



# HEART & HANDS

2014 **RIESLING** - SENECA EAST VINEYARD

## VINEYARD

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The Seneca East Vineyard is located on the eastern shores of Seneca Lake on gently sloping hillsides adjacent to some of the deepest parts of the lake. The lake provides temperature moderation which protects the vines from cold winter weather as well as spring and autumn frost. The vineyard is managed by 4th-generation grower John Wagner.

## VINTAGE

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The 2014 vintage began with a cold winter followed by wet spring weather, a seasonal bud break in May, and bloom in June. The early summer months were warm with heavier rainfall than average, but happily, the month of August was hot and dry, which allowed the fruit development to progress nicely. A gorgeous, dry September delivered ample sun which fully ripened the fruit, while cool nights preserved acidity.

## WINEMAKING

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Harvested fruit was whole cluster basket pressed and chilled. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks, and some batches were stopped before dryness in order to retain varietal character and vibrancy. The wine was then bottled under the Vino-Lok glass closure to preserve the essence of the wine.

## TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRINGS

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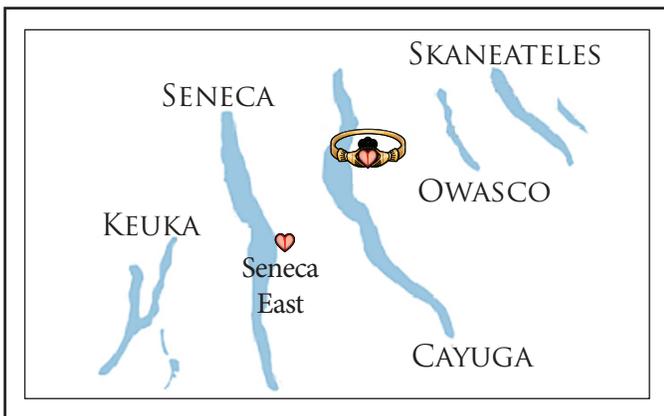
Aromas of lychee fruit, honeycomb and orange blossom on the nose. The palate begins with a burst of fresh lemon and lime followed by tangerines, white peaches and a hint of honeysuckle. The brisk, refreshing finish lingers on the palate, drawing you back to the glass. Enjoy with red lentil curry over basmati rice, pan-seared sesame crusted tuna over soba noodles with hoisin sauce, or smoked chicken with grilled summer vegetables.

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ORIGIN	Seneca Lake AVA
ELEVATION	722 - 883 feet above sea level
GEOLOGY	Shale
SOIL	Honoeye silt loam
YIELD	4.1 tons / acre
HARVESTED	October 20th, 2014
TA	9.2 g/L
pH	2.8
RESIDUAL SUGAR	20 g/L
ALCOHOL	10.2%
BOTTLED	July 2nd, 2015
PRODUCTION	51 cases

## ABOUT US



Heart & Hands is owned and operated by husband and wife team Tom and Susan Higgins. Our winery and estate vineyard are located on the east side of Cayuga lake, directly on the Onondaga limestone escarpment.

We are a boutique winery, producing around 2,000 cases per year, which allows for an intense focus on quality. We are committed to sustainably producing cool-climate wines which express the terroir of the Finger Lakes.