



# RAVINES

Pinot Noir 2017

91 points Decanter

## TASTING NOTES

Beautiful delicacy and nuance in this cool-climate, moderate in alcohol Pinot Noir. The nose shows cranberries, black cherry and earthy spice. The palate combines crunchy red fruit, bright acidity, dusty tannins that's followed by a long, herbal finish.

## VINEYARD

- ~ Estate grown, 85% Pinot Noir (15% from the Argetsinger Vineyard), Finger Lakes AVA, NY
- ~ 16 Falls Vineyard (60%), White Springs Vineyard (25%)
- ~ Argetsinger Vineyard is clay/loam over limestone soil, planted in 2007
- ~ 16 Falls is clay/loam over shalestone soil and has a lyre trellis system, planted in 1998-2002
- ~ White Springs is honeoye loam over limestone soil and has a VSP trellis system, planted in 2003-2004 (one of few limestone sites in the Finger Lakes region)
- ~ 16 Falls has western exposure and all major Dijon clones: 113, 115, 667, 777, 828 on 5C rootstock
- ~ White Springs has eastern exposure and clones 113 and 115 on 3309C rootstock

## GROWING SEASON

- ~ Warmer than average summer and mild previous winter, resulting in perfect fruit set and full clusters
- ~ All hand harvested, on 9/25-29 at the different vineyard sites
- ~ Yields were 2.5 and 3.5 and 2.8 tons/acre, respectively

## WINEMAKING

- ~ Hand harvested grapes were destemmed into open-top, stainless fermenters
- ~ Overall 15% whole cluster inclusion
- ~ 7 days of cold soak with occasional punch down
- ~ Average of 4 weeks of total skin contact time with manual punch-downs and pump-overs
- ~ Malolactic fermentation in barrels
- ~ Bottled in August 2018 after 12 months in barrels (100% French oak barrels, 10% new oak)

## ANALYSIS

- ~ Alc. 13.0%, T.A. 5.8 g/l, pH 3.76

## STORY & PHILOSOPHY

Ravines Wine Cellars makes dry, classical, terroir-driven wines on over 130 acres of estate vineyards. Founded in 2001 and family-owned and operated ever since by Morten and Lisa Hallgren, Morten was raised and trained as an oenologist / winemaker in Provence and Bordeaux France, before moving to the region and pioneering the bone-dry, mineral-tinged Riesling style that the region is now famous for. Ravines utilizes minimal intervention in the cellar and employs sustainable winegrowing practices on steep-sloping vineyards with limestone and shalestone soils. Our wines have continually gained noteworthy press and international accolades as a standard-bearer Finger Lakes winery.

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