

# STEUBEN

## WINE GUIDE



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“*For the ultimate long weekend of winetasting . . . look no further than the Finger Lakes region.*”

—Ray Isle, *Travel + Leisure*

*Barrel Room at Pleasant Valley Wine Company*

*Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher*

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# The Roots

## OF FINGER LAKES

## WINE COUNTRY

**N**amed America's "Best Wine Region" in 2018 (*USA Today*) and one of the "World's Top 10 Wine Destinations" for 2019 (*VinePair*), the roots of Finger Lakes wine lead back to 1829 in the small town of Hammondsport where Reverend William Bostwick planted the first vines.

While interested in making sacramental wine, Bostwick inspired several of his parishioners to grow grapes as a potential source of income for the community. According to historians, the vineyards flourished. By 1870, Hammondsport boasted 3,000 acres. Nineteen years later, that number grew to 14,500 acres and by the end of the century there were over 25,000 acres of vineyards in the area. For a sense of perspective, today the Finger Lakes AVA is the largest wine region in New York State and has about 11,000 acres of vineyards.

At first, the fruit was primarily sold as table grapes, but eventually the area gained a reputation for its sparkling wines thanks to Pleasant Valley Wine Company. Founded in 1860, Pleasant Valley was the first American winery to win awards in Europe (in 1867 and, again, in 1873).

However, the common belief for the next century was that it was too cold here to grow the delicate European *Vinifera* grapes. Until 1962, when Dr. Konstantin Frank started his own winery in Hammondsport and subsequently proved that theory wrong, kicking off the *Vinifera* Revolution.

In that same small town today, you'll find third-, fourth-, and fifth-generation winemakers carrying on that same won't-be-denied determination, as well as the next generation of award-winning winemakers who continue to raise the bar.

Learn more about the roots of Finger Lakes wine at  
**[CorningFingerLakes.com](http://CorningFingerLakes.com)**







# Vintage Report

While Steuben wineries have played a crucial role in establishing and developing the Finger Lakes as a premiere wine region, these recent accolades are a testament to the exceptional quality of wine being produced today.

A number of variables all play a part in crafting world-class wine, including the characteristics of the soil (aka terroir), topography, climate, and the expertise of the winemaker. Each vineyard displays its own unique characteristics when it comes to aspects like the mineral content of the soil which contributes certain notes that can impact aroma and taste. Knowing what grape varietals are growing in what sort of soil is just one of the many things a skilled winemaker takes into consideration. Proximity to the lakes impacts how temperate the climate is, which directly affects the growing season. But that climate, or specifically weather, plays a significant part in the successes and challenges of making excellent wines.

As recent years have shown, weather and climate can be quite unpredictable. In 2018, the Finger Lakes experienced a hot, humid summer, but also an unusually high amount of rain, which meant some grapes ripened faster than normal. Grape growers and winemakers had to be vigilant and wary of things like mildew and Botrytis (a fungus that can wreak havoc on a wide range of plants, but in the right hands can also be used to make some remarkable sweet wines).

Opposite is a “Vintage Report” which, for the sake of this guidebook, means the personal perceptions and anecdotes from a few of our winery owners, vineyard managers, and winemakers as they look back on the 2018 growing season and the resulting vintages.

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## VINTAGE REPORT

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### Overall, how did the 2018 vintage go?

“It was a very condensed vintage for us in the Finger Lakes. We had a very hot summer and then moved into a cool autumn, which made many varieties ripen at the same time. There was some rain pressure which pushed some producers to harvest earlier than they normally would.”

—Meaghan Frank, *General Manager at Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery*

“Despite the heat and humidity all summer long, followed by a lot of rain, it went as well as we expected for the cool climate wine grape varieties we grow here. The volume was above average and the quality was decent, but the rain in the fall made the grapes more susceptible to mildew and Botrytis.”

—Barry Tortolon, *Winemaker at Heron Hill Winery*

“More challenging than most vintages in that late season heat combined with unusually heavy rain events demanded extremely narrow harvest-windows for several varieties. Luckily, all of our growers play at the top of their game so together we were able to quickly and efficiently deal with what Mother Nature was sending our way.”

—Sean King, *Marketing Director at Bully Hill Vineyards*

### What can we expect from the wines as a whole?

“Solid quality, though a few varieties lacking in quantity.”

—Sean King

“We can expect fruit-forward wines with nice mineral expressions from 2018.”

—Hans Peter Weis, *Owner and Winemaker at Weis Vineyards*

“Very quaffable [drinkable] wines.”

—Barry Tortolon

“What we are seeing as we taste the 2018 tank samples is a lot of freshness and great acidity in the wines.”

