

2018 Sans Oak Chardonnay

Doyle Fournier Vineyard

red tail ridge winery 

*First LEED® Gold certified green winery in New York
Red Tail Ridge is a boutique winery located in
the heart of the Finger Lakes on the western
shore of Seneca Lake. We specialize in limited
production cool climate wine grapes.*

Vintage Notes: Late spring and early summer of 2018 was dry and relatively warm. In fact, it started to look like a repeat of 2016. Then Mother Nature flipped the script and handed us day after day of rain as mid-August rolled around. Torrential downpours caused flash floods in the region, with some areas getting as much as 7 inches of rain in a matter of hours. We were on the lower end with just about 3 inches of rain from the first major rainstorm. Finally after persistent rain, some much needed warmth came to help with ripening, but with the heat came humidity. The humidity forced us to work overtime in the vineyard to prevent as much disease pressure as possible. Harvest kicked off August 31st at RTR with fruit from our new vineyard site, Earl's place. Sparkling and Dornfelder harvest followed in early September with some extra hand sorting to mitigate any damage caused by the humid end to the growing season. By mid-October we were pretty much done with all of harvest. Fruit yields were average, but coming off the 2017 abundant vintage, it felt smaller. The first light dusting of snow showed up around Oct. 18th and the next day we decided to utilize the developing noble rot within our Riesling blocks and officially ended harvest on Oct. 19th with botrytis Riesling.



Tasting Notes: Delicate pear on the nose with crunchy yellow apple and whiffs of citrus peel and mandarin oranges. White floral, honeysuckle and wet limestone follow. On the palate more concentrated citrus, lime, crisp apple, pear juice and cooked quince. Zippy acidity with a lingering note of lemon, faint vanilla and honey.

Winegrowing: Doyle Family Vineyard. Planted in the early 1970s by Charles Fournier.

Elevation: Between 750-800 feet. Seneca Lake's Elevation: 443 feet.

Soil Type: Honeoye Silt Loam, Deep.

Viticulture Notes: Trellis-VSP.

Winemaking:

Harvest Date: Sept 23 & Sept 24

Processing Points: Crushed & Destemmed. Fermented in stainless steel tank. Unfined (Vegan-friendly), filtered prior to bottling.

Aging: Stainless steel tanks, aged on light lees.

Wine Details:

pH: 3.7

TA: 5.34 g/L

ALC: 11.8%



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