



FINGER  
LAKES  
WINE ALLIANCE

*"The best wines of the Finger Lakes are undeniably liquid expressions of terroir... I can't imagine a better winemaking region, or more dynamic winemakers, anywhere in the United States." - Anna Lee C Iijima, Contributing Editor, Wine Enthusiast*

# FINGER LAKES

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NEW YORK







The Finger Lakes Wine Alliance brings together industry leaders to move our wine region forward, and we are made stronger by our member wineries who support Finger Lakes Wine Alliance programs.

Our mission is to increase the visibility and reputation of the Finger Lakes AVA, its wines, and wineries.

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## **INSIDE NEW YORK'S LARGEST WINE REGION**

### **IN OUR VINEYARDS**

1,000+ acres under vine

2,155 of vinifera planted (950 acres are Riesling)

2,209 of hybrid planted • 4,683 of native planted\*

### **IN OUR CELLARS**

We are a collection of small, specific producers whose wine reflects place and personality. We take pride in making cool climate varietals with a focus on Riesling. The Finger Lakes is home to over 200 Riesling brands and the region produces over 200,000 cases a year.

### **LEARN MORE AND STAY CONNECTED**

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\*THE MOST RECENT SURVEY OF VINEYARDS IN NEW YORK STATE WAS CONDUCTED BY USDA, NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE IN 2011.

# NEW YORK STATE FINGER LAKES



The Finger Lakes AVA was established in 1982 and spans 4,060 sq miles. It boasts two sub-AVAs, the Cayuga Lake AVA established in 1988 and the Seneca Lake AVA established in 2003.

Nearly 150 wineries call one of the eleven Finger Lakes their home.

The majority of these wineries are situated on the Four largest & most central Finger Lakes.

## 1. CANANDAIGUA LAKE

262 feet deep / 16.16 miles long

## 2. KEUKA LAKE

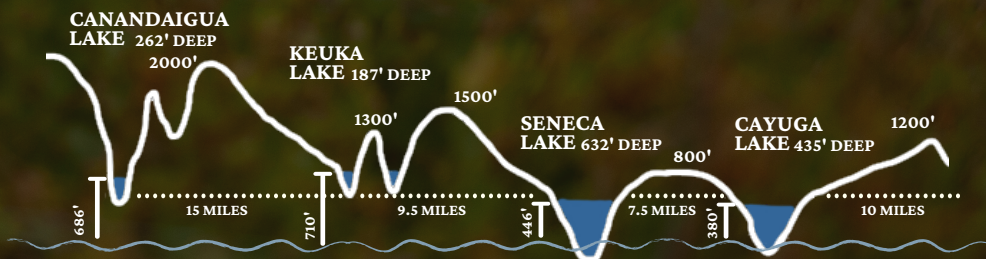
187 feet deep / 19.88 miles long

## 3. SENECA LAKE

632 feet deep / 37.9 miles long

## 4. CAYUGA LAKE

435 feet deep / 38.5 miles long







# **LEADING WHITE VARIETIES**

## **RIESLING**

### **A FINGER LAKES TITAN**

DUE TO OUR REGION'S COOL CLIMATE AND DENSE COMPLEX SOIL PROFILE, WE POSSESS THE ABILITY TO GROW WORLD-CLASS RIESLING THAT RETAINS A BALANCE OF FRUIT-DRIVEN FLAVORS WITH MINERALITY AND REFRESHING ACIDITY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE NEARLY 1000 ACRES OF RIESLING PLANTED ACROSS THE REGION AND AROUND 200 RIESLING BRANDS MAKING EVERYTHING FROM BOTTLE CONDITIONED SPARKLING TO ICE WINE.

## **VINIFERA**

ALBARIÑO • CHARDONNAY  
GEWÜRZTRAMINER • GRÜNER VELTLINER  
PINOT BLANC • PINOT GRIS / GRIGIO  
RKATSITELI • SAUVIGNON BLANC  
SIEGERREBE

## **HYBRIDS & NATIVES**

CATAWBA • CAYUGA WHITE • DELAWARE • DIAMOND  
MELODY • MUSCAT OTTONEL • NIAGARA • SEYVAL BLANC  
TRAMINETTE • VALVIN MUSCAT • VIDAL BLANC • VIGNOLES



# *LEADING* **RED VARIETIES**

## **CABERNET FRANC**

### **THE JACK OF ALL TRADES**

THE MOST PLANTED RED VINIFERA IN THE FINGER LAKES, CABERNET FRANC MAKES A RED WINE THAT IS WILDLY FOOD-FRIENDLY WITH INTRIGUING AROMATICS AND A REMARKABLY FINESSED MOUTHFEEL. CABERNET FRANC HAS FOUND A LEADING ROLE IN THE FINGER LAKES, FIND IT IN A BOTTLE OF BRUT OR DRY ROSÉ, AS A VARIETAL WINE, AN APPASSIMENTO-STYLE WINE OR IN A REFINED RED BLEND.