—Meaghan Frank

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### **Do you have any new styles/releases slated for 2019 and which wine are you most looking forward to releasing this year (please explain why)?**

“Unusual wines like Saperavi have been growing in popularity in recent years. While Dr. Frank’s has been making a delicious Saperavi for years, other wineries are starting to create their own vintages. We are really excited about the rosé wines for 2018. Due to the condensed season and weather pressure, we chose to make less red wine and more rosé. In the Spring of 2019, we will be releasing six rosés: dry rosé of Pinot Noir, dry rosé of Blaufränkisch, dry rosé of Cabernet Franc, Salmon Run dry rosé and two sparkling rosés made in the traditional method.”

—Meaghan Frank

“In 2018 we released our first ever bubbly [force carbonated] wines and a Port style dessert wine. I am looking forward to the Chardonnays—they are looking really good from the 2018 harvest.”

—Barry Tortolon

“We are excited to release our 2017 Ice Wine, as well as some specialty reds that have been barrel aging, such as Blaufränkisch. Also, a Saperavi in barrel with an undecided release date! The Ice Wine is special to us as it was Peter’s first Ice Wine ever! It’s absolutely mouthwatering, with orange peel, mango, and apricot notes just bursting from nose to finish.”

—Peter Weis

“We continue to develop our line of fruit-flavored wines and have a couple new reds including Marquette and Saperavi which are showing early promise.”

—Sean King

### **Tell us your most memorable moment with regards to the 2018 vintage.**

“Ending harvest on October 24 (three weeks ahead of a typical season) with everyone safe and sound and a cellar full of healthy, happy wines.”

—Sean King





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“Most memorable moment for us was having our tanks arrive from Germany just a few short days before our first picking!”

—Peter Weis

“Finishing up the last day of harvest, pressing Cabernet Sauvignon in a snow storm with the water freezing in the hose. That was a very challenging and trying day for the production team!”

—Barry Tortolon

“Watching the grape harvester pick 25 tons of Riesling in about 5 hours.”—Don Riesenberger, *Vineyard Manager at Heron Hill*

“In August, as we were preparing for our sparkling harvest, we found out that we had won “Winery of the Year” at the NY Wine Classic and also “Best Red” for our ’16 Bläufrankisch. We asked for our winery team to join us on the deck where we had a toast with our 2013 Brut Rosé. Minutes later, there was a torrential downpour but the team simply moved to the other side of the covered awning on our deck and continued enjoying each other’s company and celebrating this achievement. It was a great morale boost that helped carry us through the 2018 harvest.”

—Meaghan Frank

### **Will the 2018 vintage be better for reds or whites (and in what way)?**

“We are seeing exciting results from both categories. We were much more selective with the red wines that we produced due to the challenging season, but the wines that will be released are looking very concentrated, with great tannin extraction. The whites, especially the more aromatic varieties, are looking to be extra expressive with a racy acidity due to the conditions of ’18.”—Meaghan Frank

“White wines will be better. The reds will be lighter, but very drinkable.”

—Barry Tortolon

“Whites, as they would have had a longer time to ripen before the wet weather hit.”

—Don Riesenberger

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“Better year for whites, as the acidity from the colder growing season brings out the fruit characteristics in the whites.”

—Peter Weis

“Fine year for both.”

—Sean King

### **Please sum up the 2018 vintage in just three words.**

“Challenging, intense, and rewarding.”

—Sean King

“Intense, compact and OVER!”

—Peter Weis

“Wet and challenging.”

—Barry Tortolon

“Wetter than normal.”

—Don Riesenberger

“Rain. Teamwork. Rosé.”

—Meaghan Frank









# The Vinifera Revolution

**S**ometimes it takes a revolution to transform a thing that is already popular and good enough into something exceptional. That's certainly true with regards to Finger Lakes wine.

By the time Dr. Konstantin Frank sparked the Vinifera Revolution, the Finger Lakes had been making wine for over a century. Along the way, Prohibition certainly played a part in holding most winemakers back, but in the years that followed as wine made a resurgence throughout the region, the consensus was that fine European-style wines just couldn't be made here. That the delicate Vinifera grapes couldn't be grown here.

Despite pleading to those at the helm of New York State's wine industry that it could in fact be done, Dr. Frank ran into a collective mindset that good enough was good enough. After all, droves of people were visiting the wineries. Why mess with a good thing? The answer is simple. To get a *great* thing!

History reveals that Dr. Frank wouldn't accept no for an answer and eventually proved beyond a doubt that Vinifera grapes could grow here—could thrive here—forever changing winemaking in the region and beyond.

