



GOOD EARTH RED WINE 2021



Finger Lakes, New York



ALCOHOL: 11.7%
BLEND: Lemberger, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Regent
BOTTLED: April 15, 2022
CASES PRODUCED: 321
ELEVAGE: 6 months in neutral oak barriques
FERMENTATION: A combination of indigenous and cultured yeast fermented in several small batches.

OUR STORY

Owner-winemakers Paul and Shannon Brock represent the new generation of young winemakers propelling the Finger Lakes region to prominence. At the helm of Silver Thread since 2011, the couple has shepherded the 40-year-old estate winery to new heights with a focus on expressive, terroir-driven Riesling. Estate vines are farmed **bio-intensively**, a holistic, non-chemical approach. Small-batch wine production does not exceed 3,000 cases. Winemaking always embraces the characteristics of the vintage without any adjustments to the fruit or juice, resulting in pure and expressive wines. The **turtle image** on our label is a local Native American artifact that reminds us to care for the land and water that give us the gift of wine.

VINEYARD NOTES

This 2021 vintage is a proprietary blend featuring red varieties that thrive in colder climates. Our proximity to Seneca Lake allows for some protection from late spring – and early fall – frosts, which means less fruit is lost due to inclement weather. Grapes were sourced from our trusted grower partners and represent a variety of glacial soil types.

TASTING NOTES

This youthful blend is ruby/purple in color with notes of cherry, raspberry, cranberry, clove, and black pepper. Medium body and soft tannins, with some herbaceous notes and a subtle oak finish. This wine is meant to be enjoyed young but could be aged for up to five years. Will pair well with red sauces, braised meats, and chili.

VINTAGE NOTES

In 2021, our grapes got very ripe in three out of the four ripeness criteria—physiological ripeness, flavor ripeness and low acid level. Grape vines in the Finger Lakes had a difficult time achieving sugar ripeness because they were so waterlogged from the rainy season. As a result, the 2021 wines have great flavor and a soft mouthfeel (from the low acid), but lower alcohol.