



2017 Northern Spy Traditional Method Sparkling Cider

100% Estate Grown Northern Spy

Production Notes:

~100% Un-inoculated primary fermentations in stainless steel.

~Secondary fermentation in the bottle, hand disgorged.

~149 cases bottled

~Residual Sugar 4.5 g/l, Alc/Vol 7.5 %, Titratable Acidity 6.2 g/l, pH 3.63

Tasting Notes:

On the nose: ripe, ripe wild plums, coconut, and honeysuckle. In the mouth, bright acid and dense, salty minerals. The finish is lemon water, wet stone and wild strawberries.

In 2017, we harvested about a ton of Northern Spy apples from our young trees in Van Etten and 2 tons from our Newfield orchard. The Van Etten site, a treacherously steep shale shelf with a bit of silty loam on top, produces cider with a lot of tannin and verve, while the Newfield site, with its impossibly deep, dry gravel, produces cider with crystalline minerality. The 2 to 1 ratio of our orchard sites resulted in an energetic cider that still has a lot of finesse. Bone dry and pure, it retains all the varietal aspects of Northern Spy that we have come to know and love while still reflecting the site variation.

It's this ability to express geography that makes Northern Spy such an exciting variety to us. And the fact that it was a widely planted apple in the North East two and a half centuries ago means old trees can still be found growing in orchards and on homesteads across our region and even up into Canada...an amazing opportunity for orchard-based cider-makers wishing to say things about the land with cider.

Where on earth did this apple get its unusual name? Legend has it that it was named after a popular novel of the day: "The Northern Spy, The Fatal Papers: A Story of Virginia" an abolitionist leaning book about slave catchers and northern spies. The apple originated as a chance seedling growing in East Bloomfield, New York (where a marker remains to this day), a Quaker town that was a major depot on the Underground Railroad. Certainly one can imagine escaped slaves on their way north to Canada, stuffing their pockets with this dense, hard, long-keeping apple. And while there is no way to verify this origin story, we hope it sticks as a reminder of the piece of New York history that it recalls.

-Autumn Stoscheck, orchardist and cider-maker

CIDER SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Sour dough bread and Chèvre or raw Peconic Bay oysters

"(Eve's makes) mind-blowing sparkling ciders...every bit as complex as fine wine, with the same attention paid to the apples as a winemaker would to the grapes."

-Jason Wilson, The Washington Post

"If you're looking for exceptional American cider, (Eve's) is a great place to start, and it's certainly a place you have to know if you care about cider. The ciders are benchmarks in the region and beyond"

-Mark Squires, Wine Advocate