

# RAVINES Pinot Noir 2018

## **TASTING NOTES**

Beautiful delicacy and nuance in this cool-climate, moderate in alcohol Pinot Noir. Lucious cherries, cranberries and delicate rose petals provide a beautiful bouquet of aromas. Soft tannins and nicely integrated acidity lead to a juicy and fresh finish.

#### **VINEYARD**

- ~ 85% Estate grown Pinot Noir (15% from the Argetsinger Vineyard), Finger Lakes AVA, NY
- ~ 16 Falls Vineyard (58%), White Springs Vineyard (27%)
- ~ Argetsinger Vineyardd 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
- $\sim$  All hand harvested, on 9/24-10/1 at the different vineyard sites
- ~ Yields were 2.3 (16F) and 3.1 (WS) and 2.5 (Arg) tons/acre

# WINEMAKING

- ~ All grapes were destemmed into open-top, stainless fermenters
- ~ Overall 10% whole cluster inclusion
- ~ 7 days of cold soak with occasional punch down
- Average of 3 weeks of total skin contact time with manual punch-downs and pump-overs
- ~ Malolactic fermentation in barrels
- ~ Bottled in August 2019 after 10 months in barrels (100% French oak barrels, 10% new oak)

## **ANALYSIS**

~ Alc. 12.7%, T.A. 5.7 g/l, pH 3.68

#### **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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