

CHARDONNAY 2016



SILVER THREAD
VINEYARD



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 estate Chardonnay vineyard was planted in 1984 by Silver Thread founder Richard Figiel. The glacial till includes shale and limestone outcroppings amidst silt-loam soil and contributes to naturally low yields.

VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was an outstanding growing season that began in mid-May after a relatively mild winter. Exceptionally dry and warm-but-not-hot weather led to small berries with concentrated and complex flavors. Disease pressure was low throughout the season.

Fruit was hand-picked and whole-cluster pressed in late September before being barrel fermented and aged sur lie for 10 months. Partial malolactic fermentation was used.

TASTING NOTES

An excellent expression of cool-climate Chardonnay, Silver Thread's 2016 bottling shows apple, pear and lemon aromas. Savory nut and smoke flavors add complexity and subtle minerality lends a sense of place to the long finish.

CASES PRODUCED: 175
ELEVAGE: 10 months sur lie in neutral French oak
DATE BOTTLED: August 2017
ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACCOLADES

Robert Parker Wine Advocate: 89 points. "Solid in the mid-palate, this has fine grip on the finish, a tightly wound feel and precision. It handles the wood beautifully. Solid and penetrating, this has the chance to improve with age, and it should age well. It is a fine value."

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