

# ENGLE'S RANSOM

## Engle Ridge Farm Grand Traverse County



Farmer Ken Engle planted and grew these European and American heirloom apple trees on his Grand Traverse County orchard. The "Ransom" comes from a family name on his wife Jan's side. We chose to combine their names to tell the story of the farmer's commitment to their plants. The plants control the farmer throughout the growing season with many demands upon their caretaker's time and energy. The farmer is, in a sense, kidnapped by the plants and only freed once the Ransom (the fruit) has been harvested.

We've isolated some of the heritage varieties for limited release ciders, but for this cider we blended all 17 varieties from Engle Ridge together and fermented them in stainless steel. The resulting cider is rich, complex, and full-bodied.

Varieties: Winesap, Esopus Spitzenburg, Golden Russet, Dabinette, Brown Snout, Porter's Perfection, Enterprise, Binet Rouge, Wickson, Yarlinton Mill, Baldwin, Harry Masters Jersey, Ashmead's Kernel, Calville Blanc, Tremlett's Bitter, Cortland, Northfield Beauty

## THE ORCHARD

### Engle Ridge Farms

Appellation: Grand Traverse County

Varieties: Riesling, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Cabernet Franc, European and American heritage apples

Acreage: 11

Year Planted: 2009

Planted by: Ken and Jan Engle



### cider specs

RS: 0 g/L

PH: 3.7

ABV: 7.5%

Aged: Stainless

### distinctions

2021 GLINTCAP Silver

2020 Great American Cider Competition Silver

2018 GLINTCAP Silver