

DRY RIESLING WAGNER CAYWOOD EAST VINEYARD 2021

East side of Seneca Lake (Lodi)

Soils: Lansing and Conesus gravelly

silt loam on shale

Elevation: 978ft

Aspect: west-facing

Years Planted: 2005-2006

Harvest Date: October 21, 2021

Spontaneous fermentation in neutral barrel

Residual Sugar: 0.14% (1.4 g/L)

Total Acidity: 7.4 g/L

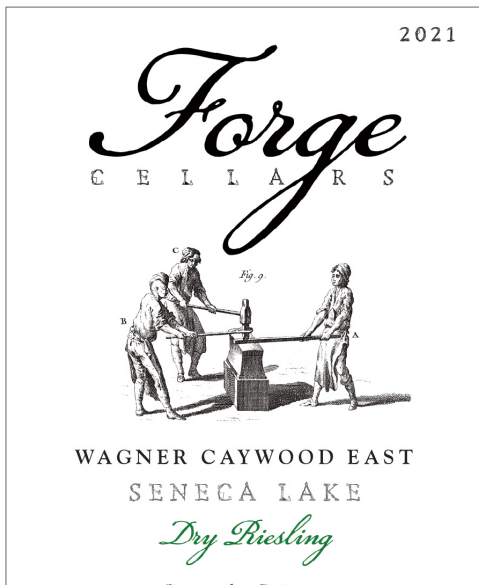
ALC: 12.7%

Production: 471 cases

TASTING NOTES

thyme, stone, cut

The vast majority of our collection of sites are situated on the downward slope closest to Seneca Lake, however, there are a few, such as Wagner Caywood East, that are nestled at the crest of the slope. Years ago, when Rick and grower, John Wagner were negotiating their partnership, John showed two plots that we could potentially work in. Of these two plots, we knew immediately that the one at the highest point of the slope, where the shale was most prevalent, would make an excellent addition to our collection.



Wagner Caywood East is a long, lean, wind-swept site with an extreme slope and bands of varied soils. The common thread among vintages from this site is a liveliness within the wine, an energy that the French would call *nervosité*.

This is the perfect example of how *terroir* transcends the varietal, and how Riesling can be used as a conduit of site expression. Winemaking practices among our Rieslings are exactly the same from site to site, yet there are stark differences between a wine like Wagner Caywood East and its slightly southern neighbor, Willow. Here, you have one site (WCE) with a much greater incline and more gravelly, shale-dominated composition, which tends to yield wines with a bit of tension and mineral focus, and another site (Willow) that sits on a softer grade with more moderating climatic factors from the lake, and finer sandy soils, which gives lift and grace, like a pirouette on the palate.