



2019 MARGRIT RIESLING

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 Riesling is inspired by Willy Frank's wife Margrit, a woman in the Frank family known for her enthusiasm for life and fierce devotion to her family. As a beloved woman, mother and grandmother, Margrit's contributions to the family business have been immeasurable.



VARIETY:	100% Riesling.
VINEYARD:	100% Seneca Estate.
VINIFICATION:	De-Stemmed. Direct Press. Pneumatic Press.
VESSEL:	Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. No Malolatic Fermentation.
ÉLEVAGE:	Unoaked. 5 Months Lees Aging.
ANALYSIS:	12% Alc. 5.92 g/L Residual Sugar. 2.89 pH. 7.9 g/L TA.
PRODUCTION:	380 Cases.

VINTAGE

In 2019, budbreak and flowering started about two weeks later than 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.

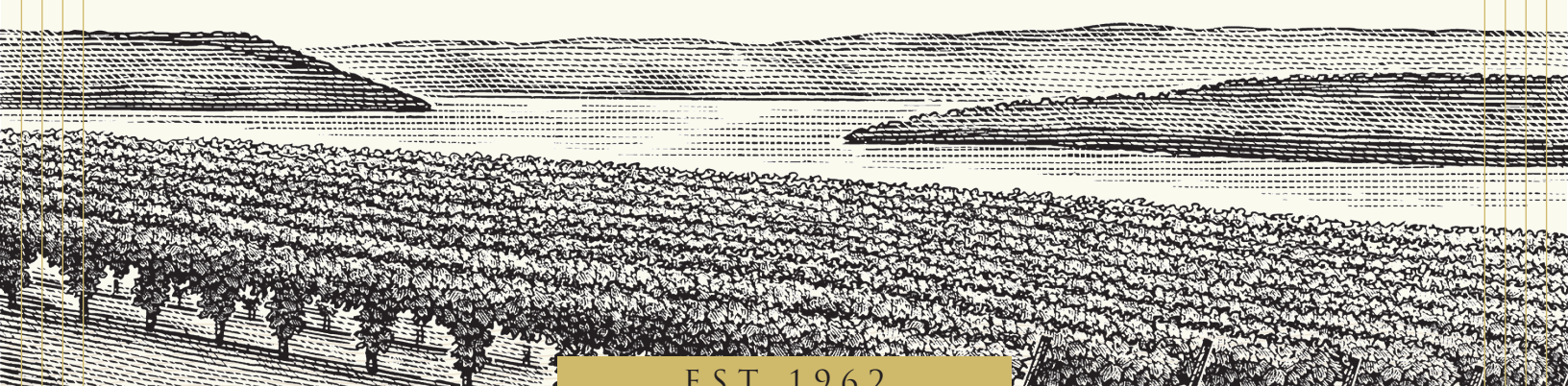
VINEYARD

The grapes from this single vineyard come a single plot on our Seneca estate vineyards. This plot was planted in 2008 with clones 356 and 90 on 3309 rootstocks. Our Seneca estate vineyard is located in Hector, New York, 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

Dry, rich, and seductive. The riper vineyard site expresses tangerine, grapefruit, and candied lemon zest balanced with mineral notes of shale and wet stones. The mouthfeel is round and rich with enough acidity to cut through.

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