

BELLANGELO

FINELY CRAFTED FINGER LAKES WINES

2015 CHARDONNAY

2015 GROWING SEASON SUMMARY

Narrowly avoiding a late spring frost, the growing season of 2015 got off to a tenuous and slow start that was forced to confront a very wet June. Concern over rot and slow growth was tempered as heat accumulation began to slowly mount. Ultimately, 2015 was the warmest vintage when measured by heat accumulation since 2012. It wasn't until August that the heat accumulation became as apparent in the vineyard. Similar to 2014, the late summer period of warm dry weather helped position harvest to begin slightly earlier than in 2014.

Harvest decisions were hastened by mid-September rains that ushered in a sense of urgency for picking, and brought cooler weather as well. Fortunately, in some sites such as the Gibson Vineyard, warm pockets enabled us to prolong picking decisions in some meso-climates, and seek greater ripeness in some of our wines. In all, 2015 was challenging, but with enough warmth and sun to move phenological and sugar ripeness in the right direction.

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRINGS

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

2015 Chardonnay

Nose: Candied citrus, warm baking spices

Palate: Fresh acidity, apple and citrus salad, with hints of vanilla and light oak

Finish: Lingering blend of fresh citrus, baked apple, and hints of sweetness

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition: Chardonnay (100%)

Vineyard(s): 28% Tuller Vineyard, 72% Morris Vineyard

Harvest Date(s): September 16, 2015, September 24, 2015 (respectively)

Alcohol: 12.8%

pH: 3.28

TA: 7.3 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2 g/L

Fermentation: 72% fermented in stainless steel at cool temperatures. 28% fermented in French oak for structure and hints of oak tannin and flavor.

Malolactic Fermentation: 28% Full ML, Remaining portion ML inhibited via cooling and SO₂

Oak Use and Regimen: 28% of wine fermented and aged in barrels with at least one previous fill

Bottling Date: September 3, 2016

Bottle: Deadleaf Green Burgundy 750

Closure: Premium Natural Cork

Production: 280 Cases

Release Date: May 1, 2018

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