

APOLLO'S PRAISE RIESLING 'KABINETT' LAHOMA VINEYARD



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Sourced from the Estate Lahoma Vineyard in the Finger Lakes region of New York. The Short Rows are "the little engine that could" at Lahoma. This small planting is on the smallest hill on the farm, yet consistently yields remarkably precocious fruit regardless of the vintage. Smaller and tighter clusters on this portion of the farm can result in late season pressure, but for the Kabinett they intentionally harvest early to retain as much delicious orchard fruit and bright acidity as possible.

A gentler handling than for their Dry Riesling, this fruit was crushed and cold soaked for 24 hours - versus three days - before pressing out. The goal is always to balance the uptake of the luscious fruit character without losing too much freshness, which guides the shorter cold soak right through to embracing a cool, slow, and aromatic fermentation with Steinberger yeast. After a six-week fermentation the wine rested on the full yeast lees until racking, pad filtering and bottling in late February.

Apollo's Praise was founded in 2023 in the Finger Lakes region of New York, by married couple Kelby James Russell and Julia Rose Hoyle. They are both expert winemakers who spent 15 years making wine for other local vineyards. The winery's history is tied to the famous Lahoma Vineyard, which they bought to create their first vintage. Their philosophy is that the best wines are art. They believe wine should tell a story about where and when it was made. Instead of trying to make a "perfect" wine every year, they embrace the changes that come with each harvest season. They use minimal-intervention methods to let the natural traits of the fruit shine. They compare their role to salt in food. They want to guide the wine to its true self without their work being too noticeable.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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