



RAVINES

Maximilien 2019

TASTING NOTES

Gorgeously textured and lifted with red fruits, spice, earth and fine-grained tannins. 69% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot (100% estate fruit) from our White Springs and 16 Falls Vineyards on Seneca lake. The 2019 vintages, long, steady growing season has ensured a structural red that's very accessible now, but with long cellaring potential.

VINEYARD

- ~ 100% Estate Grown (54% White Springs Vineyards, 46% 16 Falls Vineyard) Finger Lakes AVA, NY
- ~ 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot with rootstock mostly 3309C and some 101-104
- ~ White Springs has eastern exposure, honeoye loam over limestone soils & a VSP trellis system, planted in 2003-04 (one of few limestone sites in the Finger Lakes region)
- ~ 16 Falls has western exposure, clay/loam over shalestone soils & a lyre trellis system, planted in 1998-'02

GROWING SEASON

- ~ A mild winter was followed by a relatively dry and warm spring; both the summer and fall seasons were cooler than usual but relatively dry, resulting in a fairly late harvest but only modest disease pressure
- ~ As a result of the weather conditions, no sorting was required and grapes were harvested with nice ripeness levels while maintaining good acidity
- ~ Mostly hand harvested on October 10th (Merlot) and October 31st (Cabernet Sauvignon)
- ~ Yields were 2.4 – 3.2 tons/acre and harvest brix were 21.5 – 22.8

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 barrels
- ~ Barrel coopers: Taransaud, Francois Freres, Dargaud & Jaegle, Associates
- ~ Bottled in April 2021 after 17 months in barrels (80% French oak barrels, 20% American oak barrels with overall 15% being new oak)

ANALYSIS

- ~ Alc. 13.0%, T.A. 7.2 g/l, pH 3.54

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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