

2012 *Cabernet Franc/Lemberger* Finger Lakes

FOX RUN
VINEYARDS™



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The Vineyard

Vineyard Sources: Fox Run Vineyards Blocks 6, 8 & 11

Block 6 – Established 1995 with alternating layers of clays and sand at an elevation of 470 ft.

Block 8 – Established 1997 with clays and silts with shallow bedrock and glacial till at an elevation of 590 ft.

Block 11 – Established 1998 with fertile, well-drained soil with sandy loam over lakeshore stones at an elevation of 660 ft.

Growing Conditions: 2012 was an ideal year in the Finger Lakes for all varieties. An early start to the growing season advanced vine growth by several weeks, and the hot and dry midsummer conditions allowed for excellent sugar accumulation in the grapes. Moderate rainfall late in the summer helped with the final stages of ripening.

Harvest

Harvest Date: September 26 - October 16, 2012

Brix At Harvest: 21.1-22.4° B

The Winemaking

Varietal Composition: 50% Cabernet Franc, 50% Lemberger

Vinification: Grapes were machine picked at dawn, and were immediately crushed into open-top fermentation vessels. Our favorite yeast strain was added, and fermentation began within 24 hours. At dryness, the grapes were pressed to a stainless steel tank. After several days of settling, the wine was transferred to a mixture of French and American oak barrels. Following an extended period in oak, selected lots of Cabernet franc and Lemberger were blended together.

The Wine

Residual Sugar: 0%

pH: 3.58

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 12.9%

Bottling Date: February 17, 2014

Production: 1005 cases

Released: May 2014

On The Palate

Leather, blackcurrants, anise, black pepper, blackberry jam, nutmeg and cedar all vie for attention in the nose. This wine displays a rich and soft mouthfeel and balanced tannins. Look for an intriguing smokiness on the finish.