

# KEUKA LAKE VINEYARDS

FINE ESTATE WINES

## 2018 KLV Red

**Varietal Composition:** 54% Marechal Foch  
23% Cabernet Franc  
18% De Chaunac  
6% Vincent

**Vineyards:** 60% Swedish Hill (M. Foch & Vincent)  
40% Overlook (Cab Franc & De Chaunac)

### Final Analysis

Alcohol: 11.6%  
Residual Sugar: 4.0 g/L  
Final pH: 3.56  
Final TA: 6.3 g/L  
Date Bottled: July 29, 2019  
Total Production: 279 cases

### The Story

This wine began with a by-product of our Rosé production, which is made from De Chaunac, a red hybrid grape. When the grapes are pressed, the juice that is first pressed out is pink, because the red pigments of De Chaunac are found in the skins, not the pulp. As the grapes are pressed harder and harder, the juice becomes more darkly colored, eventually becoming too dark for Rosé. The winemaker separately ferments that hard press fraction of De Chaunac. At harvests' end in 2018, we had 132 gallons of hard press De Chaunac red wine that was fermented and aged in stainless steel tank. What to do with it?

We turned to the bulk red wine market in the hopes of purchasing some gems that would blend well with the De Chaunac. Among many others, we conducted blend trials with Marechal Foch & Vincent wines from Swedish Hill - which created a fruit forward style that we most enjoyed. In the last month before bottling, we decided to add a few barrels of our Overlook Cabernet Franc for a touch of vinifera backbone. This wine is vegan friendly.

### Vineyards

Overlook Farms is located on the western side of Seneca Lake, where grower Harry Humphreys operates several conventionally-farmed vineyards. Keuka Lake Vineyards has been sourcing Cabernet Franc fruit from Overlook since 2009, and De Chaunac fruit for the first time in 2018.

Swedish Hill has vineyards in multiple locations around the Finger Lakes. The Vincent is grown on Cayuga Lake and the Marechal Foch is grown on Seneca Lake.

