



TRILLIUM RIDGE TIMES

by Fumie Thorpe and the Crew
at
Thorpe Vineyard
“The Little Winery on the Great Lake!”

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Fall Greetings! The 2011 growing season is over and we just got done with our harvest. The recent chilly mornings brought the leaf fall of the bright foliage we enjoyed in our vineyards. A sign of the things to come --- so here is our Fall newsletter to embrace the seasons!

Happenings – Happenings – Happenings

There are a few events we are participating in during this fall into the holiday season. Some are going on simultaneously, so if you pick the right date, you will be able to take advantage of more than one offer at a time! Here is the schedule of each event.

Winter Wonderland Shopping Fling

November 11 – 13 (Fri – Sun)
from 10 am to 5 pm

Tour 19 participating merchants in Wayne County, many of them are along or spur from Rt. 104 corridor to receive a stamp from each one. The path stretches from Orchard View Country Market and Thorpe Vineyard on the Ridge at the eastern end to a few gift and antique shops in Ontario area and JD Wine Cellars outside of Macedon at the western end. Every merchant will offer a free gift and refreshments. We are planning to serve “Pears Chancellor,” a dessert dish made with our Chancellor, and a small ornament as our gift. You will have all three days to complete the trip. No purchase necessary.

Wayne County Holiday Traditions – Tour the Wineries

November 1 – December 18

Visit three Wayne County wineries, Thorpe Vineyard on the Ridge, Young Sommer Winery and JD Wine Cellars, and receive the stamps to be a part of the drawing for total of one case of wine from the participating wineries. Each winery has a special offer during this period. You can pick up a free Holiday Brochure at the starting winery or request one to our Tourism Office at www.waynecountytourism.com or call (800) 527-6510.

Second Annual Lake Ontario Wine Trail Holiday Tour

December 10 & 11 (Sat & Sun)
from 12 noon to 5 pm

The ticket is \$5 per person that includes free tasting and wine and food pairing. Some of our Associate Members will join the tour as well. Get your ticket stamped at each stop to enter to win five bottles of wine (one from each winery) and small gifts from Associate Members, all packed in our new Lake Ontario Wine Trail tote bag!



**Lake Ontario Wine Trail Deals
and
6-Bottle Wine Totes**

Online at
www.lakeontariowinetrail.com

Visit our Wine Trail website to see it yourself! We now have a Deals page where both Winery and Associate Members can offer special deals. Each of us posts a coupon that you can print to bring in. The offer and duration vary so check it out often! And now the Trail Wine Totes are available at the Member Wineries. As they hold 6 bottles, we offer them for free when you purchase 6 bottles of wine at either of our tasting rooms, on the Lake or on the Ridge.

--- Now you've got the information so open up your calendar to make your plans. You can easily accomplish more than one mission per day, right? We look forward to seeing you!

Gift Baskets

These become handy when you are visiting your friends and family. So why not coming over to our Ridge to have one made for someone special in your mind?

My girls at the satellite store, on the Ridge, build our gift baskets from scratch. They take time to choose the baskets then sometimes even sew the liners to fit in the particular ones. Then they fill them with our wine and other items we carry. The baskets are so unique and personal that we only have a limited number of them. So come early for the best selection; you will not be disappointed!

Shopping Cart

As the holidays get closer, we always receive a request of shipping our wine. --- Yes, we are working to put this back on our website. Due to the recent regulatory changes; however, we will ship our wine **within New York State only** for the time being. The size of the wine shippers and the corresponding shipping charges are as follows.

| Number of Bottles | Charges (\$) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | 21.00 |
| 4 | 23.00 |
| 6 | 25.00 |
| 12 | 32.00 |

Call or email us to place an order:
315-594-2502 or thorpevineyard@rochester.rr.com.

