

2022

BILLSBORO WINERY

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sawmill Creek and Martini Vineyards

FINGER LAKES

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of grapefruit peel, white peach, and apple blossom lead to a plush texture on the palate. Fresh, herbal, and distinctly chalky 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 and 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 September 19th at 18.4 Brix, the grapes were destemmed, pressed, cold settled, racked, chaptalized to 21.4 Brix and tank fermented with VIN 13 yeast at 57F. Tank aged on its lees then racked on February 6th, filtered and bottled on April 12, 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. The Martini Vineyards are located on the west side of Seneca Lake in Penn Yan, NY and have been providing high quality grapes since the 1980's.

TECHNICAL NOTES

pH	3.08	RS	0.32%
TA	7.8 g/l	ABV	11.4%
Cases Produced	420		

100% Sauvignon Blanc

70% Sawmill Creek Vineyards – 30% Martini Vineyards