To learn more about The Vinifera Revolution story, visit “When ‘No’ Isn't In Your Vocabulary” at **CorningFingerLakes.com**

“*The best wine vacation you'll take all year is to the Finger Lakes.*”

—Shana (Sokol) Clarke, *Paste*





# Azure Hill

## WINERY

**A**zure Hill Winery's first vintage was in 2010. Since then, this boutique winery has been making friends one bottle at a time. The small tasting room off the wine production area offers a unique glimpse into the process and creates a more personal tasting experience as you are served by the winery's owners. In addition to making the region's flagship varietal, Riesling, Azure Hill focuses primarily on two red varietals not found in many Finger Lakes wineries: Saperavi and Zweigelt.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room, Outdoor Seating

### VARIETALS

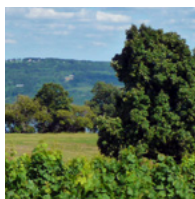
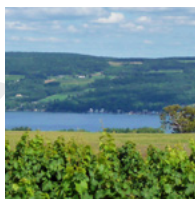
Riesling, Zweigelt, and Saperavi grown in their vineyards. From other local growers: Chambourcin and various others red or white blends. Also, apple juice to make a Sparkling Apple Wine. All sourced in the Finger Lakes.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Sparkling Riesling Brut, Chambourcin Rosé, Zweigelt, Estate Riesling (all available in the tasting room only); Riesling and Sweet Riesling are available on Long Island at Stew Leonard's Vineyards of Farmingdale and Stew Leonard's Wines in Carle Place.

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Saperavi and Zweigelt



### Azure Hill Winery

8716 Gallagher Road

Hammondsport, NY 14840

607.868.5702 | [AzureHillWinery.com](http://AzureHillWinery.com)



AZURE HILL

RIESLING BRUT

ESTATE BOTTLED & GROWN  
FINGER LAKES, NY

ALCOHOL 11.5% BY VOLUME





# Bully Hill

## VINEYARDS

**B**ully Hill Vineyards is a winery that, from its very beginning, dared to be different. It's a winery founded on the philosophy of "wine with laughter," specializing in the art of having a good time. With its pop art museum, cooper's museum, gift shop, tasting room, and superb restaurant overlooking beautiful Keuka Lake, Bully Hill is one of the most eclectic wineries in the Finger Lakes. One that will leave you smiling.

**Special Note:** When you visit the winery, be sure to ask about the fascinating story of Walter Taylor—pioneer of the French American hybrid, and one of the most creative and dynamic mavericks in the history of Finger Lakes wine.

### AMENITIES

Gift Shop, Restaurant, Tasting Room,  
Greyton H. Taylor Wine Museum, Walter S. Taylor Art Gallery

*\* Free winery tours Memorial Day through Labor Day*

*\*\* Restaurant is seasonal (usually February–November,  
depending on weather)*

### VARIETALS

Estate Vineyards are 100% hybrids—Seyval Blanc, Cayuga, Vidal Blanc, Aurore, Chelois, Chancellor Noir, Léon Millot, St. Croix, Baco Noir, Maréchal Foch, and Colobel.

Bully Hill also purchases hybrids, vinifera,  
and native grape varieties from local growers.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Sweet Walter Red, Love My Goat Red, and Bass Riesling

### UNIQUE VINTAGES/WINES

Love My Goat red wine is a unique, mellow, easy-drinking wine with subtle fruit and a soft finish you can enjoy with BBQ, pizza, or simply by itself.

### Bully Hill Vineyards

8843 Greyton H. Taylor Memorial Drive  
Hammondsport, NY 14840  
607.868.3610 | [BullyHillVineyards.com](http://BullyHillVineyards.com)



# Château Renaissance

## WINE CELLARS

**C**hâteau Renaissance Wine Cellars is the place to be if you're looking for a traditional approach to winemaking. Born into a family of winemakers in the Loire Valley and with an expertise steeped in methods that have produced quality wines for centuries in Europe, Château Renaissance is known for its Ports, fruit wines, fruit sparkles, and award-winning New York State champagne made from a 400-year-old family recipe that owner Patrice brought with him to Keuka Lake.

