



GOOD EARTH 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 38-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. Our oldest Cabernet Franc was planted in 2006, and more Cabernet Franc was added in 2013 and 2014. Established vines express a distinctive smoky note unique to the site.

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple color with aromas of blackberry and black pepper. Medium body with round and smooth mouthfeel and flavors of raspberry jam. Dusty tannins with lingering flavors of black cherry and smoke on the finish. This wine is intended to be enjoyed young, but will develop in bottle for up to five years.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 growing season was unusually sunny and warm, with borderline drought conditions. Grapes achieved much higher sugar levels than normal, but retained lively acidity and freshness. Hand harvest occurred throughout the first two weeks of October. Varieties were fermented and aged separately for six months. Then, barrels were blended prepared for bottling.

Finger Lakes, New York



CASES PRODUCED: 125

BLEND: Cabernet Franc and a locally-adapted hybrid

FERMENTATION: A combination of indigenous and cultured yeast fermented several small batches in wooden containers.

ELEVAGE: 6 months in neutral oak barriques

BOTTLED: March 2021