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PINOT NOIR *Classique* 2018

100% Pinot Noir

East side of Seneca Lake

Soils: shale, gravelly loam and clay with limestone

Harvest Dates: September 21 - 24

Alcohol: 12%

Production: 415 cases

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage was challenging in the lakes, but I deeply enjoyed it. After 28 vintages in the Rhône (and eight vintages on Seneca Lake), the wines that I am the proudest of are the wines from the challenging Rhône vintages: 1993, 1996, 1997, 2008, and 2014. All of them show unexpected quality, drinkability, and freshness. They demonstrate how precise and hard work can potentialize a vintage. The best way to understand this reality is to taste our 2018 Pinot Noir offerings. Everyone knows how unforgiving Pinot Noir is, particularly in the Finger Lakes. Yet, when treated with precision, hard work, discipline, and love, it is a very rewarding grape.

In 2017, we ended up having beautiful wines. I think 2018, in this regard, is quite similar. - LB

TASTING NOTES

nettle - red plum - licorice

Like *Les Alliés* Riesling, our *Classique* Pinot Noir is a blend of several sites. It is a "classic" Pinot with plentiful aromas of little red fruits and a beautiful texture. It has the softness of a ripe Pinot Noir made in a cool, long ripening region. Aged in both barrels and demi-muids. - LB