



# FREE BIRD

*By Cat Smith*

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## Free Bird Riesling 2022

Sometimes to see properly, it is better to close our eyes. Free Bird re-imagines Riesling, as a soft but tropical white wine. Flavours of lime citrus balance those of mango and tangerine. Like diving into a cool pool on a hot day, this wine is adult lemonade.

### DESCRIPTION

At a time when freedom had to be won, it was bold imagination coupled with bravery that made our pioneering ancestor, Catherine 'Cat' Smith, truly free. In the 1790's, Cat and her husband, an Iroquois/Mennonite soldier and United Empire Loyalist, took a leap of faith and settled land overlooking a verdant valley in Niagara's Short Hills Bench. In this area, the Scarlet Tanager and many other songbirds served as a backdrop to the daily chores and pleasures of family life.

With the years of war behind her, Cat was free to chose her company and her way of life. Her power to unapologetically do something in a new way continues to inspire, including with this naturally lively wine.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

- Gently pressed as whole berries during harvest
- Cold settled until bright
- Cool fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks to retain aromatics

### FOOD MATCHES

Spicy Shrimp Noodle Salad, Fresh Cheese Spaetzle, Sesame Chicken Salad with Ginger-Lime Dressing

**PRICE** \$12.95

#### GEOGRAPHIC DESIGNATION

VQA Niagara Peninsula

#### TECH. INFO

Alc.: 10.5%  
TA: 6.9g/L

#### CSPC

28672

#### SCC

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