

BELLANGELO

FINELY CRAFTED FINGER LAKES WINES

2012 MERLOT

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 Merlot was grown by Marty Gibson. Mr. Gibson hails from a prominent Finger Lakes wine grape growing family, and his ten acre vineyard on the west side of Seneca Lake is optimally located to take advantage of gentle warm lake breezes that add days and weeks to the growing season late into the fall.

Soil Type: 50% Cayuga Silt Loam, Eroded, 8-15% Slopes, and 50% Howard Gravelly Loam 8-15% Slopes

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 Merlot

Nose: Bing Cherry, Coffee, Vanilla

Palate: Black Cherry, Blueberry, Blackberry, Cedar

Finish: Balanced Tannins with Lingering Finish

At Bellangelo, we pair our Merlot with goat cheese, red sauce pastas, and nearly any red meat.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: 100% Merlot

Vineyards: Gibson Vineyard (100%)

Appellation: Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes

Harvest Dates: October 6, 2012

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.44

TA: 6.0 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: 100 cases

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.00

