



red tail ridge

First Gold LEED Certified green winery in New York
James Beard Nominated 2019 & 2020

2018 Blanc de Noirs

RTR Estate Vineyard

Harvest 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 Red Tail Ridge with fruit from the newest block, Earl's Place. Sparkling harvest began in early September with some extra hand sorting to mitigate any damage caused by the humid end to the growing season. Fruit yields were average, but coming off the 2017 abundant vintage, it felt smaller.

Appellation: Finger Lakes AVA

Soil Type(s): Glacial Till, Siltstone

Vines Planted: 2005

Harvest Date: September 5, 2018

Initial Tirage: June 2019

Sweetness: Extra Brut

ABV: 12%

Cases Produced: 150

Tasting Notes:

Complex aromas of dried mushroom, brioche, honeysuckle and dried fruit. Flavors of brambly red fruit, roasted lemon, mushrooms, and toast.



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