

2010 Merlot

Finger Lakes

FOX RUN



VINEYARDS™



We are dedicated to sustainable grape growing and winemaking practices.

To learn more about our vineyards and winemaking practices, come visit to taste and take a tour.

Scott & Ruth Osborn, Proprietors
Peter Bell, Winemaker
John Kaiser, Vineyard Manager

The Vineyard

Fox Run sits high on Torrey Ridge, overlooking one of the deepest parts of Seneca Lake. With fifty acres of eastern-facing vineyards, on glacial soils of broken shale and sandy loam, the winery produces a remarkable range of limited production, site expressive estate wines. Under the dynamic, forward-looking ownership of Scott and Ruth Osborn, Fox Run is one of the first artisanal wine producers in the cool-climate Finger Lakes region of New York State.

Vineyard Sources: Fox Run Vineyards Blocks 5, 7, 9 & 10

Block 5 – Established 1994, Alternating layers of clays and sand, Elevation 470 ft.

Block 7 – Established 1996, Alternating layers of sand and clays, Elevation 450 ft.

Block 9 – Established 2000, Clays and silts with shallow bedrock and glacial till, Elevation 595 ft.

Block 10 – Established 1998, Fertile, well-drained soil with sandy loam over lakeshore stones, Elevation 660 ft.

Varietal Composition: 100% Merlot

Growing Conditions: 2010's ripening season delivered superb conditions for all grape varieties. Even rainfall throughout the summer, coupled with record sunshine, gave us grapes of ideal quality.

The Winemaking

Harvest Date: October 15 & 20, 2010

Harvest Method: Hand-Picked

Brix At Harvest: 22.2° B on 10/15, 23.7° B on 10/20

Type Of Fermentation Vessel: Fermented in open-top fermenters

Aging: 13 months in French and American oak barrels

The Wine

Residual Sugar: 0.21%

pH: 3.85

Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Alcohol: 12.0%

Bottling Date: March 13, 2012

Production: 451 cases

On The Palate

Classic Merlot aromas suggesting plum jam, blackberries, cedar and spice greet the nose. In the mouth, this wine is rich and velvety, with enough fine-grained tannins to make the taster aware that this is a serious, age-worthy red wine.