We plan to ship our wine to other possible States in future once our investigation brings some conclusion to the current situation. Please keep checking on our website or Facebook for the most recent information from us, or you can call or email us at any time to inquire. We appreciate your patience, that also applies to our end, too!

| <u>Tasting Room Hours</u> |
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| On the Lake: Sat & Sun, Noon – 5 pm until December 31 |
| On the Ridge: Fri – Sun, Noon – 5 pm until December 23 |
| <u>Holiday Hours on the Ridge</u> Nov 21 – 23, Noon – 5 pm Dec 19 – 23, Noon – 5 pm |
| Other times call for an appointment at the Lake, 315-594-2502 |

NORTHERN LIGHTS

It was late October. I walked out one evening while cleaning up the day's press job during the harvest. I could hear the water in the wind so just looked up toward the Lake. The early season lake effect clouds were breaking up above the horizon and a few twinkles were in between. I stopped to figure out which stars they were --- it's just the second nature of the long time stargazer. Then I suddenly noticed that the background sky was brightening. It took a few seconds to realize what was going on as it had been quite a while since I saw the last one of those. It was just the white glow while I watched, but the following morning there were a number of posts on my Facebook wall telling me how magnificent the aurora display was. The return of the northern lights, that was exactly what I was feeling the night before.

Another year is nearing to the end and the Holiday season is just around the corner. This is again the time to reflect what's passing and to look forward to what's coming. As our Sun has the 11-year solar cycle, we are all in the midst of the changing seasons in the stream called time. Thorpe Vineyard will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in just over a year from now. My crew and I are talking how it would be. --- We don't know yet. But we are sure that it will be a memorable year for all of us. So we hope you will join us as you have until now. And for now, I know it's a little early to say, but

*Happy
Holidays!*

2011 Wine List

----- Dry -----

Chardonnay (\$14.49): Light, un-oaked with a lot of fruits. See how friendly a Chardonnay can be. Good with seafood or poultry.

Vidal (\$11.99): Crisp, refreshing and definitely dry. A wonderful white wine with any meal if you love dry wines.

Pinot Noir (\$17.99): A classic Burgundy varietal. Elegant and medium bodied with rose on the earthy tone. Enjoy the subtle flavor of French oak. How about some with chops or game? Or even with salmon!

Ridge Red (\$15.99): Made primarily of Carmine, the hybrid of Cabernet Sauvignon and Carignan. The deep color and healthy tannin promise a good potential of long term bottle aging. Pairs well with bold food such as heavy smoke, rich sauces and spicy Asian dishes.

Chancellor (\$13.99): Imagine a dark velvet dress. Soft yet robust. A hearty red wine for your steaks and roasts.

----- Semi-Dry -----

Riesling (\$14.99): The signature wine of the region that we finish off dry. Great for summer meals or simply bread and cheese. Light and smooth with hint of citrus. So indulgent ...

Cayuga White (\$11.49): A hybrid grape developed by the New York Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. A versatile varietal that is good with food or just by itself.

Maréchal Foch (\$13.99): A French hybrid that makes a fruity garnet red wine. Light in tannin with a pleasant sweetness. Excellent for pasta with red sauce.

----- Semi-Sweet -----

Bunny Blush (\$10.99): Named after Merrier, a little pet bunny we once had. A spicy blush that is excellent with your Holiday ham dinner!

Fialka (\$11.99): *** Our most Award Winning wine *** A white wine with a soft bouquet of abundant fresh grapes with a smooth pleasing taste. Great for sipping; accompanies poultry as well.

Red Duck (\$10.99): Fruity and delightful. Named after the ducks that were born and spent a summer here in East Bay. Great for the picnic basket, serve well chilled. A good match for BBQ chicken or chicken wings!

----- Sweet -----

Lake Breeze (\$12.49): Made of fruity white varietals, it is as sweet as the soft breeze from the Lake on a summer afternoon. Great for sipping or enjoy with some fresh fruit or ice cream for dessert.

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THORPE VINEYARD brand wines can be found at:

Wolcott Liquor & Wine Store: 315-594-9544

In downtown Wolcott

Lyons Liquor Store: 315-946-9102

In the village of Lyons on Rt. 14 just north of Rt. 31

The Liquor Cabinet: 315-589-5889

At the intersection of Rts. 104 & 21 in Williamson

Andrew's Wine Cellar: 315-342-5850

In Canal Commons in downtown Oswego

Moyers Corners Wines & Spirits: 315-652-5799

In Kimbrook Plaza at Rts. 31 & 57 in Clay

Marketview Liquor: 585-427-2480

In Henrietta Plaza on Jefferson Road

Country Club Liquor Mart: 585-586-7722

In Country Club Plaza just outside of East Rochester

Perinton Liquor: 585-223-4120

In Courtney Commons across from Perinton Square

Finger Lakes Wine Center at Sonnenberg Gardens: 585-394-9016

In the Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua

Note: The varieties of wine carried by the Retailers vary. We suggest you call ahead to see if they have what you are looking for on their shelf.

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