

2019 Après



Vineyard & Winemaking Notes

We have been growing the Vignoles grape for many years for its uniquely vibrant citrus and tropical fruit aromas. The fungus *botrytis*, nicknamed by the French the "noble rot", grows somewhat on most grapes, but it <u>loves</u> Vignoles. *Botrytis* dessicates some of the berries, thereby intensifying the flavors. This process, crucial to the famed *Sauternes* dessert wines, is likewise one of the secrets to our Après. About 15% of the Vignoles grapes in this 2019 vintage were "happily" botrytisized.

Appellation Finger Lakes Growers Keuka Spring Vineyards Composition 94% Vignoles, 6% Vidal Blanc Harvest dates Sep. 27 and Oct. 26, 2019 Winemaker August Deimel 100% in tanks Fermentation Alcohol by volume 13% 9.3% Residual sugar Sweetness perception Sweet Bottling dates June 4, 2020 Production 249 cases (375mL bottles)

Tasting Notes

Available as a special release, our Après dessert wine is creamy and soft with luscious apricot, citrus, and honey notes and a luxurious finish. Serve well chilled.

Food Pairing Ideas

A delicious companion to fruit tarts, carrot cake, desserts with chocolate and whipped cream, or drizzled over fresh fruit, or cheesecake. Or enjoy on its own instead of dessert, sip by sip, in a little glass!