



RAVINES
WINE CELLARS

Gewürztraminer

2023 | LIMESTONE SPRINGS VINEYARD

FINGER LAKES AVA



THE WINE

Intense aromas of lychee and kumquat, distinct spiciness, lively acidity, and good intensity with a long, spicy finish.

WINE DETAILS

Appellation	Finger Lakes AVA
Grape variety	100% Gewürztraminer
Vineyard	100% Limestone Springs (estate)
Alcohol	12.8% ABV
pH / Total acidity	3.42 / 7.1 g/L
Residual sugar	7 g/L (0.7%)
Harvest date	October 11, 2023

VINEYARD

Limestone Springs estate vineyard lies northwest of Seneca Lake, just outside Geneva, with loam over limestone soils. Its sloping, east-facing site has excellent air and water drainage. Planted in 2004, it has one of the densest planting patterns in the Finger Lakes. Vineyard practices follow Cornell University Extension recommendations for sustainability, now offered as a certified program. Practices include composting grape pomace with donkey manure and returning it to the vineyard, plus in-row cover crops to minimize erosion.

VINTAGE

The 2023 winter was mild, followed by an unusually late spring frost on May 18. The excellent vineyard site was spared. Summer and fall were warm with intermittent rainfall. Grapes were hand-harvested on October 11 in excellent conditions.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested early in the day, rapidly destemmed and crushed, then placed in a membrane press. Long skin contact at low temperature extracted the variety's wonderful aromas. After a long, gentle press cycle, the juice was settled, racked, and fermented at low temperature. With excellent ripeness, a little residual sugar was retained for a more moderate alcohol level and a more balanced wine. The wine was racked and aged in stainless steel before filtration and bottling.