



## SAWMILL CREEK VINEYARD RIESLING 2015

*100% Riesling*  
*East side of Seneca Lake (Hector, NY)*  
*Soils: shale*  
*Hand-harvested, sorted, and whole cluster pressed*  
*Harvest Date: Oct. 21*  
*Fermented with indigenous yeasts*  
*Fermented and aged in neutral barrels*  
*Residual Sugar: 0.4%*  
*Production: 100 cases*  
*Alcohol: 13%*

### VINTAGE

2015 was a classic Finger Lakes vintage with a season of fickle weather--superb results depended on excellent work in the vineyards. After a second harsh winter, we jump started straight to summer temperatures, skipping spring altogether. June then turned rainy and overcast for most of the month. The season rebounded with warm, dry weather until late September when the skies opened up for 36 hours. Sunny weather followed, creating the perfect conditions for botrytis. The vintage ended with a prolonged frost on October 18th.

Forge stayed vigilant throughout this capricious vintage, pulling leaves to open airflow and working with our partners to keep grapes healthy. Our Rieslings pushed the limits to our most advanced ripening yet, developing unctuous flavors and textures.

### VINEYARD

Sawmill Creek is one the best sites in the Finger Lakes to make Riesling and Pinot Noir. Its relatively warm micro climate generates a quite easy and quick ripening. In such a cold region, it makes the winemaking a lot easier. The level of complexity is high here and multidimensional Riesling can be made in a correct year. Sawmill being located close to the cellar allows us to have a great every-day control during the growing season to tune the balance and maintain the best fruit quality.

### TASTING NOTES

*Hibiscus - flint - peach*

*We have come to expect great complexity and expression from well-farmed grapes on this site which lies in a slope contiguous to Leidenfrost. This vineyard is a jewel of the Finger Lakes where Riesling expresses itself with both minerality and ripeness year after year. A riper, heftier style that mixes dried apricot, dried apple and wild peach with honey, anise, ginger, white pepper and loam.*