

OSMOTE

Finger Lakes, New York



Products

Dry Riesling Seneca Lake
Semi Dry Riesling Finger Lakes
Chardonnay Seneca Lake
Chardonnay Cayuga Lake
Cabernet Franc Rosé
DeChaunac Finger Lakes
Cabernet Franc
FLX Pet Nat
This Is Red Pet Nat

The Osmote family is Ben, Brittne and Mia, plus all the friends and family who have helped them along the way. Ben Riccardi is both winemaker and business manager. Born in the Finger Lakes, he now lives on the southern end of Seneca Lake. His work experiences include notably Willams Selyem in California, Craggy Range in New Zealand, and City Winery New York in Manhattan. Ben and his family live on a beautiful 31-acre farm in Burdett, NY overlooking the water on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake. The site is 950' above sea level with a slope running down west towards the lake. The soils are rich gravelly loams in the Howard Series and were formed during the last ice age as glacial outwash. First vines were planted in 2024, starting with modern disease resistant varieties. Ben's commitment is to regenerative viticulture, a holistic vineyard management program focused on soil building that favors diversity and sustainability with a minimum of inputs. As he prepares for vineyard establishment, he is working with local farmers to grow diverse cover crops. Currently the family manages a small orchard, several gardens, and pasture-raised pigs. Ben has a technical winemaking degree from Cornell University and understands the science of wine, but the raw material here begs for patience, not a technocratic winemaker. He seeks a gentler touch then, in order to develop texture alongside the bright acids of these light, ethereal wines. Osmote began in 2014 as a tenant winery within a bigger facility. In 2020, Ben took the plunge and moved to his own facility in Ovid, NY. A former trucking garage, the space has been converted to a fully functioning winery full of tanks, wine presses, and barrels. During bottling season, Ben drives his own bottling trailer and bottles on site. The winery continues to develop and now serves a dual function of community building while it hosts smaller tenant wineries and helps other young families to foster their brands.

Owner : Ben Riccardi

Winemaker : Ben Riccardi

Winery production : 6000 bottles

Varietals planted :
Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc

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