



# 2019 CABERNET FRANC

*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

- VARIETY: 100% Cabernet Franc.
- VINIFICATION: De-stemmed. Several Day Cold Soak.
- VESSEL: Open-Top Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
- FERMENTATION: Traditional. 3 Times Daily Manual Punchdowns.
- AGING: 18 Months Aging. 100% French Oak. 20% New.

## 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

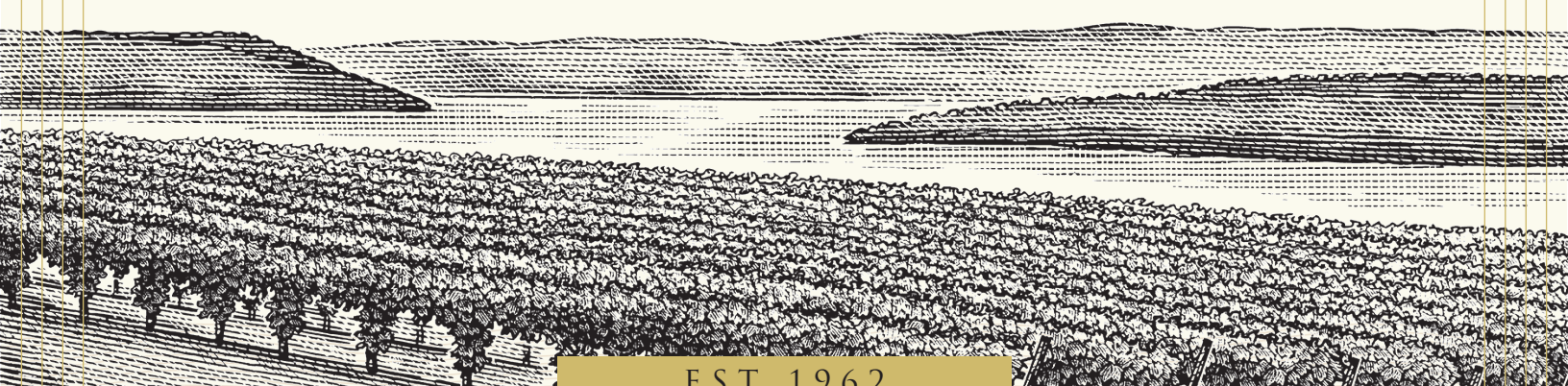
Our Cabernet Franc was planted in 1974, 1997, and 1999 on 3309 rootstock in our Keuka Estate vineyards. Vineyards on Keuka are shallow, shale-based soils which adds minerality, acidity, and elegance. A small portion of the blend comes from Eric Volz Vineyard, just north across the road from Dr. Konstantin Frank's plantings on Keuka Lake. These vines were planted in 1990 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 WINE

Juicy and generous, spiced black cherry aromas are lifted with earthiness and cedar. Powerful and elegant simultaneously, the dark currants and plum flavors are firm with polished tannins and vibrant acidity.

## FOOD PAIRING

Pan-Seared Duck Breast, Grilled Lamb, Seared Filet Mignon, Steak Frites, Eggplant Dishes, Bell Peppers, Strong-Flavored Cheeses, Roasted Vegetables.



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