



# 2020 REBEL

## TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING:

Intense can be a good word! And in this case it defines our 2020 Rebel nicely. A royal golden hue captures the eye. Aromas intoxicate. Spice prevails surrounded by subtle florals. Flavors that evoke the scents of a late summer field; savory spices, heady herbals all paired with citrus orchards. A flirting zip of fire finishes off this enticing and invigorating wine.

Spicy Thai or Szechuan yearn to be honored with a sip per bite.

**DRINK WINDOW:** Drink through 2026+

**SERVING TEMPERATURE:** 42° - 51° f

## WINEMAKING:

**VARIETAL:** 100% Gewürztraminer

Harvest Date: 9/28/2020	Hand harvested
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L	Hand sorted
Alcohol: 14.5%	Natural Ferment
Harvest Brix: 24.0°	Unfined
pH: 3.58	Bottling Date: 6/15/2021
Residual Sugar: 0.0%	Cases Produced: 120

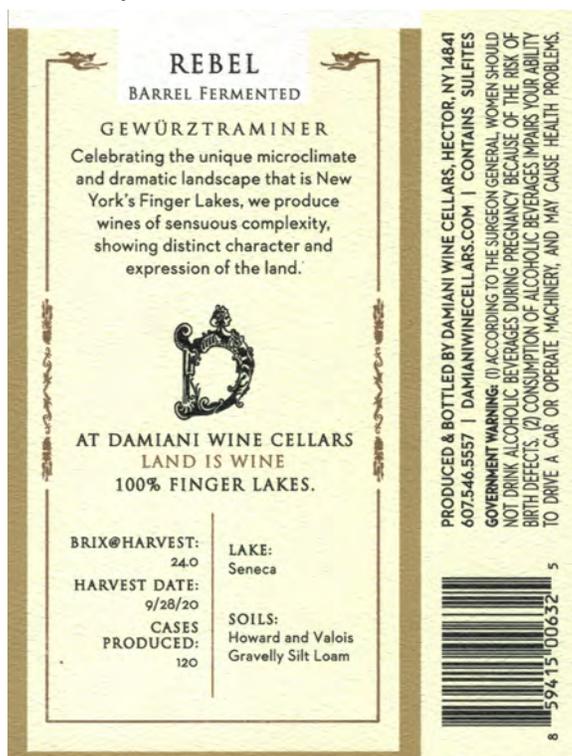
3 day cold soak; foot stomp; all whole cluster.

Barrel fermented in 5 225L barrels.

Cellared for 7 months in stainless steel.

## VINTAGE NOTES:

2020 was a vintage of idyllic growing conditions, especially in northeast USA terms. We could hardly ask for better growing conditions or a more forgiving and timely harvest. We experienced all the heat we could desire in timely doses. Not overbearing, just continuous and moderate. There was a welcome level of comfort having the fruit basking post leaf removal without the worry of burn. In addition, 2020 offered just the right amount of moisture stress (read lack of rain) to keep the fruit slightly dehydrated and the consequent flavor development of the skins and pulp lent a complexity to the juices that are playing out in the wines. Wines that people will be savoring both as a panacea to the angst that 2020 brings to the mind as well as feeding the palate the ever-present desire for excitement. A winemaker's dream. Expect to see wines of extremely high quality from this vintage, both reds and whites (and sparkling!!). Phil and Lauren have nursed these wines to speak well of the year that many will want to forget. A conundrum. Nature has prevailed, as she always will, over the whims of man. How fortunate. Happy drinking!



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