Dr. Konstantin Frank

2020 OLD VINES PINOT NOIR

Our Classic Range of wines express the purest form of our winemaking style, the terroir of the Finger Lakes, and the range of grape varieties grown.

VARIETY:	100% Pinot Noir.
VINIFICATION:	De-stemmed. Several Day Cold Soak.
VESSEL:	Open-Top Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. Twice Daily Pumpovers.
AGING:	16 Months Aging French Oak. 25% 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.
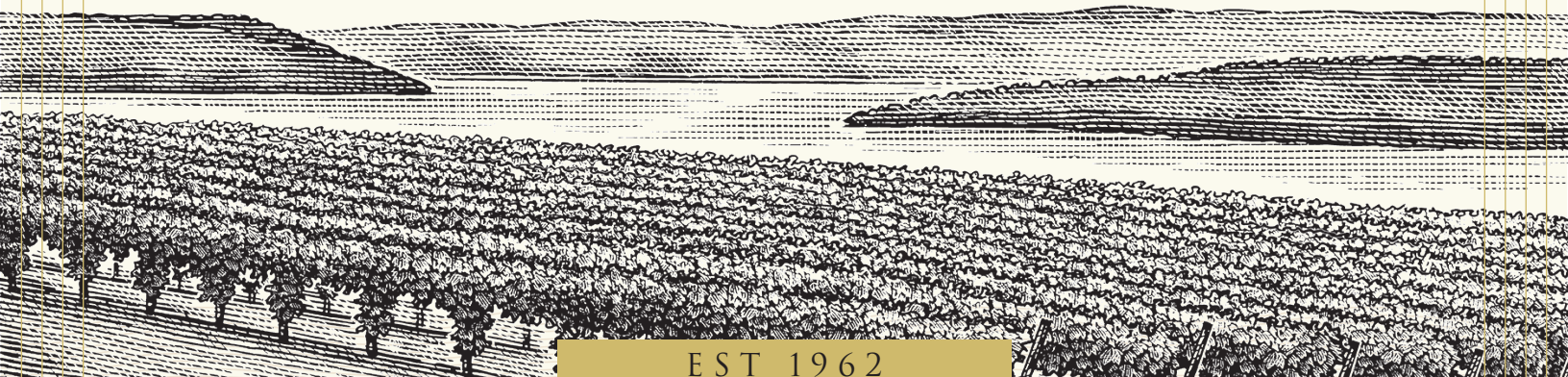
VINEYARD

A blend of vineyard sites on Keuka and Seneca Lakes. Pinot Noir on our Keuka vineyard was planted in 1958, 1974, 1981, and 1986 with majority Clone 7 and 13. These are some of the oldest Pinot Noir vines in the Finger Lakes. Vineyards on Keuka are shallow, shale-based soils which adds minerality, acidity, and elegance. Our Seneca vineyard is located in Hector, NY in the warmest mesoclimate in the Finger Lakes known as the 'Banana Belt'. Temperatures here are a few degrees warmer than Keuka thus providing riper fruit notes. Soils on Seneca are characterized by deep honeoye silt loam.

THE WINE

Powerfully and rich offering dark plums and macerated cherries woven with earthiness, leather, and subtle oak notes. Silken yet mineral texture evolving into a complex, long lasting finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Lean Beef (Filet), Roasted Duck, Mushrooms, Grilled Chicken, Veal Chops, Grilled Tuna, Pork Tenderloin, Fennel.

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