

2022

BILLSBORO WINERY

ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR - SYRAH

SAWMILL CREEK VINEYARDS

FINGER LAKES



TASTING NOTES

Aromas of mandarin orange, white cherries, and fresh herbs. The texture is lush and full on the palate. A great rosé for seafood and hearty fare.

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

The Pinot Noir was hand harvested on September 12th at 18.8 Brix, and the Syrah was hand harvested on September 29th at 17.8 Brix. In both cases the grapes were destemmed and pressed after 4 hours of skin contact, and the musts were cold settled, racked, chaptalized to 20 Brix. The Pinot Noir was inoculated with W15 yeast, while the Syrah was inoculated with Rhone 4600 yeast. Both were tank fermented. After alcoholic fermentation was completed, the lots were blended on November 18th and subsequently completed a spontaneous malolactic fermentation. Filtered and bottled on February 16, 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	3.34	RS	0.04%
TA	6.5 g/l	ABV	11.7%
Cases Produced	415		

56% Pinot Noir-44% Syrah
100% Sawmill Creek Vineyards