

Dry RIESLING 2017

Wine spectator

FORGE Riesling Seneca Lake Dry Classique 2017 Score: 91 | \$19

WS Review: Jasmine and mustard seed notes lead the way here, backed by a mix of yellow apple, mirabelle plum and citrus oil flavors. Shows good intensity through the finish. Drink now through 2022. 5,773 cases made.—James Molesworth

Why It's of Note: This is the core wine in Forge's range, a New York winery led by Rhône-based winemaker Louis Barruol of Château de St.-Cosme. It's made from grapes on the southeast edge of Seneca Lake and the west side of Cayuga Lake. Instead of the more traditional stainless steel-only aging for Riesling, this cuvée relies on 50 percent neutral French oak.

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Forge's flagship Riesling is fresh and fruity in 2017. Golden in color. Relatively fruity aromas of lemon zest and pineapple, along with citrus blossom and jasmine. On the palate, classic lime, lemon and nectarine. Not as much minerality as some of the single-vineyard bottlings, but still attractive and good value. (Dec 2019)

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In "Visiting Finger Lakes ? Check out these wineries, restaurants on Seneca Lake", Tracy Schumacher provides readers with a guide to Finger Lakes wine region. Among the 9 wineries she recommends visiting is Forge Cellars. She writes: "Forge Cellars is one of the newer wineries in the Finger Lakes but has received national attention. One reason: One of its three owners is respected French winemaker-grower LOUIS BARRUOL of CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME, in the southern Rhône region of France."