes: Exotic aromas of lychee and Acacia flowers lead to a silky mouthfeel. Surprisingly light, dry and delicate, this vintage of Gewurztraminer will be highly versatile when paired with a variety of foods.

Harvest & Winemaking Notes: A truly captivating wine for lovers of unique and memorable wine experiences. Made from 100% estate grown grapes, 20-year-old vines, farmed using bio-intensive methods, including regenerative soil management and biological disease management. Fermentation was interrupted by chilling to maintain a hint of natural sweetness, although most will perceive this wine as completely dry.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar up to 5 years.

Pairing Suggestions: Asian cuisine, strong cheeses, German/Austrian dishes



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: Aromas of green fruit, botanicals and white flowers. Delicate and savory with medium body and bright citrus notes. Noticeably long finish expresses starfruit 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: 90 points, *James Suckling*



Riesling Estate Vineyard 2021

Our 100% estate grown Riesling is the most special wine produced at Silver Thread.

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. Cultured and native yeasts were used for fermentation. The lots were blended prior to bottling.

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

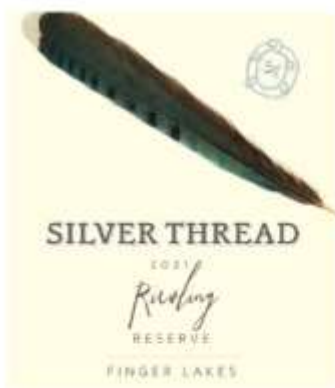
Pairing suggestions: pork and other white meat, honeyed sauces, dried fruits

Accolades: 91 points, *James Suckling*



Riesling Reserve Estate 2021

A special iteration of our 100% estate grown Riesling made in a reserve style especially for our club members.



Cases produced: 70
Residual sugar: 0 g/L
Alcohol by volume: 11.4%
Titrateable acidity: 6.7g/L, pH: 3.19

Tasting notes: Fruity notes of grapefruit, lemon pith and mango combine with savory aromas of beeswax and graphite, plus hints of white flowers and thyme. Rich and soft mouthfeel with low acidity. Long finish with flavors of stone fruit, minerals, cream and brioche.

Harvest notes: 2021 was a rainy growing season, but biointensive growing methods and small-batch winemaking practices produced a lovely, ripe wine. These grapes were handpicked by our team on October 27, 2021, from the vineyard block planted closest to the lake.

Winemaker notes: Grapes were whole-cluster pressed and fermented to complete dryness in neutral oak barrels with a combination of native and cultured yeast. The wine was aged on the lees for 5 months, and lees were stirred every two weeks to enhance texture and mouthfeel. Bottled April 8, 2022 and bottle-aged for 8 months before release.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar 5-10 years.

Pairing Suggestions: medium gruyere or manchego cheese, roasted poultry or pork, grilled salmon

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 points, *Wine Enthusiast*.



Semi-dry Riesling 2018



Stylish and polished with apple, white peach, and yuzu.

Cases produced: 200
Residual sugar: 25 g/L (2.4%)
Alcohol by volume: 9.7%
Titratable Acidity: 8.4 g/L, pH: 3.22

Tasting notes: Aromas of apricot, peach, quince, and pineapple greet you. Intense fruity flavors are well-balanced with crisp acidity. Long, juicy finish.

Harvest & Winemaking Notes: A challenging vintage with lots of rain, this semi-dry Riesling is a strategic blend of grapes from our own vineyard as well as our trusted grower-partner Gridley Bluff Point. Our 36-year-old vineyard is perched on the edge of Seneca Lake and provides minerality and elegance. The Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard sits high above Keuka Lake on a mix of loose shale and loam, and contributes intense aromatics and tropical fruit. Harvest occurred throughout the month of October of 2018.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar up to 5 years.

Pairing Suggestions: grilled veggies and pineapple, white meat with sriracha-honey sauce, creamy cheeses, tangy desserts

Accolades: 90 points, *Wine Spectator*

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