



Finger Lakes, New York



BLACKBIRD RED WINE 2015



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 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

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

May 2021: Aromas of black currants, black plums and fig with hints of smoke, tobacco, ash and black licorice. Medium-bodied with a silky texture and excellent balance. Long finish with well-integrated tannins and hints of coffee and dark chocolate. **Drink now or cellar up to 6 years.**

CASES PRODUCED: 200

BLEND: 76% Cabernet Franc,
24% Cabernet Sauvignon

ELEVAGE: 22 months in neutral
oak barriques, including French
and American

BOTTLING DATE: August 2017

ALCOHOL: 12.6%

VINTAGE NOTES

A warm September led to decreased acidity and ripe flavors in the grapes. Grapes were hand-harvested at optimal ripeness from our 10-year-old lakeside vineyard. Soil is low-vigor and very stony. Harvest date: October 21, 2015. The varieties were fermented and aged separately for one year. Then, barrels were blended and aged for one additional year. This is the first ever 100% estate grown Blackbird. Barrel aged for 2 years, it is a true reserve wine, and our best effort yet for red.