

# WÖLFFER RED VERJUS A WÖLFFER NON-ALCOHOLIC

#### REGION

Appellation: Long Island, NY. Produced and bottled in Sagaponack, NY. Under the meticulous care of Winemaker/Partner Roman Roth and Vineyard Manager Rich Pisacano, our vineyard encompasses 55 acres of sustainably farmed vines. Our unique combination of Bridgehampton loam soil and ocean breezes from the Atlantic, only 2.6 miles away, provide Bordeaux-like conditions, perfect to achieve the balance of ripeness and acidity of Wölffer's signature style: European elegance paired with the distinct typicity of Long Island terroir. When grapes are sourced outside our vineyard, they must meet rigorous Wölffer quality standards.

# **GRAPE VARIETY**

100% Merlot

#### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Pale pink salmon in color. The aroma is full of fresh gooseberries, hints of cut grass and some floral notes. The mouthfeel is well balanced between the lively crisp acidity and the fruity sweetness. There are lovely hints of raspberries and fresh unripe peaches. The Verjus has a long playful finish with some fresh berry character and showing fine acidity and minerality.

## WHY THIS VERJUS?

Our maritime climate is perfect to make a delicious crisp Verius. The sea breeze of the Atlantic helps us to make some of the most food-friendly wines in the US. It is this unique terroir and our great relationships with many of the best restaurants in New York and in the tri-state area that led us to start making a Verjus in 1996. This is our first "red" Verjus and it is perfect to be used in wine-friendly salad dressings or sauces. It's also fantastic to drink on its own or used in cocktails.

# TECHNICAL DATA

2023 started cool and thanks to our blessed maritime climate we did not get any effects from a terrible late spring frost that hit the whole rest of the Northeast. After a cool start it got hot which pushed growing and ripening conditions forward. We can be very thankful that none of the major Hurricanes/tropical storms hit us. As Verjus is the first fruit we picked, we managed to get it in clean and in fabulous condition picking it all by hand. The "perfect" unripe grapes were hand-picked on September 8th, 2023, and got immediately destemmed, crushed, and pressed. The juice was chilled to 33°F for 13 days. In this time, the juice was settled and cold stabilized. It was filtered on September 15th and cold sterile bottled on the September19th, 2023. Only 546 cases of 750ml Verjus were made.

## **A**LCOHOL

0.0%

#### **SERVING SUGGESTIONS**

Great and easy to incorporate into elegant and vibrant sauces, or ideal for salad dressings. The gentleness of this Verjus will not overpower even the finest wine. It is wonderful and refreshing to drink it as a spritzer or try it as the main ingredient for a Margarita or other cocktail.

## SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$12 per bottle