

**Ravines Wine Cellars****2006 Keuka Village White
(Finger Lakes)**

As someone who writes about, and tastes, a lot of New York wines, there are a lot of non-*vinifera* wines that cross my palate. I know. I know. These sorts of wines conjure up images of sweet, foxy wines that few wine lovers enjoy. And it's true, many are awful. But, some are serviceable and a rare few are stunningly, and surprisingly, delicious. This is one such wine.

Ravine's owner and winemaker, Morten Hallgren, was raised in Provence and brings a diverse winemaking background to the Finger Lakes. He started his career in France but has also worked in Texas and North Carolina. And, he is best known in these parts for his six years as head winemaker at Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars.

The bottle doesn't hint at the grapes inside, but this blend of 80 percent Cayuga White and 20 percent Vignoles, is unique but vaguely reminiscent of the deliciously affordable blends from Alsace. The nose is fruity and fresh with loads of melon and peach with just a little floral character and minerality. Medium-to-light bodied, those some fruits dominate the palate with slightly tropical hints as well. There is a light sweetness here, but more than enough acidity to bring balance.

Reviewed January 17, 2008 by [Lenn Thompson](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Ravines Wine Cellars](#)
Vintage: 2006
Wine: Keuka Village White
Appellation: [Finger Lakes](#)
Grapes: [Cayuga](#), [Vignoles](#) / [Ravat](#)
Price: \$12.00

THE REVIEWER**Lenn Thompson**

Lenn Thompson writes about New York wines for *Dan's Papers*, *Long Island Press*, *Long Island Wine Gazette*, *Edible East End* and *Hamptons.com*. Two words describe his taste in wine — *balance* and *nuance*.

Lenn prefers food-friendly, elegant wines to jammy, over-extracted fruit bombs and heavy-handed oak. When reviewing, Lenn tastes each wine three times — alone right after opening, with food, and again the next day — believing that 90-second reviews are unrealistic and not how the average person enjoys wine.