



Cabernet Franc 2022



Appellation: Finger Lakes

Vineyards: Atwater Estate, North 6 Block

Wine Profile

Harvest Date: October 16, 2022

Harvest Brix: 22.6°

Elevation: 710-770 feet

Soil Type: Hudson (NE, 10%), Schoharie (N, 50%), Lordstown (SE, 10%), Lansing (S, 40%)

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Acidity: 6.7 g/L

pH: 3.78

Residual Sugar: 0.1% (1.0g/L)

ABV: 13.2%

Yeast: Spontaneous (Pied de Cuve)

Malolactic Fermentation: Yes

Fermentation and Pressing: Fermented for twelve days in stainless steel tanks with pump overs three times daily

Aging: Nine months in neutral French and Hungarian oak barrels

Bottling: August 10, 2023

Production: 439 Cases

Wine Release Date: February 15, 2024

Vintage Notes

Although winter was fairly typical, we did have a few nights below -5° which became quite consequential. Spring arrived as expected, stayed cool enough to keep the buds from opening too soon, and for the most part was drier than normal. The summer season was generally hot and dry, so dry, that the region was in an official drought for much of July and August. This dry spell also kept berry size down which in turn contributed to diminished yields. As we moved into September, the pattern changed dramatically: most days were damp and misty, and the urgency to avoid a repeat of 2018 and 2021 kicked harvesting into high gear. Coming into the home stretch the grapes were already two weeks ahead on the ripening curve due to a much lighter crop (winter damage) and a dry summer (drought conditions). 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 racked up 2632 growing degree days.