

RIISING TIDE GLOBAL PROUDLY PRESENTS

# THIRSTY OWL

**Thirsty Owl Wine Company** was started by Ted and Jonathan Cupp in 2002 and has been led by Jonathan ever since. They utilize 100% Finger Lakes fruit in their wines, 85% of which is estate grown under sustainable farming and solar powered practices.

The winery is located on the West side of Cayuga Lake along the deepest part of the lake which creates a unique microclimate. The lake's depth means it never fully freezes, offering protection over the winter. Breezes off the lake create cooler nights that stave off early bud break, thus protecting the fruit from erratic spring frosts. The vineyards benefit from four main glacially deposited soil types and extreme variations in soil depth. The deeper soil throws more fruit, while shallower soils show more minerality due to proximity to shale.

Thirsty Owl produces a wide variety of styles, focusing on crafting wines that are fruit forward, food friendly and appeal to a broad customer base.



**Region:**  
Finger Lakes, NY

**Founded:**  
2002

**Production:**  
18k-28k cases annually

**Acreage:**  
45 acres; 6 coming soon

**Recent Accolades:**  
**2021 Pinot Gris**  
'22 Atlantic Seaboard Gold Medal

'23 Pacific Rim Gold Medal

**2021 Dry Riesling**  
Wine Enthusiast "BEST BUY"

**2022 Snow Owl**  
'23 Pacific Rim Double Gold Medal

**2020 Riesling**  
Wine Enthusiast "BEST BUY" 89 pts

**2021 Semi Sweet Riesling**  
'23 Harvest Challenge Gold Medal, Best of Class, Best of Finger Lakes AVA

**2021 Diamond**  
'22 NY Classic Gold Medal

'23 Harvest Challenge Gold Medal



## THE WINEMAKER

*Shawn Kime has been Vineyard Manager and Winemaker for Thirsty Owl since 2002. Originally from Romulus, NY, he attended and has degrees from Morrisville College and Cornell University. "As a Finger Lakes native, I am proud of the fact that we are producing cool climate varietals that are on par with any region in the world. We are subject to seasonal variation here, and I like the fact that we have the opportunity to embrace those variables. Our goal is to make changes in the vineyard and winemaking to produce wines that not only reflect our region but the growing season."*

## THE WINES



**DIAMOND**  
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**FUJAC CIDER**  
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**PINOT GRIS**  
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**PINOT NOIR**  
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**DRY RIESLING**  
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