

BREAKNECK CREEK VINEYARD DRY RIESLING 2019

East side of Seneca Lake (Valois, NY)

Soils: gravelly silt loam

784ft elevation

Years Planted: mid-1990s

Harvest Date: Oct. 22

Spontaneous fermentation in barrel

Residual Sugar: 0.3% (3 g/l)

Total Acidity: 5.06 g/L

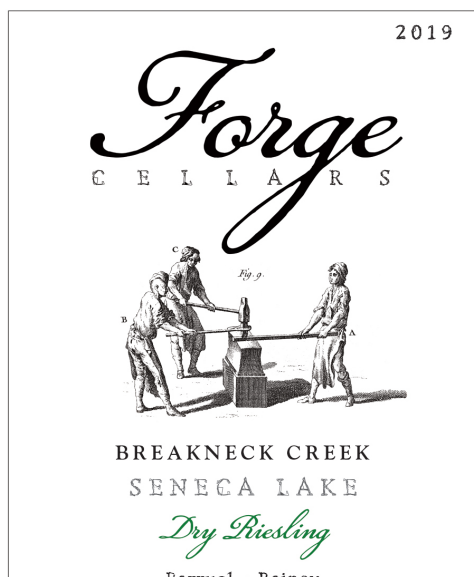
Alcohol: 12%

Production: 420 cases

TASTING NOTES

Peach, sea salt, refined

Our 2019 vintage marks the third single vineyard bottling of Breakneck Creek. It has become known and loved for the salinity and freshness that one finds along the seashore. Is it too early to call this bottling “iconic?” There are certain vineyards that are unmistakable in the bottle, vintage after vintage. The drama of the site is clearly magnified in the glass. This is Breakneck.



HISTORY OF THE SITE

A momentous part of the region’s history dating back to the 1890s, the construction of the Lehigh Valley Railway culvert above Breakneck Creek is an engineering marvel. The immense sandstone and limestone archway required the labor of nearly 3,000 men, and kept excursion boats in business, bringing spectators to and from the construction site throughout the years. Canal boats carrying materials unloaded at the mouth of the creek, leaving the steep trek upstream to small rail carts and mules. According to local lore, Breakneck Creek was given its name due to the severity of the slope and subsequent injuries from unsuccessful ventures uphill.

Still standing today, the archway is 20ft wide and 20ft tall and 378ft in length, while the entire culvert spans more than 1,000ft and is roughly 140ft tall.