



2019 RKATSITELI

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% Rkatsiteli.
VINEYARD:	100% Keuka Estate.
VINIFICATION:	De-Stemmed. Direct Press. Pneumatic Press.
VESSEL:	Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. No Malolactic Fermentation.
ÉLEVAGE:	Unoaked. 5 Months Lees Aging.
ANALYSIS:	12% Alc, 7.0 g/L R.S., 3.32 pH, 9.2 g/L TA.

VINTAGE

In 2019, budbreak and flowering started about two weeks later than normal. A late start to Spring is becoming the new normal. Temperatures during the summer were moderate, and much cooler than in 2018. August and September were cooler than average. Luckily, the weather in the fall was extremely favorable with extended periods of sunny and dry days followed by cool nights. This offered excellent conditions to fully ripen the grapes well into October.

VINEYARD

Rkatsiteli originates in the country of Georgia and it one of the oldest grape varieties in the world dating back to 3000 B.C. The grape has a very strong resistance to cold winter conditions and retains high acidity even in the hottest summers.

Dr. Konstantin Frank was the first to plant Rkatsiteli in the Finger Lakes during his experiments in the 1950s and 1960s. We grow just under 10 acres of Rkatsiteli on our Keuka Estate: 3.1 acres planted in 1983, 2.8 acres in 1987, and 3.8 acres in 2003. Our soils on Keuka Lake are shallow, Mardin and Volusia silt loam with high shale content which adds minerality, acidity, and elegance. Our vineyard is east-facing ranging from 980 ft to 1200 ft elevation and are at the deepest parts of Keuka Lake.

THE WINE

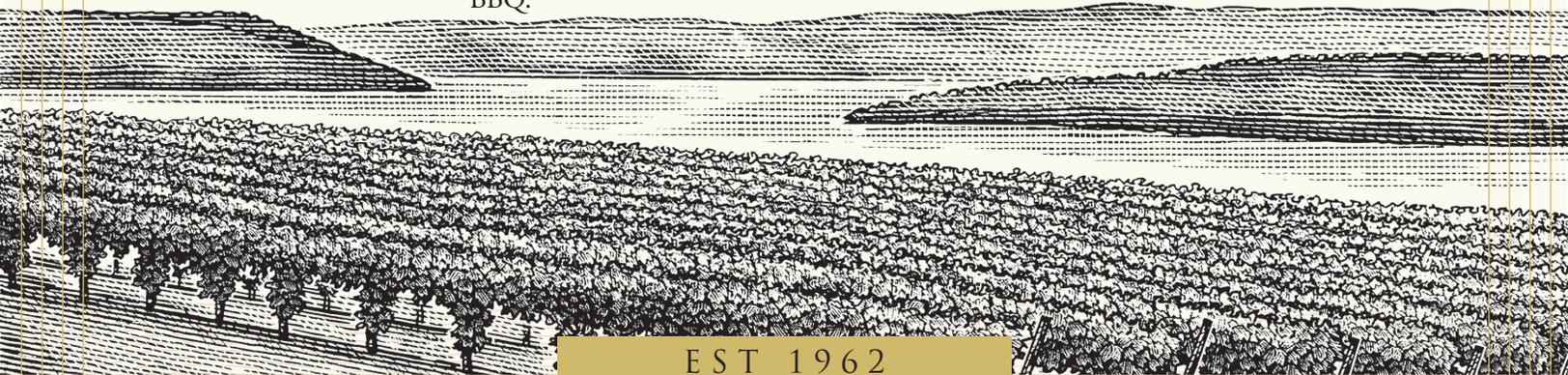
Ample aroma characteristics of pear, grapefruit, lime zest, tea leaf and white apricot with mineral undertones. The wine has a very good palate weight with a textural mouthfeel and lengthy finish. Flavors of apricot, white flowers, orange zest, and herbaceous notes finishing with bright acidity.

FOOD PAIRING

Olives, Goat Cheeses, Sushi, Seafood, Salads (Citrus, Vinaigrette), Grilled White Meats, BBQ.



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