



2012

OLD ORCHARD VINEYARD

KERNER

LEELANAU PENINSULA, MICHIGAN

THE SHORT VERSION:

Dry, crisp, citrus with floral aromas

THE LONG VERSION:

In 1929 this grape was created when a Riesling wine was crossed with a red grape called Trollinger. The two did not make a pink wine as expected. Instead it's a peach colored grape. Kerner is a new grape for our region but it has been around for over 100 years in Austria, Northern Italy, and Germany. The general impression of the wine is somewhere between Dry Riesling and Pinot Blanc.

It has a feathery, light texture with honest and simple floral aromas. It's the kind of wine you want to drink while wearing an air-dried linen shirt, with a warm lake breeze swirling, and the flakiest of whitefish close at hand.

Kerner is poised to become a very significant grape in Michigan. Since this wine was made, we have planted two more acres and are preparing to produce around 700 cases in the next few years. This dry wine is good for the farmer, the winemaker, the consumer and the cellar. As interest in delicate dry wines continues to grow across the country, Michigan Kerner offers a distinct vinifera varietal from a very unique terroir.

WINE GEEK TECHNO SPEAK:

ALCOHOL: 11%
CASES PRODUCED: 80

WHY SCREW CAP?
We have been documenting the development of our wines under cork and screw cap for 5 vintages now. Through the years we have learned that the cap has the ability to preserve the fruit qualities in the vintage longer than cork. The cork requires a bit more sulfur dioxide and while it allows the wines to develop patina and beautiful aged qualities, we feel this happens a little too quickly with our delicate wines. Screw caps are not perfect and require diligent cellar practices to make sure that the wine will not become "Dick Clark-like" and never age. Through our experiments in aging we feel confident that this closure will protect the youthful fruit we work so hard to grow in the vineyard, yet allow the wine to develop into maturity.

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