



2021 HILDA CHARDONNAY

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 single vineyard Chardonnay is named after Konstantin's daughter Hilda, a woman in the family known for her work ethic and her unrelenting commitment to her family.



VARIETY:	100% Chardonnay.
VINEYARD:	Volz Vineyard.
VINIFICATION:	100% Barrel Fermented. Weekly Bâtonnage. No MLF.
VESSEL:	100% French Oak, 50% Acacia Oak. 17% New.
AGING:	Aged 9 Months.
PRODUCTION:	145 Cases.

VINTAGE

“We began 2021 with a milder winter resulting in fewer buds damaged from the cold. This produced a larger grape crop which is allowing us to get back in stock on many of our wines. The growing season in 2021 was more typical for the region with cooler temperatures and adequate rainfall. The wines from this vintage will have crisp acidity balanced by delicate fruit flavors providing great structure. The Reds and Whites should age well as evidenced by our wine library going back to the 1962 vintage.”

-Frederick Frank.

VINEYARD

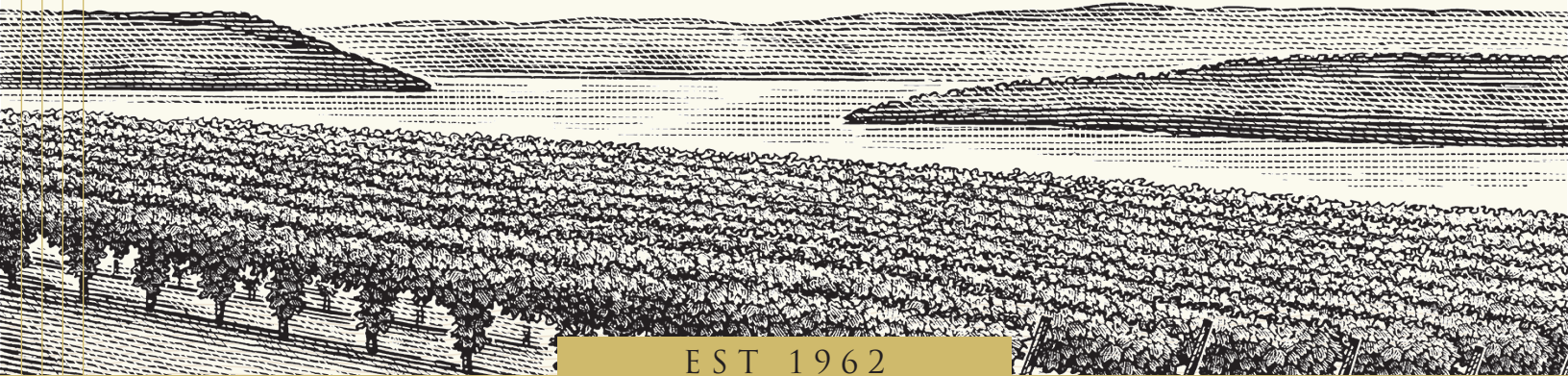
The grapes from this single vineyard come from the Eric Volz Vineyard, just north across the road from Dr. Konstantin Frank's plantings on Keuka Lake. The vineyard was planted in 1985 by Walter Volz, the winery's first Vineyard Manager. This vineyard is managed by Eric Volz, current Vineyard Manager for the winery, who worked alongside his father Walter and grandfather, Dr. Konstantin Frank. Soils here are shallow with high natural acidity and high amounts of shale. The vines are planted on 3309 and 188-15 rootstocks.

THE WINE

Fruity and floral, the French Acacia barrels add elegance and white flowers to the grape-derived citrus zest and fresh red apple. The palate is round and generous with richness from the French oak barrels and creaminess from lees stirring with a hint of spice on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Lobster, White Fish, Salmon, Scallops, Veal (Grilled), Chicken (Fried, Grilled), Butter Sauces, Creamy Goat or Sheep Cheese, Light Cream Sauces, Caesar Salad.



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