

## Featured Selection

### RAVINES 2008 DRY RIESLING

In recent years, Finger Lakes wine has received greater recognition from journalists. A lot of that attention seems to focus on the Seneca Lake wineries, but—while acknowledging that many fine wines are produced by these vintners—some would argue that the true soul of Finger Lakes wine can be found on Keuka Lake.

Located about twenty miles west of Seneca Lake, Y-shaped Keuka Lake is where the pioneering Dr. Konstantin Frank produced the first world-class Finger Lakes wines at his Vinifera Wine Cellars, founded in 1962. Today there are more than a dozen wineries on Keuka's shores, and one of the finest is Ravines Wine Cellars, founded in 2002 by Morten and Lisa Hallgren.

Morten, the winemaker, was raised on his family's wine estate in southern France, and his extensive winery experience includes a stint as winemaker at

the Vinifera Wine Cellars.

The 2002 Ravines Dry Riesling won the award for Best Dry Riesling at the 2003 Eastern International Wine Competition, and many Ravines wines have received excellent reviews in national publications since then. In the December 31, 2009, issue of *Wine Spectator*, the 2008 Dry Riesling received a 90-point score. It is indeed a lovely wine, with hints of apple, almond, and pear on both nose and palate, and a long, dry finish. Unlike Finger Lakes dry Rieslings that contain perceptible amounts of residual sugar, the Ravines is truly dry but still balanced. Worth a search, it is a lovely accompaniment to simply prepared fish and an excellent foil to the rich flavors of pork, duck, or goose.

— Dave Pohl

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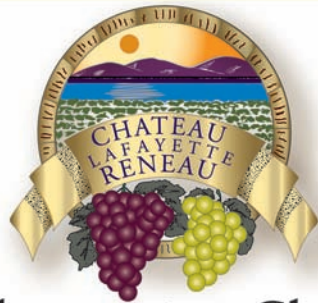
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