

2021

BILLSBORO WINERY

CABERNET FRANC

Sawmill Creek Vineyards

FINGER LAKES



TASTING NOTES

Aromas of currant and smoke give way to ripe raspberry on the palate
Best served chilled from 60°-64°F.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter 2021 was generally mild, with some snow and cold patches, but no winter injury was reported. The spring was a tad warmer than in recent years, especially in April, however we did not see an early bud break nor the resulting damage of a late spring frost. Summer rainfall was frequent but so were the dry spells. Unfortunately, the wet and humid stretches didn't let up in the fall, so it seemed like we were constantly battling to produce quality grapes. One concerning trend in recent years that seems to exacerbate grape breakdown is the increase of nighttime temperatures, which creates increased disease pressure, lower sugars, and acids. So, while we had to work twice as hard this vintage, the early intervention in the vineyards and additional hand work sorting and culling on the crush pad has yielded yet another unforgettable vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Picked on October 25th at 20.2 Brix, the grapes were destemmed and crushed into 1-ton open top bins then chaptalized to 22 Brix. 70% of the bins were inoculated with ICV-GRE yeast and 30% with a 'wild' starter culture, the bins were punched down 3 times daily to manage the fermentation cap. After 15 days of maceration the grapes were pressed off their skins, settled in tanks then racked into both neutral French and American oak barrels where the wine completed malolactic fermentation. Aged for 9 months in barrel, the wine was racked and blended on July 24th. Lightly filtered and bottled on August 4, 2022.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sawmill Creek Vineyards in Hector, NY is located along the southeast corner of Seneca Lake. Its steep-sided, southwest facing vineyards are widely recognized as among the best in the Finger Lakes. We thank the Hazlitt family for their dedication to sustainable farming and passion for winegrowing.

TECHNICAL NOTES

pH	3.63	RS	0.0%
TA	6.0 g/l	ABV	12.4%
Cases Produced	281		

100% Cabernet Franc | 100% Sawmill Creek Vineyards

