

2021

BILLSBORO WINERY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH

Sawmill Creek Vineyards

FINGER LAKES

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of cedar and violet on the nose are met with currant and black pepper 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

The Cabernet Sauvignon was machine picked on October 29th at 19.6 Brix and chaptalized to 22 Brix. The Syrah was picked on October 20th at 17.6 Brix and also chaptalized to 22 Brix. Fermented separately in open-top one-ton bins, punched down daily and pressed off after 18 and 13 days respectively. The wines were racked and aged separately in a mix of neutral Hungarian, French and American barrels for 9 months. Racked out of barrels and blended on August 16th, lightly filtered then bottled on September 1, 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	3.68	RS	0.02%
TA	6.5 g/l	ABV	12.4%

Cases Produced 236

70% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Syrah

100% Sawmill Creek Vineyards

