



BAR TALK SALMON RUN RIESLING

Salmon Run Riesling hales from Vinifera Wine Cellars in the Finger Lake region of New York State. Dr. Konstantin Frank ignited the “Vinifera Revolution,” a movement that forever changed the course of winegrowing in the Finger Lakes and the United States. Dr. Frank’s vision, knowledge and determination are credited with elevating the New York wine industry from a state of happy mediocrity (Lake Niagara, Pink Catawba and Man-o-Manischewitz) to a level that today commands world attention. A European immigrant with a PhD in viticulture, Dr. Frank arrived in the United States in 1951. Dr. Frank believed from his years in the Ukraine that the lack of proper rootstock, not the cold climate, was the reason for the failure of *Vitis Vinifera* vines in the Finger Lakes region. In 1962, merely a decade after arriving in America, Dr. Frank founded Vinifera Wine Cellars. The winery quickly earned a reputation for spectacular Rieslings and its original planting of vines – Riesling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon and other European varieties – formed the backbone of New York’s world-class wines and champagnes.

For his achievement in revolutionizing the New York wine industry. Dr. Konstantin Frank was inducted into the Wine Spectator’s “Hall of Fame.”