

BELLANGELO

FINELY CRAFTED FINGER LAKES WINES

2012 MERITAGE

2012 GROWING SEASON SUMMARY

After a mild winter, bud break occurred in mid-March, very early by comparison to recent vintages. Late March presented wine growers with sleepless nights, as several frost events threatened this promising vintage. Although some damage occurred, Bellangelo and its premium growers endured the spring, only to experience a long, dry summer, with rains that were perfectly timed to provide necessary moisture to the vines, without too much moisture accumulation. In all, the 2012 vintage proved to be a near perfect vintage for the Finger Lakes, particularly for red grape varieties, and a very special year for Bellangelo's fine wines.

Our Meritage blends three of the most important vineyard sites Bellangelo currently works with. Using the exception Merlot from the ten rows closest to the lake at the Gibson Vineyard, a premium selection of Cabernet Franc from the Morris Vineyard, and the exceptionally ripe and flavorful Cabernet Sauvignon from the storied Sawmill Creek Vineyard, the Bellangelo Meritage is an exceptional example of a Bordeaux style blend from an exceptional vintage in the Finger Lakes.

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRINGS

At Bellangelo, we specialize in hand-crafting small lot, authentic wines that offer a maximum expression of Finger Lakes terroir.

2012 Meritage

Nose: Black Currant, Cedar, Vanilla

Palate: Black Currant, Plum, Tobacco

Finish: Balanced Tannins with Lingering Blueberry Finish

At Bellangelo, we suggest classic Meritage pairings with our wine, including duck, rich vegetable casseroles, and nearly any red meat.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Gibson Vineyard (50%), Sawmill Creek Vineyard (30%), Morris Vineyard (20%)

Appellation: Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes

Alcohol: 12.7%

pH: 3.51

TA: 6.1 g/L

Malolactic Fermentation: Full ML

Barrel Aging: Aged for 14 months in oak

Type of Oak: 60% 1 year-old French oak, 40% 4 year-old or older French and American oak

Bottling Date: May 8, 2014

Bottle: Antique Green Bordeaux 750mL

Closure: Premium Natural Cork

Production: 225 cases

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.00

