

FOX RUN

VINEYARDS

2020 Meritage

Seneca Lake | Finger Lakes



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

This is our first Meritage in almost a decade. We only make this high-end blend in exceptional years, when we have an abundance of red wine barrels to choose from. This Meritage is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, which brings dark fruit aromas, structure and ageability; 30% Merlot, adding plum and spice notes; and 20% Cabernet Franc, which brings perfume and softness.

Harvest

Growing Conditions:

As with many growing seasons in the Finger Lakes, we encountered a wild amount of variability in 2019. Most memorable was a chilly and wet spring, with not enough sunlight and warmth to coax the grapevines out of their winter dormancy. Late bud break set things back further, until the warm, dry weather arrived in early July. But then - redemption: September was the warmest and driest in recent history. Our grapes responded accordingly, and now we have tanks, barrels and bottles full of some of the tastiest wine imaginable.

Soil Conditions:

Fox Run Vineyards Block 1 - silts and clays with glacial till, Block 6 & 7 - alternating layers of sand and clay, Block 8 - shallow bedrock and shale

Harvest Date: October 20-22, 2019

The Winemaking

Vinification:

Grapes were picked in mid-October and fermented in small open-top containers with a 3x-daily punchdown. At dryness, the wine was pressed off skins, and then transferred to barrels, where it underwent malolactic fermentation. After a full year of aging, our winemakers chose the most exceptional barrels for this Meritage blend.

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The Wine

Residual Sugar: 0%

pH: 3.46

Acidity: 5.9 g/L

Alcohol: 12.6%

Bottling Date: April 8, 2021

Production: 264 cases

Released: August 2, 2021



Produced with self-generated solar energy



Certified Lake Friendly Farm

To learn more about our vineyard and winemaking practices, we invite you to visit us for a tour and tasting.

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