

LEIDENFROST VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2020

East side of Seneca Lake (Hector)

*Soils: Lordstown channery silt loam
over shale*

Elevation: 760ft

Aspect: west-facing

Years Planted: mid-1990s

Harvest Date: 9/22-9/23

Spontaneous fermentation in wooden vat

ALC: 12.5%

Production: 145 cases

TASTING NOTES

camphor, clafoutis, compelling

Leidenfrost is a brazen beast, living among land that at times feels more like the Wild West than the serene bucolic farmland of the Finger Lakes. There exists a sense of order that can only be deciphered by nature itself. The terrain is unforgiving, jutting up from the landscape like the protective scales of a

beast that you dare not interrupt. Cultivating this land takes patience and tenacity, and requires a loss of ego to reap the rewards.

Leidenfrost is commanding, an enigma to its neighbors on the shore. Throughout the years, it has shown an ability to overcome even the harshest vintages by retaining the undeniable hallmark of the site—a smoldering minerality that is both compelling and sinister. Once Leidenfrost Pinot Noir begins to unravel itself, it becomes a more gentle translator of *terroir*, revealing the more ethereal nuances that lay beyond the first sip.

