DRY RIESLING 2018





90 points Wine Spectator

CASES PRODUCED: 220
ELEVAGE: 7 months in stainless steel
DATE BOTTLED: May 2019
ALCOHOL: 10.6%
ACID: 8.2 g/l

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 7 g/L

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 37-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

Dry Riesling is a strategic blend of grapes from our own vineyard and a trusted grower-partner. Our biologically-farmed vineyard perched on the edge of Seneca Lake provides minerality and elegance (87%). Gridley Bluff Point Vineyard sits high above Keuka Lake on a mix of loose shale and loam and contributes intense aromatics and hints of tropical fruit (13%).

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was a challenging vintage with lots of rain late in the season but our meticulous vineyard practices produced a healthy crop with fully developed flavors. Estate grapes were hand-harvested and sorted at the vine over four weeks in October. Gridley fruit was hand-harvested October 19, 2018. Multiple fermentations were blended prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Silver Thread Dry Riesling is our flagship wine and a benchmark for the Finger Lakes style. Aromas of white flowers, grapefruit, lemon zest and wet stone. Medium body with a round mouthfeel. Noticeably long finish expresses lemon and minerals. Drink now or cellar 5-8 years.