

Blackbird 2022

A benchmark vintage for our most coveted red wine.



Cases produced: 200
Residual sugar: 0%
Alcohol by volume: 12.1%
Titratable Acidity: 5.8 g/L, pH: 3.65

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 40-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.

Winemaker's notes: Varieties were harvested, fermented and barrel-aged separately, then blended after one year. Barrel aged for a total of 22 months before bottling, then bottle-aged for 6 months before release. 78% Cabernet Franc, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, & 8% Merlot.

Vineyard Notes: 100% estate-grown Blackbird was farmed using biointensive and regenerative practices. Grapes were hand-harvested at optimal ripeness from our 16-year-old lakeside vineyard that has sparse soil and naturally low-yielding vines. The 2022 vintage was dry and sunny, leading to small berries with a high skin-to-juice ratio.

Tasting notes: Deep ruby in color with notes of black cherry, raspberry, black plum, clove, and cocoa powder. Abundant ripe fruit. Elegant, complex, and earthy. Excellent length expresses subtle oak and smoky, fine-grained tannins.

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar for 8-10 years.