



# HANDSTAND

 CGT FOUNDERS BLEND

*“Ladies and gentlemen, it is time to raise a glass of wine and toast Ed O’Keefe Jr., one of the more interesting characters to ever live in Michigan.”* Jeff Seidel – Detroit Free Press



Label photo: Ed O’Keefe Jr. circa 1951

## HANDSTAND White

BRIGHT • TANGY • LIGHT • BALANCED

*Handstand...* a feat of unique ability, strength, timing, spirit and a little bit of spectacle. It personifies the essence of CGT winery founder, Ed O’Keefe Jr., in his uncommon life as well as ambition to establish northern Michigan’s first commercial winery. We pay homage to his passing in 2021 with this very special wine creation in his honor. Let’s raise a glass in tribute to a life well-lived!



**Inspiration:** Following Ed’s passing in early January, 2021, Eddie (Son) and the winemaking team were humorously reminiscing about what a truly incredible life he lived. As discussion ensued, there was an “Aha!” moment when the subject of Ed doing perfect Handstands on top of statues, mountain tops and even a life-size-elephant figurine back in the early 1950’s arose. Let’s make a wine to commemorate “Big Ed,” but certainly nothing mournful. The concept of Handstand seemed to capture his passion, spontaneity and intense entrepreneurial spirit. Really, how many people are actually capable of a performing a perfect handstand on top of inanimate objects? Then again, maybe nobody ever gave it a consideration? This may reveal Ed’s impulsivity to relocate his family north from the comfortable suburbs of Detroit in 1974 to establish northern Michigan’s first commercial winery and vineyard.

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**Wine description:** This is an inspiring dry white wine made from individually produced small lot wines. By matching the best attributes of each varietal, we offer a flavor driven wine with great depth, unique complexity and bold fruitiness. Pair with lighter meats, fresh seafood, pasta, brie and crusty bread.

**Varietal Blend:**

65% Pinot Gris, 10% Riesling, 5% Grüner Veltliner, 5% Pinot Blanc, 2% Muscat Ottonel, 5% Sauvignon Blanc

**Vintage:**

A winemaker creation blended from multiple vintages produced in separate small-lots.

**Production:**

275 Cases [12-750 ml.]

**Winemakers:**

Bernd Croissant & Kurtis Berry

**Alcohol:**

12.0 % ABV

**Residual Sugar:**

.8°Brix (Off Dry Style)

**Aging:**

100% Stainless Steel

**Bottling Date:**

July 19, 2021

**UPC Code:**

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