



RAVINES

Dry Riesling, *Argetsinger Vineyard* 2019

96 points Decanter

TASTING NOTES

MW Charles Curtis called this vintage "Perhaps America's preeminent Riesling" and NYT's Eric Asimov described a previous vintage as the "Best American Riesling I've ever tasted." Expressive, mineral driven and immensely bright with citrus, floral and flinty components. From old vines on steeply sloping limestone soil, both accessible in its youth and with tremendous aging potential. Elegant, pure and savory on the long finish.

VINEYARD

- ~ 100% Riesling, Finger Lakes AVA, NY
- ~ Steep Sloping, higher altitude, 4 acre vineyard with western exposure on SE side of Seneca Lake
- ~ Howard gravel over limestone soil that's particularly rocky and well-draining, planted in the early 80s (one of few limestone sites in the Finger Lakes); a low vigor site rarely producing even two tons per acre
- ~ Riesling Clone 198 and rootstock 3309C

GROWING SEASON

- ~ Mild winter allowing for a rare optimal flowering and fruit set and growing season was warmer and sunnier than average with minimal disease pressure and no drought stress allowing the wine to keep a "juicy quality" right through fermentation into the bottle
- ~ Harvested under ideal conditions on October 19 and 20
- ~ Yields were 1.5 tons / acre
- ~ Hand harvest with no botrytis under excellent conditions

WINEMAKING

- ~ Whole cluster pressed with a long, gentle press cycle
- ~ After initial racking, the juice was fermented at low temps. (54 - 60 F) in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve all the delicate and nuanced aromas
- ~ After racking, the Riesling was aged on lighter lees over winter prior to blending and filtration
- ~ Bottled in July 2020 to allow the Riesling character to further develop in the tanks prior to bottling

ANALYSIS

- ~ Alc. 12.8%, R.S. 3 g/l, T.A. 8.7 g/l, pH 3.13

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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