



2019

LEMBERGER

Sunrise Hill Vineyard
Single Vineyard Series

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter of 2018-19 was pretty mild, resulting in little to no bud damage and setting us up for a good year of growing to come. 2019 started with a pretty “by the books” finger lakes spring, with an on-time start to the growing season; no late frosts to hassle us and a reasonable amount of rainfall. The growing season was warm but not hot, with moderate rain which tapering off by the fall to a nice mild harvest season. The weather cooperated well and allowed the vines to achieve full ripeness and flavor development. Overall, a solid growing season finished with a nice easy, harvest.

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested	Hand-sorted Harvest
Harvest Date: 10/21/2019	Brix: 22.0°
Total Acidity: 6.9 g/L	pH: 3.42
Unfined & Unfiltered	Bottling Date: 8/3/2020
Cases Produced: 116	Alcohol: 12.4%

OAK PROGRAM

Aged for 9 months in mostly 2-3 year old French and a balance of neutral oak barrels.

VITICULTURE & VINEYARD SITE

Sunrise Hill Vineyard, a picturesque landscape located on the western side of Cayuga Lake, is owned and operated by Bob and Kathy Ruis. Here, 12 acres of eastern-facing vinifera grapes are grown. The combination of soil, location and climate produce grapes that are packed with bright, fruit-focused flavors with just a hint of mineral and spice.

SERVING TEMPERATURE 53° - 60°f

DRINK WINDOW - Drink through 2024+

TASTING NOTES

This gloriously inky, garnet hued Lemberger is a sight to behold! A perfume-y aroma makes one’s mouth water at the first sniff. Scents of ripe red raspberries, black currants, fresh strawberries and the dark and enchanting aroma of orchids in bloom are braced by gentle notes of oak and a hint of unsweetened whipped cream. With the first sip an explosion of flavors tantalize the palate! A flood of ripe fruit; plums, both black and red, red currants, blackberries, brambleberries, and a hint of vanilla, all braced by the most delicate brush of tobacco and white pepper. This is a Lemberger to be adored by Lemberger fans and to perhaps make some new ones!

