



2021 MERLOT



WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

What a beautiful, expressive wine - the kind that invites you back for multiple tastes, with more revealed each time. Its aroma evokes violets, sweet spices and raspberry compote. There's a built-in deliciousness that speaks "essence of Merlot".

HARVEST

GROWING CONDITIONS:

2021 was a growing season like no other in history. Record rains throughout the summer and fall, coupled with what turned out to be an enormous crop, meant that the vines struggled to ripen their fruit. The vineyard crew had to perform their finest work to keep the grapes healthy, and were ultimately successful. The winemakers were kept busy, to say the least, but can now attest to the high quality of all their wines. Flavors are intense and wines well balanced.

VINEYARD SOURCE:

Fox Run Vineyards

HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2021

THE WINE

This wine is Gluten Free and Vegan

Bottling Date: January 17, 2023
| 162 cases | Released September 2023
| RS: 0.0 % | pH: 3.27 | TA: 6.1 g/L
| ABV: 12.3%



Produced with self generated solar energy



Certified Lake Friendly Farmer

Fox Run Vineyards is certified by New York Wine & Grape Foundation's Sustainable Winegrowing Program

THE WINEMAKING

VINIFICATION:

We have a small but highly esteemed block of Merlot on our property, one of our best kept secrets. A few times a decade, the wine from these grapes shines in a way that makes us take note. We employed all of our red wine making processes here, including choosing some seriously talented barrels of a year of aging. An extensive series of tastings from these barrels further enhanced the selection process.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% MERLOT

MEET THE FOX RUN VINEYARDS TEAM



OWNERS
Scott & Ruth Osborn



OWNERS
Albert & Kathleen Zafonte



WINEMAKER
Craig Hobach



ASSISTANT WINEMAKER
Angelica Lawler



VINEYARD MANAGER
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