

DRY RIESLING WILLOW VINEYARD 2021

East side of Seneca Lake (Lodi)

*Soils: Aurora and Farmington silt loam
on shale*

Elevation: 725ft

Aspect: west-facing

Year Planted: 2014

Harvest Date: October 14, 2021

Spontaneous fermentation in neutral barrel

Residual Sugar: 0.15% (1.5 g/L)

Total Acidity: 8.7 g/L

ALC: 12.2%

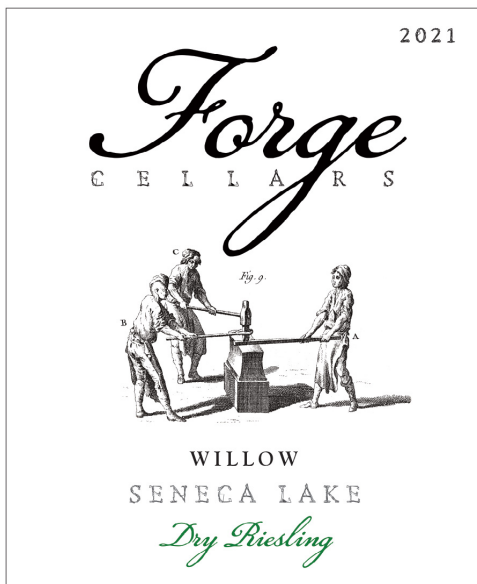
Production: 417 cases

TASTING NOTES

honeycomb, marmalade, abundant

Willow Dry Riesling is the quintessential starlet of our *lieux-dits*. There is an unabashed desire to impress, and a natural ability to garner attention without being overtly showy. For us, Willow maintains an unparalleled elegance every vintage. Owing much to the sandy soils at this site, this wine tends to have generous lift and deft agility on the palate.

Willow rests in the heart of 250 acres of grapes planted by five generations of the Wagner family. Along with the fascinating natural history of the Finger Lakes, we must not forget about the people that have brought this region to life, cultivating a community indebted to the hard work of these pioneers.



Willow is among three distinct sites farmed by John Wagner that we work with consistently: Willow, Railroad, and Wagner Caywood East. John is a fourth generation grape-grower, and it was his father, Bill Wagner who was among the first wave of farmers to construct a winery when the Farm Winery Act of 1976 was passed. In the middle of an old horse pasture, he dug a subterranean wine cellar and expanded his varietally diverse vineyards.

Without the ingenuity of native multi-generational farmers like the Wagners, we could not paint such a vivid narrative of Seneca Lake. Many of the stories shared throughout the region (and many that we share with you) are passed on from generations of families who helped give this land voice and care for it as kin.