

# 2020 LEMBERGER

## SUNRISE HILL VINEYARD

*Single Vineyard Series*

### TASTING NOTES

Big, bold and beautiful! Our celebrated single vineyard Lemberger from Sunrise Hill is certainly something else this year. Aromas cast a broad swath; a dash of cedar, a splash of huckleberry cobbler and a delicate waft of graphite are all seasoned with a gentle hint of white pepper in this opulent glassful of rubies. On the tongue, spice is the name of the game: white pepper on the very tip and cayenne far to the back. Sandwiched in the middle is a sassy and stout blend of black and red currants, vanilla bean, and pine resin. Long, strong and sinewy through to end, this is a Lemberger to savor.

### WINEMAKING

100% Lemberger

Aged for 9 months in 20% Hungarian & 80% French oak barrels.

Hand-harvested

Harvest Date: 10/6/2020

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottling Date: 7/28/2021

Hand-sorted

Harvest Brix: 24.0°

Total Acidity: 6.8g/L

pH: 3.44

**SERVING TEMPERATURE:** 53° - 60°f

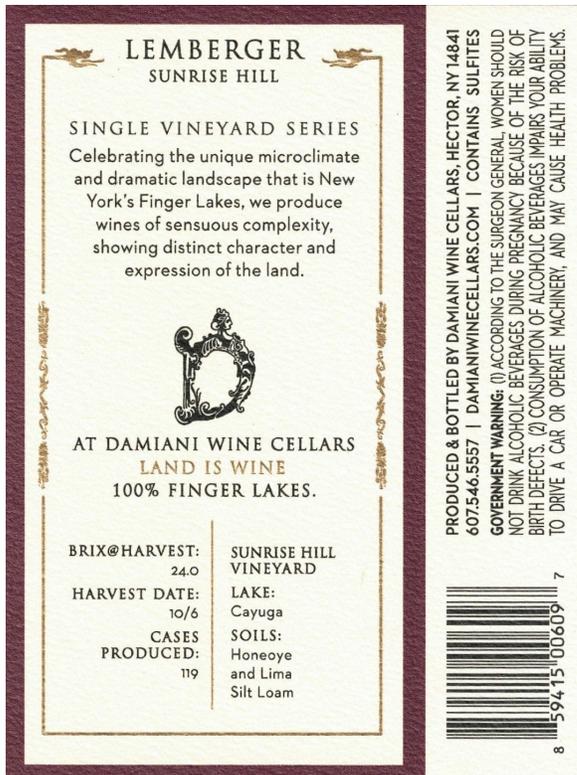
**DRINK WINDOW:** now - 2023 - 2027

### 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.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2020 was a winemaker's dream, a vintage of idyllic growing conditions in the Finger Lakes. Expect to see extremely high-quality wines that show concentration, complexity, silky tannins, and the varietal specificity for which we are known. During the growing season we experienced gorgeous warm days and heat in timely doses. The heat produced 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. Our winemakers, Phil and Lauren, crafted truly remarkable wines that will show well early, but will have the depth of character to age gracefully.



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