



## DR. KONSTANTIN FRANK

*2021 Brut ~ Cuvée '85*



### A WINE 40 YEARS IN THE MAKING

The Cuvée '85 is a once-in-a-lifetime sparkling release that bridges four decades of our winery's pioneering sparkling wine legacy. Crafted from the elegant 2021 Brut, its final dosage was created with our very first sparkling wine - **the legendary 1985 Brut.**

### THE SPARK THAT STARTED IT ALL

In 1985, second generation Willy Frank, unveiled the winery's first méthode champenoise sparkling wine, **a groundbreaking release for the Finger Lakes** and the first in the region to be made from the three traditional Champagne grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier. Released in 1989, that inaugural wine was disgorged and finished by Willy himself, alongside his daughter Barbara Frank and head winemaker Mark Veraguth. It marked the beginning of a sparkling tradition that would help place the Finger Lakes among the world's most respected sparkling wine regions.

### A TOAST THROUGH TIME

The Cuvée '85 is more than just a blend of wines, it is a blend of **time, family, and craftsmanship.** By marrying the bright vitality of the 2021 Brut with the rare, aged complexity of the original 1985 Brut, this wine carries the voices of both past and present in every glass. The result is a sparkling wine that is at once vibrant and fresh, yet layered with decades of history. This release also marks current sparkling winemaker Eric Bauman's 20th vintage with the winery, a milestone that underscores the continuity of passion and expertise across generations.

### TASTING PROFILE

*55% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir, 5% Pinot Meunier.*

Brilliant in the glass, the Cuvée '85 offers aromas of citrus blossom, baked apple, and almond biscotti. The palate reveals a lively mousse and flavors of lemon curd, pear, and honeycomb, with a delicate toasty finish, an elegant balance of youthful energy and mature grace. **Enjoy now, or age for 40 more years.**

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