



RAVINES

Cabernet Franc 2020

92 points Decanter

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant violet in color with a magnificent bouquet of black cherry, mountain herbs, raspberry compote and hints of cedar. The magnificent 2020 vintage in the Finger Lakes allowed for a ripe fruit set, moderately high acidity and integrated, fine tannins. The wine is long, juicy and seductive on the palate with a signature spice.

VINEYARD

- ~ 100% Cabernet Franc from two estate vineyards on Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes AVA, NY
- ~ White Springs Vineyard (home-farm) 61%, 16 Falls Vineyard 39%
- ~ White Springs has eastern exposure, honeoye loam over limestone soils & VSP trellis system, planted in 2003-2004 (one of few limestone sites in Finger Lakes region)
- ~ 16 Falls has western exposure & clay/loam over shalestone soils, with lyre trellis system, planted 1998-02
- ~ Rootstock: mostly 3309C, some 101-14

GROWING SEASON

- ~ Fairly mild winter with little vine damage. Exceptional growing season (one of the best, if not the best in last 20 years) with ideal dry and warm conditions from fruit set through harvest.
- ~ Hand-harvested and machine-harvested, 16 Falls on Oct. 23 and White Springs on Oct. 29
- ~ Yields were 2.5 – 3 tons/acre
- ~ Harvest brix: 21.5 – 22.6

WINEMAKING

- ~ All lots were destemmed into open-top, stainless steel fermenters
- ~ Extended skin-contact of 3-4 weeks with manual punch-downs and pump-overs
- ~ Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in casks
- ~ Bottled in January 2022 after 13 months in 5-year-old, 2000 liter Austrian Oak casks

ANALYSIS

- ~ Alc. 13.4%, T.A. 6.3 g/l, pH 3.62

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.

Produced & bottled by Ravines Wine Cellars

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