



WÖLFFER ESTATE

VINEYARD

Wölffer Estate Vineyard

Defining the Long Island Wine Experience Since 1988

Wölffer Estate Vineyard, infused with all the elegance and charm of Hamptons country living, is a leader in Long Island winemaking. Since 1988, the winery has hosted thousands of visitors discovering the region and its quality wines.

European Tradition in the Heart of Long Island Wine Country

Founded in 1988 by Hamburg-born Christian Wölffer, Wölffer Estate Vineyard, a 55-acre winery located in Sagaponack, (Long Island), New York, in the heart of the Hamptons between Southampton and East Hampton is an American winery with a decidedly European character. Reflecting the vision of industry pioneer Christian Wölffer, these former potato fields have become the quality benchmark of Long Island winemaking today, producing 16,000-20,000 cases each year. The winery is located on the same property as Wölffer Estate Stables, a premier equestrian facility that lends the iconic horse imagery to Wölffer Estate Vineyard's elegant packaging.

Commitment to Sustainable Agriculture – Vineyard & Winemaking

Under Winemaker/Technical Director Roman Roth's meticulous care, Wölffer Estate Vineyard's wines are made in a classical style, with a rich concentration of fruit and lively acidity. The winery practices sustainable agriculture, and is committed to a non-interventionist approach that results in a full expression of the unique terroir of these Sagaponack vineyards. Similar in many respects to conditions in Bordeaux, the local Bridgehampton loam soil is a by-product of the glacial moraine that formed Long Island, and provides a perfect host for grapevines.

German-born Roth and American vineyard manager, Richard Pisacano, spare no effort or expense in tending to the vineyards and grape production, all to harness the full potential of the terroir and microclimate, which is constantly bathed in cool breezes from the Atlantic, only 2.6 miles away. It is this winning combination of climate and soil that ensures the ripeness and acidity necessary for producing Wölffer's signature style: European elegance combined with the typicity of their Long Island terroir.

The entire vineyard staff regards itself as the custodian of the vines, with hands-on care, from the planting, to the growing, to the culmination of the process—the hand picking and hand sorting of the grapes. This painstaking approach to the viticulture can mean sacrificing as much as 40% of the grapes during the growing season in order to concentrate plant energy and nutrition for the most promising fruit.

Vines are pruned, the shoots thinned and certain leaves removed by hand for optimum exposure to the sun. A drip irrigation system nourishes the vines during drought periods and extends the growing and ripening time.

Wölffer's average yield of grapes per acre is between two and four tons, a quantity set by Roth and Pisacano to produce the most intensely flavored grapes. When the growing cycle is complete, every effort is made to find the perfect timing to pick the full, ripe grapes by hand, so that they can be gently pressed, vinified, aged, bottled, and corked in the classic style.

Wölffer Estate Wines – From Classics to Specialty Wines

Wölffer Estate Vineyard is well known for their vibrant and elegant Chardonnays and rich, intense Merlots. Their dry Rosé has become a favorite of New York City dwellers and summer Hamptonites, alike. Wölffer's exceptional *méthode traditionnelle* Sparkling Brut is ideal for celebrations. Winemaker Roman Roth's European roots shine in the classic Cabernet Franc. The popular Late Harvest Chardonnay ice wine, Wölffer's dessert nectar is made from frozen grapes. These consistently well-balanced wines offer an elegant complement to a wide range of foods, a tribute to the versatility of the Sagaponack terroir, and a witness to Roman Roth's drive for innovation and excellence.

Destination Wölffer

Located two hours from Manhattan, Wölffer Estate Vineyard welcomes guests year-round and is open every day for tastings. No reservations are required for this incomparable wine experience which has introduced oenophiles from around the world to the outstanding quality of Long Island winemaking.

Visitors to the winery will discover a Tuscan-style villa set in the vines, far removed from the hectic pace of New York living. The gracious 12,000-square-foot winery houses a tasting room and boutique; a state-of-the-art winemaking facility equipped with computerized stainless-steel tanks, laboratory, riddling rooms, bottling line, and a cellar to hold the wines before distribution; and in keeping with the European tradition, barrel rooms constructed of high-vaulted caves and a wine library. Here wines are aged in imported French oak barrels.

The tasting room at Wölffer Estate Vineyard offers table service as well as more informal tastings "wine bar-style." Guests may select from a range of wine flights and enjoy a cheese plate with a selection of artisanal cheeses. French doors open onto a stone terrace that is bordered with hydrangeas and overlooks the vineyard, offering one of the most picturesque views in Hamptons wine country.

Special Events

Wölffer's beautiful and impressive winery has become a popular venue for weddings and special events. During the summer, Wölffer Estate offers a busy calendar of events including the James Beard Foundation's annual Chefs and Champagne fundraiser. Harvest is celebrated with a fun-filled party complete with grape picking and stomping, barrel rolling and a sumptuous country lunch. Throughout the year, Twilight Thursday offers live jazz, complimentary cheese, and wine sold-by-the glass to enjoy in the company of friends. And Sunset Fridays at Wölffer are an opportunity to visit the newly refurbished Wölffer Wine Stand, located at 3312 Montauk Highway, the perfect spot to stock up for the weekend and enjoy complimentary cheese, wines and live jazz. This winter, Candlelight Fridays has been introduced with exciting entertainment, mulled wine by the cup or wines by the glass, and cheese and charcuterie plates.

Contact Information

To learn more about Wölffer Estate Vineyard, including information about the Wine Club and upcoming events, please visit www.wolffer.com or call Judy Malone at 631-537-5106, ext 31.