

2022

BILLSBORO WINERY

DRY RIESLING

Sawmill Creek Vineyards

FINGER LAKES

TASTING NOTES

Ripe fruit and a rich palate as befits the warm vintage. Lime, pineapple, and lemongrass aromas persist on the lush palate with hints of stony minerality and citrus on the finish.

Best served chilled from 42-46F.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter 2021-2022 was marked by a few extremely cold nights (below -5°F) which caused some bud damage across the region. Spring stayed cool enough to keep the buds from opening too soon and was drier than normal which led into a hot, sunny summer (much of July and August qualified as drought in the region). This dry spell kept berry size down, which along with the winter damage contributed to diminished yields. Quality was impressive, and grapes ripened ahead of usual expectations. Harvest kicked into high gear in early September as damp, misty days threatened the ideal growing season and brought urgency to avoid a repeat of 2018 and 2021. The good news was that grapes were in great condition after the summer and by October the skies cleared and what remained out in the vineyard enjoyed an unprecedented stretch of gorgeous warm, sunny weather that lasted through November. The 2022 growing season ultimately racked up 2632 growing degree days and gave us a stellar crop.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Harvested on October 7th at 19.6 Brix. The grapes were sorted, destemmed, pressed, cold settled, racked, and fermented at 58F in stainless steel with Elixir yeast. After alcoholic fermentation completed in early December the wine rested on its gross lees for 7 months. It was then filtered and bottled on May 18th, 2023.

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	2.88	RS	0.26%
TA	10.4 g/l	ABV	11.6%
Cases Produced	350		

100% Riesling – 100% Saw Mill Creek Vineyards

