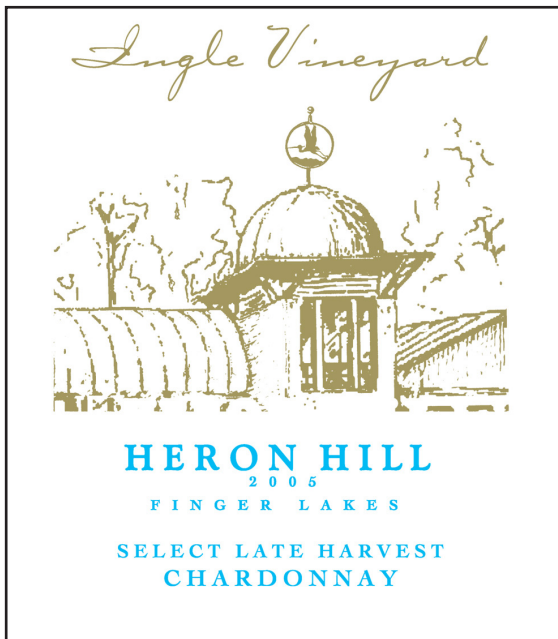


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2005 INGLE VINEYARD LATE HARVEST CHARDONNAY



Acidity: 7.0 g/l

Alcohol: 14.2%

Sugar: 7.8%

pH: 3.18

Harvest: 33° Brix

Harvest Date: October 31, 2005

Bottling Date: September 8, 2006

Release Date: October 1, 2006

Vineyard Notes: Ingle Vineyard, west side of Canandaigua Lake

Appellation: Finger Lakes

Fermentation: Barrel Fermented

Oak: New Hungarian

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Winemakers Notes: Upon release, can age 7 to 10 years

WINE CHARACTERISTICS

The most Sauternes-like of our wines, this luscious dessert wine is full of honeyed, exotic tropical fruit flavors, such as pineapple, accented by subtle spice. Harvested on Halloween 2005, this wine is a rare treat. Can drink now however best in 2010+, this wine will continue to age well for decades. Strict Hand Harvesting and Sorting; 1st trier-all 100% clean bunches picked out 10/18/05; 2nd trier-all damaged, desiccated, or otherwise undesirable grape bunches picked and dropped to ground week before 10/31; 3rd trier-Picking Day! Bunches with 70% or higher "Noble Rot" were harvested for final selection all others left on vine. Whole Bunch pressed at 40F for 24 hours to preserve fruit flavors; 17 day fermentation 50% stainless and 50% new Hungarian oak; Stainless steel portion aged 10 months on fine lees; BF portion half aged on "gros lies" with battonage for 10 months. The occurrence of Noble Rot on the Finger Lakes is certainly rare. The varieties most often affected are Riesling and Vignoles. Due to Chardonnay's thin skin and relatively early ripening period, an infection of Botrytis usually means "Grey Rot" which renders the affected grapes unusable. On October 31st, 2005 a near perfect, complete infection of Noble Rot occurred with Chardonnay at Ingle Vineyard.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Like most dessert wines the Late Harvest Chardonnay can be enjoyed on it's own after a meal or can be paired with desserts like caramel pear tart or coconut creme brulee.

AWARDS

88 Points - BTI, World Wine Championships

