

Trillium Ridge Times

by your old friend Fumie Thorpe

Special Edition

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Announcing that



the Little Winery on the Great Lake! now has the Little Satellite Store

on the Ridge

on the grounds of Orchard View Country Market, located at the corner of Ridge and Lake Bluff Roads, just a mile north of the intersection of State Routes 104 and 414, and a mile east of the Sodus Bay Bridge!

It all started out during the holiday season of 2008. Alan Smith, the owner of Orchard View Country Market, abruptly said, “do you want to do something out there?” while pointing out his furniture display room. I happened to stop by to pick up my supper materials from their farm market and he was making the holiday wreaths with his mother in the back of their main building.

They are only 6 and a half miles away from my original location, on the Lake, but are located on well-travelled Ridge Road, that is Old State Route 104 and a part of Seaway Trail. We’ve known each other for a long time by being involved in the farm and tourism business, besides his family farm of 500 acres of mostly apple orchards helped me in the vineyards in the past few years. We all thought that would be a great idea to have my satellite wine store there! So we started working on the project. Then the licensing with the State (yes, I needed to get a totally different license than the farm winery license I’ve had for twenty-some years) came in and for the processing we waited, and waited, and waited.....

The official license finally arrived in the middle of June 2010, which was just about a month ago, and we opened the door of the satellite store, Thorpe Vineyard on the Ridge, on the first day of summer, June 21. As the last bit of the licensing turned out to be unexpectedly quick, it didn’t leave me a lot of time to prepare. So here’s my good old newsletter announcing that, it’s now there and open!

At the satellite store, on the Ridge, the whole selection of Thorpe Vineyard brand wines are available as well as some of the familiar wine items we carry on the Lake. Orchard View

Country Market, now our next door, offers variety of gift items and Amish-crafted furniture just outside of our new tasting room. They, of course, always have fresh fruits and vegetables, and home-baked goodies and ice cream --- also remember the beautiful flowers and plants throughout the season!

We made the four-bottle wine totes with both of our logos to commemorate this occasion. They are our free gift when you purchase more than 4 bottles of wine at either the Ridge or the Lake. We are also planning to have the grand opening on Saturday, August 21 --- make sure you mark your calendar! We will keep you posted how it is shaping up on our website. So keep watching!! (Or you can always call or email us to inquire.)

I am pleased to introduce my friendly staff who are all eager to assist and entertain while your stay. It has been a grateful opportunity for me to work with so many people who have come together to make this happen. So join us; stop by the brand new satellite store, on the Ridge, to enjoy the same great-tasting wines you've come to love!

Lake Ontario Wine Trail Events

Saturday, July 17, 12 noon to 6 pm
Pultneyville Homecoming Wine & Jazz Fest

Saturday, August 7, 11am to 8 pm
Wolcott Wine & Jazz Fest

Inquiry: www.lakeontariowinetrail.com