

# *Keuka* SPRING

## 2017 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.

Appellation	Finger Lakes
Growers	White Springs Winery, Sawmill Creek Vineyards
Varietal	Merlot
Vintage	2017
Harvest date	October 20 and 27, 2017
Winemaker	August Deimel
Fermentation	100% in bins with delayed sequential malolactic fermentation, followed by aging in FlexTanks
Alcohol by volume	13.0%
Residual sugar	0%
Sweetness perception	Dry
Bottling dates	August 28, 2018
Vegan	Yes
Production	351 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.