**Special Note:** You'll find owner and Wine Master Patrice DeMay at the New York City Green Market in Union Square (they've been going for 17 years) every Saturday, year-round.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room

### VARIETALS

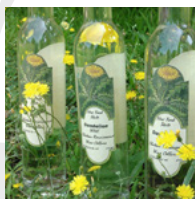
Riesling, Pinot Gris, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Niagara, Delaware, Concord, Aurora

### MOST POPULAR WINES

All fruit wines (100% fruit) and champagnes

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Bottle fermented champagne is their specialty (400 years of family tradition); also often makes Lavender Wine, Rose Petal Wine, Strawberry Rhubarb Wine, and Dandelion Wine



### Château Renaissance Wine Cellars

7494 Fish Hatchery Road

Bath, NY 14810

607.569.3609 | [ChateauRenaissanceWineCellars.com](http://ChateauRenaissanceWineCellars.com)









# Deep Root

## VINEYARD

**D**eep Root Vineyard is a micro-production farm winery offering relaxed, comfortable tastings in a rustic setting with an emphasis on sustainable farming. A two-person team with an annual production of less than 1,000 cases, Deep Root offers an alternative view of production and focuses on making small batches of “limited edition” craft wines ranging from sweet dessert wines to dry reds. Deep Root’s most popular wine is an unoaked semi-sweet table red called Country Red.

**Special Note:** While the vineyard is over 100 years old as a growing site, Deep Root Vineyard was established in 2007.

### AMENITIES

Covered Outdoor Tastings

### VARIETALS

Concord grown onsite, they also purchase grapes from other regional growers, including Chambourcin, Maréchal Foch, Traminette, and Cayuga.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Country Red, an unoaked semi-sweet table red, Country Red Spice (Country Red spiced in the bottle with cinnamon, allspice, cloves), and Flight, a sweet rosé.

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Dessert wine from local maple sap, and a fortified dessert wine (Port-style) made with brandy distilled from our wine.



### Deep Root Vineyards

10391 Cross Street

Hammondsport, NY 14840 | 315.651.2201

\*Winter Hours: By Appointment



# Domaine LeSeurre

## WINERY

**D**omaine LeSeurre Winery offers a personal approach to winemaking. “We trust our taste buds only,” say winemakers Sébastien and Céline, “as we don’t want to be influenced by a number.” After growing up in the vineyards of Champagne and the South of France, respectively, and working on 15 vintages around the world, they have experienced diverse methods of winemaking and prefer to “sample berries and do everything by taste.” Try their wines and you’ll know why.

**Special Note:** Domaine LeSeurre strives to produce terroir wines of *Vitis vinifera* quality in our cold climate region. Even the tasting room, barrel room, and wine shop are handcrafted.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room, Private tastings for small groups available

### VARIETALS

Riesling, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Rosé of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Blaufränkisch, and Pinot Noir

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Dry Riesling, Riesling Barrel Select, Cabernet Franc Barrel Select, Pinot Noir Barrel Select, and Chardonnay Unoaked (named the “Year’s Best Chardonnay of the Finger Lakes” from *Wine & Spirits Magazine*, July 2014)

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Riesling Barrel Select is aged in neutral French oak barrels using the old world technique *Batônnage sur lies*, or stirring of the lees, to express more complexity, length, and texture into the wines; also Sparkling Wines which follow Sébastien’s heritage of being the sixth-generation winemaker in his family who are from Champagne, Arrentières, France.

### Domaine LeSeurre Winery

13920 State Route 54

Hammondsport, NY 14840

607.292.3920 | **DLWinery.com**

\*All parties of 8 or more, please call ahead to make a reservation.











# Dr. Konstantin Frank

## WINERY

**D**r. Konstantin Frank Winery has been leading the way for over 50 years, not just as New York State's most award-winning winery since 1962, but as an influence on winemaking throughout the country. Despite its reputation for extraordinary wines, Dr. Frank continues to offer complimentary tastings that are both informative and intimate. See why the *Huffington Post* named Dr. Frank's one of the "Top 12 Hot Spots" in the Finger Lakes.

**Special Note:** New York's most award-winning winery since 1962, Dr. Frank's won an incredible 129 gold medals in 2013. Dr. Frank's was named "New York State Winery of the Year" for the third time at the 2018 New York Wine Classic.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room, 1962 Tastings, 1886 Reserve Room Tastings,  
Château Frank Sparkling Wine Cellars

### VARIETALS

Riesling is our most grown variety followed by Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Gruner Veltliner, Gewürztraminer, Rkatsiteli, Blaufränkisch, Pinot Gris, Saperavi, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Amurensis, Sauvignon Blanc, and Merlot.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Dry Riesling and Semi-Dry Riesling wines are the two most popular. With over 30 wines produced, Rkatsiteli, Pinot Noir, Blaufränkisch, Chardonnay, and sparkling Riesling Célèbre are all very popular.

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Rkatsiteli, Saperavi. During summer 2019, a 2018 Amber Rkatsiteli will be released.

### Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery

9749 Middle Road

Hammondsport, NY 14840

800.320.0735 | [DrFrankWines.com](http://DrFrankWines.com)



# Steuben Wine

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Learn more about the wines  
of Steuben County at  
**CorningFingerLakes.com**







# Heron Hill

## WINERY

**H**eron Hill Winery's mission is simple—create a natural, pure product the owner can proudly share with family and friends. Yet, being 100-percent green and making award-winning wines is no easy feat. Named one of eight eco-friendly East Coast wineries by Mother Nature Network, with a tasting room rated one of the “10 Most Spectacular in the World” (*Travel & Leisure*), and a café offering great food and incredible views, Heron Hill gets it right.

**Special Note:** In 2019, owners John and Josephine Ingle received the “Top Grower Award” from The New York Wine and Grape Foundation, recognizing their dedication and contributions to the New York grape industry. Also recently named an eco-minded craft beverage business by *Wine Enthusiast*.

### AMENITIES

Gift Shop, Blue Heron Café, Tasting Room  
A spectacular spot for destination weddings  
(read about Heron Hill's wedding venue in  
*Destination I Do* and other magazines)

### VARIETALS

Riesling, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Franc. We also buy grapes and produce many wines from other local growers including Pinot Blanc, Gewürztraminer, Gruner Veltliner, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and some French hybrid varieties.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Eclipse Red and Eclipse White, Classic Semi-Dry Riesling, Classic Chardonnay, and Classic Cabernet Franc

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Ingle Vineyard Series—one of the first “single-vineyard” series to come about many years ago. Wines are produced from sustainably-grown grapes.

### Heron Hill Winery

9301 County Route 76  
Hammondsport, NY 14840  
607.868.4241 | [HeronHill.com](http://HeronHill.com)







KEUKA LAKE  
VINEYARDS

— FINE ESTATE WINES —

CABERNET FRANC

2012

Finger Lakes

alcohol 12.4% by volume



KEUKA LAKE  
VINEYARDS

— FINE ESTATE WINES —

VIGNOLES

2013

Finger Lakes

Gently Dry

alcohol 13.2% by volume



# Keuka Lake

## VINEYARDS

**K**euka Lake Vineyards is proof positive that sometimes it's the small, boutique winery turning heads as much for its down-to-earth personality as it is for the skills of the people working there. Stop by KLV and taste unique dry European-style wines in an intimate setting. Owner Mel Goldman and winemaker Staci Nugent specialize in premium Riesling and Vignoles and exceptional experimental hybrids that allow "the grapes to express themselves."

**Special Note:** KLV is a quiet friendly place that aims to bring a rich wine experience with pleasantness. "We are not fancy but aim to serve first-class wine in a rustic, friendly environment." You can find KLV wines in restaurants in NYC, Washington DC, Helsinki, and even Japan.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room

### VARIETALS

We grow Riesling, Vignoles, Cabernet Franc, and Léon Millot.  
We purchase Cabernet Franc, Gewürztraminer,  
and De Chaunac.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Turkey Run Vignoles, Léon Millot, Cabernet Franc, and Dry Riesling in the tasting room; Semi-Dry and Dry Riesling, Cabernet Franc, and Dry Vignoles through distribution. Falling Man Vineyard Riesling and Evergreen Lek Riesling

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Léon Millot, made with grapes harvested from 70-year-old vines planted by Charles Fournier, as well as grape vines planted with cuttings from those vines. The Vignoles is also unique because it is dry and pairs beautifully with seafood and rich dishes.

### Keuka Lake Vineyards

8882 County Route 76  
Hammondsport, NY 14840  
607.868.4100 | [KLVineyards.com](http://KLVineyards.com)



# Pleasant Valley

## WINE COMPANY

**P**leasant Valley Wine Company, founded in 1860, is the region's oldest winery and U.S. Bonded Winery #1. Named "physically the most atmospheric winery in the whole of the region" by *Frommer's* and called one of "five don't-miss wineries" by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Pleasant Valley offers unique winery tours allowing you a wonderful glimpse of the past. Known for its Great Western Champagne, Pleasant Valley also bottles for a number of other companies like Myx Fusions for celebrity Nicky Minaj.

**Special Note:** Pleasant Valley was the first American winery to win an award in Europe for sparkling wine in 1867, and its Great Western Champagne also won a gold medal in Vienna in 1873.

