2023 Riesling

TASTING NOTES

Fresh pineapple, honeysuckle, and Key lime sit poised on a plush, round texture. Best served chilled from 42°- 46°F

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter 2022-2023 was not snowy or cold, though a few nights dipped below zero, resulting in some spotty but minor bud damage. An unusually warm, wet April set the stage for early bud break and vigorous shoot development. Notably, in the early hours of May 19th, a late frost damaged many vineyards across the region, making for a very unsettling start to the season. Thankfully this turned out not to be as devastating to yields as was initially feared. The midsummer months were relatively cool and very wet. Smoke from wildfires in Quebec created odd, sun-blot conditions on several days.

Mercifully, August brought dry, sunny weather. September started off hot, with a string of 90-degree days, that lowered stubbornly high acids and nudged up sugars in the grapes. Thanks to the dry harvest conditions and low disease pressure vintners were able to let most varieties hang longer to catch up on ripening, ending the season on a hopeful note. As the saying goes – all's well that ends well. This couldn't be more true for what was a roller coaster year in the Finger Lakes.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Machine harvested at Sawmill Creek Vineyards with 5% botrytis on October 12th at 19 Brix and October 27th at Zugibe Vineyards with 10% botrytis at 18 Brix. Tank fermented separately with 58W3 yeast, then blended on December 11th. Tank aged with no fining, then filtered and bottled on February 6, 2024.

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. Zugibe Vineyards is located on the eastern shores of Seneca Lake in Geneva, NY where they have been growing grapes since 2005. Currently, they have 11 varietals planted across 40 acres of vineyards.

pH: 3.09 **RS:** 2.1% **TA:** 9.3 g/l **ABV:** 10.2% **Cases Produced:** 270

Blend: 100% Riesling

89% Sawmill Creek Vineyards / 11% Zugibe Vineyards