

Keuka SPRING

2019 Merlot



Vineyard & Winemaking Notes

Merlot, a bedrock grape of French Bordeaux wines, is often considered a warm-climate variety. Over the years, Finger Lakes growers have refined their techniques and now produce lovely Merlot. With skillful and dedicated winemaking, Finger Lakes Merlots can really shine. We de-stem the grapes, perform daily rack-and-returns (*délestage*) and extend maceration to extract more fruit and tannin and to tighten integration of the wine's many dimensions. In the Bordeaux tradition, we blended a small amount of Cabernet Franc for body and vibrancy.

Appellation	Finger Lakes
Growers	Atwater Vineyards, Sawmill Creek Vineyards
Varietals	Merlot, with small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Lemberger
Harvest date	October 11 and 18, 2019
Winemaker	August Deimel
Fermentation	100% in tanks with delayed sequential malolactic conversion
Alcohol by volume	13.0%
Residual sugar	0%
Sweetness perception	Dry
Vegan	Yes
Bottling dates	August 3, 2020
Production	194 cases

Tasting Notes

Our beautifully balanced Merlot evokes the magical moments around dusk, with hints of dark cherries, soft tannins and a long pleasurable finish.

Food Pairing Ideas

Richer meats like grilled beef and charcuterie; potato gratin, Caesar salad.