### AMENITIES:

Visitor Center (with wine museum), Tasting Room, Gift Shop, and \*Special Tours of eight buildings on National Registry of Historic Places

### VARIETALS

Over 500 acres of vineyards on Keuka and Seneca Lakes including Riesling, Chardonnay, Delaware, Catawba, and Concord

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Great Western Champagne (made here for over 150 years), Ports, Sherry, Chocolate Lab, as well as Pleasant Valley Marsala and Madeira (both cooking wines)

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Great Western Sparkling Rosé (Chardonnay Champagne blended with Sparkling Burgundy Cuvée), Vanilla Cream Sherry

### Pleasant Valley Wine Company

8260 Pleasant Valley Road  
Hammondsport, NY 14840

607.569.6111 | [PleasantValleyWine.com](http://PleasantValleyWine.com)

\*Guided historic tours conducted daily Memorial Day through mid-November, weather permitting.  
Call for hours and availability.





### *Did you know?*

Because of the internationally recognized excellence of Pleasant Valley Champagnes, and because of the similarities of climatic and soil conditions between the area and the Champagne district of France, Pleasant Valley came to be called the “Rheims of America.” When the U.S. Postal Service opened a branch at the winery in 1870, it used the postmark, “Rheims, N.Y.,” which was used until 1945 when rural delivery took its place.





# Point of the Bluff

## VINEYARDS

**P**oint Of The Bluff Vineyards, established in 2008, offers award-winning wines in a beautiful setting overlooking Keuka Lake. The winery's boutique size allows their winemaker—with more than 20 years of experience—to be closely involved in every aspect of the process, from planting to bottling. Visit the tasting room on the west side of Keuka Lake and sample artfully-crafted wines overlooking stunning views!

**Special Note:** The owner of Point of the Bluff is breathing new life into Hammondsport with special music concerts, as well as ownership of two landmarks in town—Crooked Lake Ice Cream Parlor and The Park Inn—that offer delicious locally-sourced meals and tasteful overnight accommodations.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room, Special Events Tent, Pavilion (for music events)

### VARIETALS

Riesling and Pinot Noir are estate grown.

Planting Vidal Blanc this season.

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Semi-Dry Riesling, Dry Rosé, Cabernet Franc

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Ice Wine (ice wine is not possible in many regions of the world)



### Point of the Bluff Vineyards

10489 County Route 76

Hammondsport, NY 14840

607.332.3060 | [PointOfTheBluffVineyards.com](http://PointOfTheBluffVineyards.com)



# Ravines

## WINE CELLARS

**R**avines Wine Cellars doesn't "try to be everything to everyone, which, to be honest," said *New York Cork Report*, "is a refreshing change from so many of the Finger Lakes wineries." Born and trained in France, Morten Hallgren specializes in elegant, dry, food-friendly wines made in the traditional French style while his foodie wife, Lisa, offers exquisite wine-friendly food pairings and wonderful events featuring the work and products of artisans from throughout the region.

**Special Note:** In recent years, Ravines has had a wine named to *Wine Spectator's* "Top 100 Wines" multiple times and the winery, itself, has been named to *Wine & Spirits Magazine's* "Top 100 Wineries in the World" multiple times as well.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Room, Ravinous Kitchen

### VARIETALS

Riesling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewürztraminer, and Sauvignon Blanc

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Estate Dry Riesling, Dry Riesling White Springs Vineyard, Maximilien (Bordeaux-style blend), Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Franc

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Vintage Sparkling Brut and Brut Rosé wines (using Chardonnay and/or Pinot Noir grapes) made in "méthode traditionnelle," a centuries-old French method of Champagne making, where the wines are hand-riddled on the lees for several years and only released seven to nine vintages later; a late harvest vintage Vignoles wine and small batches of Port and sherry-like fortified wines

### Ravines Wine Cellars

14630 State Route 54  
Hammondsport, NY 14840  
607.292.7007 | [RavinesWine.com](http://RavinesWine.com)









# Savor

## VINEYARDS AND WINES

**S**avor Vineyards and Wines is a quaint farm winery whose name reflects its philosophy of slowing down and savoring life. Home winemakers for over 30 years, Bill and Suzanne Piatt craft small batches of unique cold-climate wines, including their award-winning Maréchal Foch, as well as a Dry White Catawba, La Crescent, Esprit, and a seasonal Pear Wine. Stop by the handcrafted tasting barn to savor live music, beautiful valley views, and delicious wine.

**Special Note:** Experience a country winery in the barn-inspired tasting room. Savor also carries two local craft beers for friends who prefer beer.

### AMENITIES

Tasting Barn, Outdoor Seating

### VARIETALS

Marquette, Noiret, Maréchal Foch, Concord, Catawba, Riesling, White Catawba, Esprit, La Crescent, Niagara, and Pear

### MOST POPULAR WINES:

Marquette, Noiret, Riesling, White Catawba, and La Crescent

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Pear Wine made from heirloom pears is light-bodied, with subtle hints of pear and vanilla; the White Catawba is a delicious dry white wine; an off-dry Esprit; and a semi-dry Blush Concord

### Savor Vineyards & Wines

8431 Oak Hill Road  
Arkport, NY 14807

607.765.8601 | [SavorWine.net](http://SavorWine.net)

\*Live music from 6–9 p.m. every Thursday, with occasional musical and other artistic performances on Fridays and Sundays.



