



2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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.



ACCOLADES
Not Submitted

VINIFICATION:	De-stemmed. Several Day Cold Soak.
VESSEL:	Open-Top Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. 3 Times Daily Manual Punchdowns.
ÉLEVAGE:	18 Months Aging. 2-4 Year Old French Oak.
DRYNESS:	Dry. 0.28% Residual Sugar.
ANALYSIS:	13.3% Alc, 6.6 g/L TA, 2.8 g/L R.S., 3.47 pH

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was a study on how much weather conditions can vary from year to year. The 2016 growing year was very hot and dry with very little precipitation. Winter before the 2017 growing season was cold but our vines survived without any damage. The 2017 growing season was cooler with ample precipitation all year long with plenty of sunshine. That made for a vintage with good production and plenty of time to develop complexity.

VINEYARD

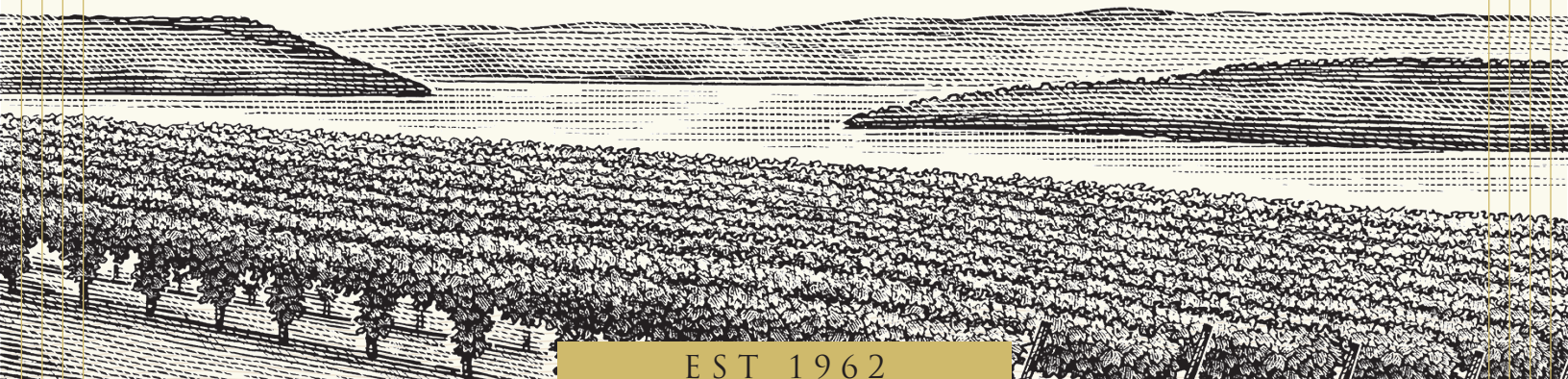
Cabernet Sauvignon was introduced to the Finger Lakes by our founder, Dr. Konstantin Frank, in the early 1960s as 1 of 66 experimental vinifera varieties. Our current Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 1974 and 1997 on 3309 rootstock in our Keuka Estate vineyards. Vineyards on Keuka are shallow, shale-based soils which adds minerality, acidity, and elegance. Majority of the blend comes from Seneca Lake vineyards. 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.

THE WINE

Seductive complexity in black fruit scents, a hint of foresty dried herbs, and a touch of leather and cedar spice. Earthy tannins are grippy and ground the fruitness, giving breath of texture, and providing a strong foundation for the fresh, mouthwatering black fruit.

FOOD PAIRING

Cheeses (Aged, Blue), Fatty Meats (Braised, Grilled), Game Birds, Lamb, Thyme.



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