

2020 EUGENIA 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 Konstantin's wife, Eugenia. Her tenacity and exceptional wine palate were assets to the winery in early years. As a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Eugenia's contributions to the family business have been immeasurable.

VARIETY:	100% Riesling.
VINEYARD:	100% Keuka Estate. Block 7 & 8A.
HARVEST DATE:	October 19th, 2020.
VINIFICATION:	De-Stemmed. Direct Press. Pneumatic Press.
VESSEL:	Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. No Malolatic Fermentation.
ÉLEVAGE:	Unoaked. 5 Months Lees Aging.
PRODUCTION:	350 Cases.

VINTAGE

Hot and dry is a great way to describe the 2020 growing season. The trend of late bud break continues, beginning in mid-May. A month later in mid-June, most varieties began flowering and fruit set. Between bud break and fruit set, it was warm and dry with only considerable rainfall a handful of times. This allowed the bunches to fertilize properly. Throughout the growing season we were blessed with hot and dry conditions. This kept disease pressure very low. Luckily, our old vines are able to withstand drought conditions. The warm and dry weather continued into the fall allowing us to fully ripen grapes well into October. The 2020 vintage was one of the best years in recent memory.

VINEYARD

The grapes from this single vineyard come from our best Riesling plot and one of the oldest. This plot was planted in 1968 on 1613 and 3309 rootstocks. Soils on this plot have the highest slate content and are shallow with high natural acidity. This vineyard is managed by Eric Volz, current Vineyard Manager for the winery, who worked alongside his father Walter and grandfather, Dr. Konstantin Frank.

THE WINE

Pristine shale minerality hinted with lime zest and ripe peach fruit. A velvety texture with tart fruit that gives the wine briskness and drive lasting with a depth of flavor that is truly rewarding.



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