

# SPITZENBURG

Engle Ridge Farm

Grand Traverse County



Esopus Spitzenburg is an old apple variety that was once prominent in the US. It was purported to be a favorite of Thomas Jefferson's who had several trees planted at Monticello. The apple was also prominent in Michigan, but was replaced over time with more modern varieties that were created to produce better yields.

We wanted to see what this apple tasted like as a cider and planted 200 trees with farmer Ken Engle in 2010. We chose this variety to kick off our Cellar Selection Series, highlighting the obscure apples we have been planting over the past decade. The resulting Spitzenburg cider is dry with zippy acidity, a crisp apple bite, and moderate tannins.

These apples were grown among over a dozen other heirloom varieties on the Engle Ridge Farm in Grand Traverse County.

## 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: 3.32

ABV: 8.7%

112 cases

Aged: Stainless

Aging window: 4 years

### distinctions

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Modern Cider - Dry

Gold Medal