

KEUKA LAKE VINEYARDS

FINE ESTATE WINES

2018 Semi-Dry Riesling

Vineyards: 73% 20 Rows, 14% Ernesto Lucie,
11% Goldman, 2% Lower Eastside

Final Analysis

Alcohol: 9.1%
Residual Sugar: 14.7 g/L
Final pH: 3.02
Final TA: 8.6 g/L
Date Bottled: July 2, 2019
Total Production: 303 cases

Harvest Data

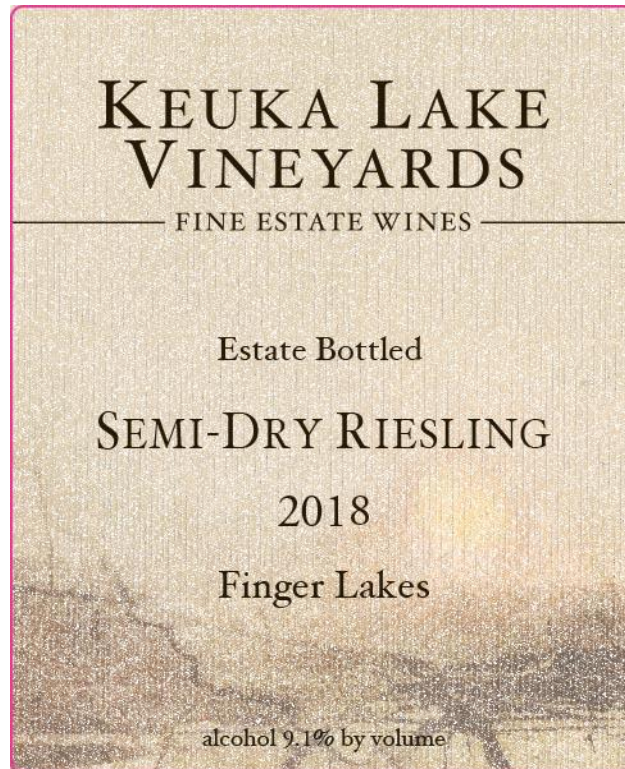
Ernesto Lucie & Goldman
Harvested: October 13, 2018
Brix: 16.6

20 Rows

Harvested: October 21, 2018
Brix: 16.6

20 Rows & Upper and Lower Eastside

Harvested: October 22, 2018
Brix: 15.8



The Story

There are seven mature estate Riesling vineyards at KLV – Goldman, Evergreen Lek, Falling Man, Ernesto Lucie, 20 Rows, Upper Eastside, and Lower Eastside. Every spring, the winemaker and owner blind taste all of the vineyard Riesling lots to determine which vineyards will be bottled with their own label. Once the team determines the vineyard bottlings, trials on the remaining vineyard lots are assembled and tasted to determine the final blends for the Dry and Semi-Dry Rieslings. For the Semi-Dry we lean toward a style that is more fruit forward with a residual sugar level that delicately balances the acidity.

Vinification

The fruit from Ernesto Lucie and Goldman vineyards was field blended and pressed together, and the resulting juice was settled for three days before inoculation with CEG; fermentation lasted for one month at temperatures less than 70°F. Grapes from our vineyards on the east side of Keuka Lake were picked about one week later; one batch containing fruit only from 20 Rows and another a field blend of 20 Rows and Upper & Lower Eastside vineyards. These two lots were treated similarly. Both were pressed and the juice was settled for 48 hours, then inoculated with RHST, and fermented for three weeks at temperatures less than 68°F. This wine was naturally cold stabilized by winter cellar temperatures, and is vegan friendly.

Vineyards

The 20 Rows Vineyard is our largest estate site, at just over four acres, and is located on the east side of Keuka Lake. Made of mostly clay sediment with dense glacial till, the soils are moderately well-drained as they slope down towards the lake. The Upper Eastside vineyard site is two acres made of mostly clay sediment with dense glacial till, and is moderately well-drained as it slopes down towards the lake. Lower Eastside is a small vineyard under one acre, with our usual 5' spacing and a relatively flat slope. The vineyard site lay fallow for over 15 years before planting, lending a good topsoil to these Riesling vines. The Goldman vineyard is just over one acre, and is the first Riesling planted by Mel and Dorothee in 1998. On the flatter and more western edge, the soils are a silty-loam formed from glacial till with large stone fragments. As the vineyard starts sloping towards the lake, the soils change to more loam-based with large amounts of dense glacial till. Ernesto Lucie is predominately loam-based with small stone fragments and a very gentle slope.