# Weis

## VINEYARDS

**W**eis Vineyards released its first vintages in May 2017 and wasted no time in establishing itself as one of the best wineries around by winning double-gold (and six other medals) at the 2017 New York Wine & Food Classic Competition, then following up with double-gold (and other awards) at the 2018 SF Chronicle Wine Judging Competition. Born in Zell Mosel, Germany, winemaker Hans Peter Weis crafts traditional, dry German-style wines for all to enjoy.

**Special Note:** Due to the quaint size of the 1870s-era one-room schoolhouse tasting room, Weis requires all parties of eight or more to call ahead to make a reservation.

### AMENITIES

Historic Schoolhouse Tasting Room

### VARIETALS

Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Gruner Veltliner, Chardonnay, Blaufränkisch, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Chancellor

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Dry Riesling, Schulhaus Red, Perle (sparkling), and Dry Rosé in the tasting room. Dry Riesling, Semi-Dry Riesling, and Schulhaus Red for distribution.

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Heart of the Lake wine, which is from the NY 81.0315.17 varietal (a Cornell hybrid). This is Riesling X Cayuga White and is grown on the bluff of Keuka Lake. Weis is currently one of the only wineries locally using the varietal. Will also be releasing Blaufränkisch and Saperavi—red varietals found less frequently in the region.

### Weis Vineyards

10014 Day Road

Hammondsport, NY 14840

607.284.4011 | [WeisVineyards.com](http://WeisVineyards.com)





  
**WEIS**  
— VINEYARDS —

2016

*Unsoaked Cabernet Franc*

FINGER LAKES

  
**WEIS**  
— VINEYARDS —

*One Eighty Three*

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# Wild Brute

## WINERY

**W**ild Brute Winery tends to break away from what might be expected. After apprenticing at Château Frank and studying at Cornell, Justin Recktenwald returned to his roots among the farms of Arkport to start an artisanal farm-winery focusing on the production of wild-fermented Finger Lakes wines. Wild Brute offers guests a rural tasting experience of uniquely-styled vintages, like his popular unfiltered Cab Franc.

**Special Note:** You can also enjoy Wild Brute wines, as well as other wines and craft beverages from around the region, at The Brute: A Finger Lakes-focused wine bar in nearby Hornell.

### AMENITIES

Outdoor Tastings, Outdoor Seating

### VARIETALS

Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Concord,  
sometimes Riesling

### MOST POPULAR WINES

Unfiltered Cabernet Franc

### UNIQUE VINTAGES

Wild Brute has produced a number of exotic and experimental wines, including dry-style Concords and Catawbas, Pét Nat (aka Pétillant Naturel), Cider-Wine collaborations, Orange Wines, and Fruited Wines

### Wild Brute Winery

8629 Oak Hill Road  
Arkport, NY 14807

607.324.2433 | [WildBruteWinery.com](http://WildBruteWinery.com)

\*Seasonal, open limited days and hours.  
Check website for hours.



# Wine Tour COMPANIES

## **Experience! The Finger Lakes**

607.233.4818 | **ExperienceFingerLakes.com**

## **Finger Lakes Limousine & Coach**

315.789.7272 or 888.252.1768 | **FingerLakesLimo.com**

## **Finger Lakes Winery Tours**

315.828.6289 | **FingerLakesWineryTours.com**

## **Keuka Lake Limo**

607.725.0616 | **KeukaLakeLimo.com**

## **Luxury Limos**

607.382.7712 | **LuxuryLimosOnline.com**

## **Main Street Drivers**

(will pick you up, drive you around in your car)

888.327.4460 | **MainStreetDrivers.com**

## **OnKeuka Cruise & Vines Tours**

607.742.0953 | **OnKeuka.com**

## **Pals Car Service**

315.420.1750 or 315.694.9269 | **PalsCarService.com**

## **Quality Wine Tours**

585.455.8294 or 877.424.7004 | **QualityWineTours.com**

“*Located five hours outside  
New York City . . . sits the most exciting  
wine region on the East Coast,  
the Finger Lakes*”

—Adam Teeter, *VinePair*







# Finger Lakes

## VARIETALS

**T**he Finger Lakes has been a wine region for nearly 160 years. In the early days, wines were made with native grapes that tended to be much sweeter. Eventually, French-American hybrid varieties were planted as wine drinkers craved some drier-style wines. But it wasn't until the 1960s when Dr. Konstantin Frank revolutionized wine-making in the region by introducing *Vinifera* grapes. This allowed winemakers to craft a wide range of wine styles, from sweet to bone dry. While there are dozens of different grapes planted throughout the region, below are the most popular varieties.



