

CABERNET FRANC LEIDENFROST VINEYARD 2021

East side of Seneca Lake (Hector)

*Soils: Lordstown channery silt loam
on shale*

Elevation: 760ft

Aspect: west-facing

Years Planted: early 1990s

Harvest Date: October 22, 2021

Spontaneous fermentation in wooden vat

ALC: 12.8%

Production: 118 cases

TASTING NOTES

graphite, juniper, longevity

In lieu of a Leidenfrost Dry Riesling in 2021, we welcome a Cabernet Franc from this site. It represents everything that we have come to expect from Leidenfrost—grit, verve, and breadth. Another red from this site built for the long haul.

One of the stark features of Leidenfrost Vineyard is the gravelly shale-laden terrain, the lack of topsoil, and the dramatic angle at which it hangs over Seneca Lake. There is nothing delicate about this site. The crunch of soil underfoot rescinds any opportunity for a quiet, meditative stroll; instead, it is defiant, commanding attention at every turn. The power of the physical landscape is a window into the soul of the wines that come from this site. They are not discreet in their approach, they do not keep you guessing, they tell you what they are with conviction and sincerity.

