

Viticulture

The vineyards are planted to 50% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay and 17% Riesling and 3% Gewürztraminer. These are the varieties that Flat Rock Cellars believe to be best suited to the Niagara Peninsula and more specifically the Jordan bench and terroir of the actual site.

The Pinot Noir is planted to three Dijon clones, being 115, 667 and 777. Each clone is planted on two different rootstocks, giving a total of six separate Pinot Noir blocks. The Chardonnay is planted to two different clones, 76 and 95 and is also on two different rootstocks. The Riesling is planted to the Weiss clone, a German Riesling clone that is well suited to the Niagara Peninsula. There are two blocks of Riesling, one being 10 acres and another, 'Nadja's Vineyard' being 2.5 acres.

All varieties are cropped at extremely low levels to ensure fruit quality and intensity of fruit character. In full production it is expected that Flat Rock Cellars will produce a maximum of 12,000 cases – based on a maximum tonnage of 2.5 tonnes/acre - which is expected in 2007.

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