*Baco Noir*



*Cabernet Sauvignon*



*Cabernet Franc*



*Chardonnay*



*Concord*



*Gewürztraminer*



*Isabella*



*Lemberger*



*Niagara*



## STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK

“*Their Chardonnay very well may be the best produced in all of the Finger Lakes.*”

—Daryl & Mindi Hirsch, *2foodtrippers*

### Native Varietals

(LAMBRUSCA)

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#### REDS

Catawba  
Concord  
Isabella  
Vincent

#### WHITES

Delaware  
Diamond  
Niagara

### French-American

HYBRID VARIETALS

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#### REDS

Baco Noir  
Chambourcin  
Chancellor  
DeChaunac  
Maréchal Fosh  
Rougeon

#### WHITES

Cayuga White  
Melody  
Seyval Blanc  
Vidal Blanc  
Vignoles  
Traminette

### European Varietals

(VINIFERA)

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#### REDS

Cabernet Franc  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Gamay  
Lemberger  
Merlot  
Pinot Noir

#### WHITES

Chardonnay  
Gewürztraminer  
Riesling



*Pinot Noir*



*Riesling*



*Vidal Blanc*



# What's in a name?

**W**hile you're in the Finger Lakes region exploring wineries off the beaten path, it's the perfect opportunity to try some unique wines you won't find just anywhere. Rest assured, it's not just about the uncommon names, but the wonderful, unusual flavors as well.

## ICE WINE

True ice wine requires a few essential things: several days of extremely cold weather, grapes that have survived long enough to freeze on the vine, and a labor-intensive process of harvesting and pressing. Due to all these variables, true ice wines are not made by many wineries and are not made every year. A dessert wine that pairs well with a bold, sharp cheese to balance out the sweetness, or simply as dessert itself.

*Where can you find it?*

Heron Hill, Point of the Bluff, Weis Vineyards

## LÉON MILLOT

A hybrid grape created in 1911 in Alsace, Léon Millot is time consuming to harvest by hand and not a wine most people encounter, but when done right, this red wine is well worth the work. Flavor profiles range from lighter styles like Pinot Noir to more full-bodied styles like Syrah.

*Where can you find it?*

Keuka Lake Vineyards, Bully Hill

## RKATSITELI

You may not have heard of this one, but at one time it was the third-most planted grape varietal in the world. Wine historians believe this grape was growing in the Georgia region of the former USSR over 5,000 years ago. With a wonderful balance of acidity and spiciness, be prepared to discover a new favorite white wine.

*Where can you find it?*

Dr. Frank's

“The winery’s famous Rieslings, along with traditionally-made sparkling wines and some worthy curiosities like Rkatsiteli, can be enjoyed at the cozy Keuka Lake tasting room.”

—Food & Wine

## SAPERAVI

Another ancient Georgian grape varietal, Saperavi means “dye” or “paint” in the Georgian language, which is fitting since it is one of the only grape varieties in the world with red pulp and red skin. As a result, this delicious, complex, heavy-bodied wine has a deep dark color.

### *Where can you find it?*

Dr. Frank’s, Azure Hill, Weis Vineyards

## VIGNOLES

While the actual origins of this hybrid grape variety may be up for debate, this complex wine has some characteristics similar to Riesling and can, as with other varietals, range in styles from dry to semi-sweet to dessert wines.

### *Where can you find it?*

Keuka Lake Vineyards

Other wines growing in popularity in the region include Grüner Veltliner, Blaufränkisch (also known as Lemberger), and Zweigelt, among others.





# Wine Events

Each year brings a handful of annual wine events worth savoring and we've listed a few below to get you started. Of course, several of our wineries have their own special wine events throughout the year, like the 1886 Reserve food pairings at Dr. Frank's and Happy Hours at Point of the Bluff and Weis Vineyards. Some of our restaurants, like The Park Inn, also get in on the action with regular sit-down food and wine pairings.

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## JANUARY

Crystal City Wine Festival

## JUNE

Fire it Up! BBQ Weekend

## FEBRUARY

Wine and Cheese Getaway  
Taste FLXpo

## JULY

Finger Lakes Wine Festival

## MARCH

Cabin Fever

## SEPTEMBER

Harvest Celebration

## APRIL

Tapas & Wine Weekend

## NOVEMBER

Keuka Holidays

## MAY

Keuka in Bloom

## DECEMBER

Sparkle

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