

2020 LENA RESERVE

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:	2 Barrels Each: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon,
	Merlot, Petit Verdot, Pinot Noir, Saperavi.
VINIFICATION:	De-stemmed. Cold Soak.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. Twice Daily Pumpovers.
AGING:	18 Months Aging. French Oak. 16% New.

VINTAGE

Hot and dry is a great way to describe the 2020 growing season. The trend of late bud break continues, beginning in mid-May. A month later in mid-June, most varieties began flowering and fruit set. Between bud break and fruit set, it was warm and dry with only considerable rainfall a handful of times. Throughout the growing season we were blessed with hot and dry conditions. This kept disease pressure very low. Luckily, our old vines are able to withstand drought conditions. The warm and dry weather continued into the fall allowing us to fully ripen grapes well into October. 2020 red wines may be some of the best in recent years.

SELECTION

The blend for Lena Reserve is chosen by our winemaking team. The blend includes our best tasting barrels from our highest quality cooperage. Each variety was aged for 8 months individually. After 8 months, the barrels were blended together and then aged an additional 10 months in French 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. Diverse characters bring ample complexity to the party, each barrel offering bounteous flavors. The power of the black fruit carries through into a riff of chocolate, earth, and cedar oak spice. Built with firm and grippy tannins, it's ready for long aging. Sophisticated, polished, and delicious, a Finger Lakes red is sure to become a classic.



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