### **VINIFERA**

BARBERA  
BLAUFRÄNKISCH / LEMBERGER  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON • GAMAY NOIR  
MERLOT • PINOT NOIR • SYRAH  
SAPERAVI • ZWEIGELT

### **HYBRIDS & NATIVES**

BACO NOIR • CHAMBOURCIN • CHANCELLOR  
CONCORD • COROT NOIR • DECHAUNAC  
MARÉCHAL FOCH



# ONE UNIQUELY PERFECT

## GRAPE GROWING REGION

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### RAPID GLACIATION

Hundreds of thousands of years in the making, the Finger Lakes were carved out by successive waves of rapid glaciers.

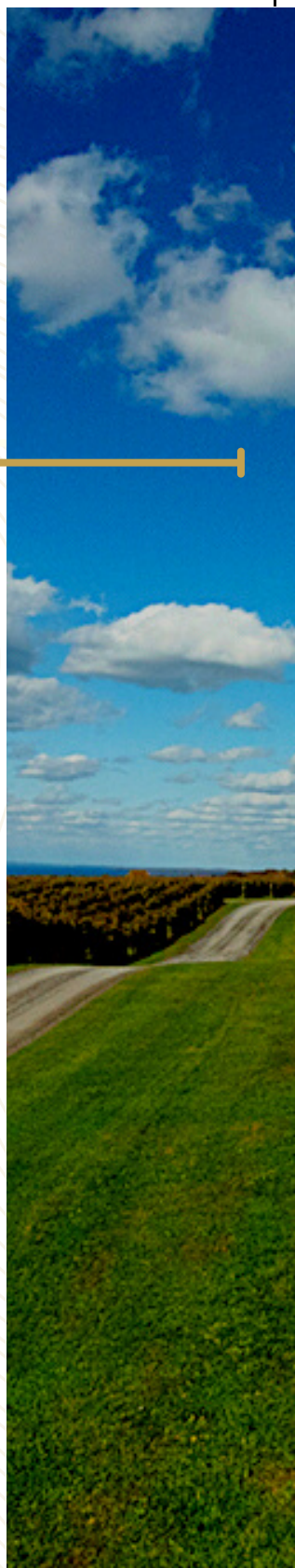
These large and deep freshwater lakes and the soil deposits of limestone, shale, gravel, and silt surrounding them are the glaciers' gifts to modern winemakers.

### CARVED DEEP LAKES

The massive bodies of water, visible from our vineyards, have a profound effect on the grapes. During the winter, cold air drains naturally from the sloping vineyards to the lakes. In spring, cool air bathes the vines, delaying the start of the growing season so that the tender shoots are not injured by late frosts. In the fall, the sun-warmed lakes prevent early frosts and extend the growing season.

### CREATING MICROCLIMATES

The lakes themselves are vital to Finger Lakes viticulture. This is a cool climate region, and the temperature-moderating influence of the deep lakes supports quality grape growing.





# **YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW**

**STEEPED IN HISTORY AND  
DRIVEN BY THE FUTURE**

## **NEARLY 200 YEARS AGO**

We are a pre-Prohibition wine region with the first cultivated vines planted in Hammondsport, New York in 1829. our state is home to the first bonded winery in the United States and by 1900 over fifty wineries were established along the Finger Lakes.

## **WE BEGAN BUILDING A COMMUNITY**

Today we are a proud community of grape farmers, winemakers, and achievers collaborating to showcase to the world the promise of our wine region.

## **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Sustainability is paramount to protect our future. The majority of grape growers and wineries adopt efforts to maintain stewardship of the land by minimizing synthetic fungicides and pesticides in the vineyard and utilizing renewable energy for tasting room and cellar operations. As a cool-climate region, every action we take in the vineyard must reflect environmental concerns like climate change and lake preservation.

The state department of environmental conservation recognizes these efforts via the Finger Lakes Watershed.



# NOTES

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