

# RAVINES

# Dry Riesling, 16 Falls Vineyard 2018

92 points Wine & Spirits, 91 points Decanter

# **TASTING NOTES**

For the first time ever, Ravines has produced a single vineyard Riesling from our Estate, 16 Falls Vineyard. A gently sloping site with great afternoon sun exposure that sits next to the deepest waters of Seneca Lake, this Dry Riesling is lively, subtle and fresh with lingering mineral, apricot and lime.

#### **VINEYARD**

- ~ Estate grown, 100% Riesling, Finger Lakes AVA, NY
- ~ Sloping western exposure next to the deepest waters on Seneca Lake
- Clay/loam over shalestone & a lyre trellis system, planted in 1998-2002
- Clones 198, 239 and 90 and rootstock mostly 3309C, some 101-14 and 5BB

#### **GROWING SEASON**

- ~ Warm, dry conditions into August allowing a good fruit set. Then average temperatures and rainfall, requiring significant sorting in the vineyard and on the crush pad.
- ~ Harvest dates of September 23rd October 9th
- ~ Hand harvested with extensive sorting in the vineyard

# WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested grapes were whole cluster pressed for gentle extraction
- ~ All components were fermented at low temps. (54 60 F) in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
- After racking, components were aged on lighter lees until April and the wine was bottled on July 1st, 2019

#### **ANALYSIS**

~ Alc. 12.5%, R.S. 3 g/l, T.A. 8.0 g/l, pH 3.21

### **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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