

2022

BILLSBORO WINERY

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SAWMILL CREEK VINEYARDS

FINGER LAKES



TASTING NOTES

Aromas of watermelon, Key lime, and Ruby Red grapefruit with hints of lemongrass and white peppercorn. Juicy and inviting on the palate. Best served chilled from 42°-46°F

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 10th at 21.2 Brix, both varieties were processed together, destemmed and pressed off their skins with only 4 hours skin contact. The juice was cold settled, racked, and co-fermented in stainless steel with Rhone 4600 yeast at 59F. Racked on December 14th off its lees, tank aged, and cold stabilized. Filtered and bottled on April 11th, 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	3.48	RS	0.0%
TA	7.6 g/l	ABV	12.3%
Cases Produced	293		

52% Cabernet Sauvignon-48% Cabernet Franc
100% Sawmill Creek Vineyards

