



2016 LENA RESERVE

Our Helm Series of wines are our most distinctive wines that focus on originality made from exceedingly old vineyard sites and wines chosen from our highest quality barrels.

This exceptional red wine is inspired by Helena ("Lena") Frank, Konstantin Frank's daughter. A woman of elegance, beauty and depth, Lena has a deep love for the Frank family and their contributions to the Finger Lakes wine industry. Lena is known for her empathy for others and her incredible story telling abilities, weaving together many cherished stories of Konstantin for all to enjoy.



VARIETY: 34% Saperavi, 17% Pinot Noir, 17% Blaufränkisch, 17% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINEYARD: 48% Seneca Estate, 33% Keuka Estate, 15% Seneca, 4% Volz Vineyard.

VINIFICATION: De-stemmed. Several Day Cold Soak.

VESSEL: Open-Top Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.

FERMENTATION: Traditional. 3 Times Daily Manual Punchdowns.

ÉLEVAGE: 20 Months Aging. 50% New French Oak.

ANALYSIS: 13% Alc, 7.2 g/L TA, 1.0 g/L R.S., 3.59 pH

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was one of the hottest, sunniest and driest we can remember. The grapes enjoyed a longer growing season than usual. This length of season and coinciding weather conditions has allowed the grapes to develop and ripen to their fullest potential. Yields are lower but the grapes express greater concentration.

VINEYARDS

Majority of the Saperavi and Blaufränkisch come from our estate vineyards on Seneca Lake where the warmer sites give us riper fruit aromas and flavors. These vineyards were planted in 2010 and 2016 from original cuttings from Dr. Konstantin's first plantings in the early 1960's. The Banana Belt is a portion of land on the east side of Seneca Lake that receives the greatest amount of sun coupled with a location that is nearest the deepest parts of Seneca Lake, thereby having a greater impact on temperature. 33% of the blend comes from our shallow, shale-based soils on Keuka Estate vineyards which adds minerality, acidity, and elegance.

SELECTION

The blend for Lena Reserve is chosen by Meaghan Frank which include our best tasting barrels from our highest quality cooperage with a higher portion of new oak.

THE WINE

Like Lena, the wine tells a story of how exceptional vineyards, passion and family can coincide to produce a wine of brilliance. This wine is velvety smooth with notes of sweet cherry, black current, cocoa, anise, and forest floor with a hint of smokiness.

ACCOLADES

91 Points Robert Parker

