

# WINE & SPIRITS



A Renaissance in the Hudson Valley

GUIDE



MOUNT MERINO MANOR

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## A HUDSON VALLEY WINE AND SPIRITS GUIDE

Hudson, NY is a well known hub for antiques surrounded by farmlands, apple orchards and beautiful hiking trails. But there's been a slow transformation that's attracting global attention. Hudson now boasts of gourmet restaurants, the best nightlife north of New York City, a progressive cultural scene and artists community that's giving the city its own unique feel.

Renovations across the city have revamped colonial and early industrial age buildings into top recording studios, galleries, and spas. While the city itself is racing through a renaissance, the surrounding hills have also been feeling what's happening in Hudson. Beautiful country roads are now also home to vineyards and artisan distilleries.



While the Napa Valley has been the long standing American Viticultural area, there is now a complex web of stellar grape growing regions across the country.

Local flavors and artisan specialties are giving rise to a new type of wine culture. In Columbia County, passionate vineyard owners are producing their wines using techniques and philosophies deeply rooted in the history of the Valley and the idiosyncrasies of the land. The widespread use of older, more focused techniques for making wine have contributed to the region's reputation as a producer of exquisite single batch flavors that are on par with the best the world has to offer.

Regulatory measures that kept New York distilleries in check since prohibition have recently been softening to attract more business to the state. The Hudson Valley has benefited from this new deal for distilleries because it's the best region in the state for excellent locally sourced crops. Craft distilleries in Columbia County are now creating some of the best whiskeys available in the world, using tried and tested techniques that use local fruits and grains. Below is a selection of some of the region's best known and delicious wineries and distilleries.

## Hudson-Chatham Winery, Ghent, NY

Perhaps the winery that exemplifies the Hudson Valley style the most. This Winery is truly a labor of love that utilizes vintage techniques and grapes perfectly paired to the land. In a beautiful pastoral setting between Hudson and Chatham, this winery is a must-see. It's the highest ranked winery in the Capital Region.

1900 Route 66 Ghent NY 12075

518. 392. WINE

[www.hudsonchathamwinery.com](http://www.hudsonchathamwinery.com)

[info@hudsonchathamwinery.com](mailto:info@hudsonchathamwinery.com)

Tasting Room Hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 12pm to 5pm

Distance from [Mount Merino Manor](#): 15 minutes



## Millbrook Vineyard & Winery, Millbrook, NY

Serving both exquisite wine and gourmet fare, Millbrook has been ranked by local critics as the best winery in the Hudson Valley for 18 years. In addition to local recognition, the New York Times has called Millbrook: "The Hudson Valley's Flagship Winery". Situated a half hour south of Hudson, Millbrook consists of 130 acres, thirty of which are used in wine cultivation. The vineyard mainly cultivates Chardonnay and Cabernet Franc, and also features Pinot Noir, Tocai Friulano and Riesling.

26 Wing Rd, Millbrook, NY 12545  
845.677.8383

[www.millbrookwine.com](http://www.millbrookwine.com)  
[millbrookwinery@millwine.com](mailto:millbrookwinery@millwine.com)

Tasting Room Hours:

Daily from 11am to 6 pm

Distance from [Mount Merino Manor](#)

35 minutes



## Tousey Winery, Germantown, NY

This newcomer to the Hudson Valley wine scene has done more than just join an already world famous grape growing region, it has sought to raise the quality of Hudson Valley wines. Tousey is family operated, and has recently produced the best-ranked red wine in the Hudson Valley.

1774 Rt 9 (Blue Roof Building)

Germantown, New York

518. 567. 5462

[www.touseywinery.com](http://www.touseywinery.com)

[info@touseywinery.com](mailto:info@touseywinery.com)

Tasting Room Hours: Friday from

12pm to 7pm, weekends 12pm to 5pm

Distance from [Mount Merino Manor](#)

15 minutes



## Oak Summit Vineyard, Millbrook, NY

Oak Summit vineyard spreads across 6 acres of fertile Hudson Valley soil in which perfectly paired grapes grow into some of the most intense flavors found in the Hudson Valley. This vineyard has won gold on multiple occasions at the World Wine Championships, winning as recently as 2009. The quality of the wine here is propelled by the high levels of expertise evident in the detailed analysis of the soil and attention to Ancient Roman wine philosophy displayed on their website.

72 Oak Summit Rd, Millbrook, NY 12545

845. 677. 9522

[www.oaksummitvineyard.com](http://www.oaksummitvineyard.com)

[JCDBruno@gmail.com](mailto:JCDBruno@gmail.com)

Tastings by appointment

Please call or email

Distance from [Mount Merino Manor](#)

45 minutes



## Cascade Mountain Winery & Restaurant Amenia, NY

Family operated for more than 30 years, this Winery & Restaurant is a fine example of the bucolic luxury that first drew visitors to the Hudson Valley in the early 19th century. This vineyard is tucked away in the foothills of the Berkshire mountains where the family has raised some of the best grapes into several of the Valley's most delicate and flavorful wines. Their Private Reserve reds and whites make this vineyard a must on any tour of the region.

835 Cascade Mountain Rd, Amenia, NY 12501

845. 373. 9021

[www.cascademt.com](http://www.cascademt.com)

[info@cascademt.com](mailto:info@cascademt.com)

Tasting Room Hours: Daily 11am to 5pm  
by appointment only. Please call or email

Distance from [Mount Merino Manor](#):

40 minutes



## Hillrock Estate Distillery Ancram, NY

The Hillrock Estate Distillery is run by a former master distiller of the Maker's Mark brand of whiskey. Hillrock Estate is situated on acreage dominated by a colonial era house in which the distillery itself lies. Their connection to the roots of the valley run deep, exemplified in the use of their own grain raised up from their rich fields, and their attention to tradition of distilling that seemed to have long since departed from New York.

408 Pooles Hill Rd, Ancram, NY 12502

518. 329. 1023

[www.hillrockdistillery.com](http://www.hillrockdistillery.com)

[info@hillrockdistillery.com](mailto:info@hillrockdistillery.com)

Tasting Room Hours: Saturdays only  
by appointment. Please call or email

Distance from Mount Merino Manor

20 minutes



## Harvest Spirits, Inc. Valatie, NY

The spirits from this distillery reflect the character of Hudson Valley distillers perhaps more so than any other maker. Each of their products is single batch distilled, using local crops to their advantage in crafting some of the best single malt whiskeys in the world. Their Applejack Whiskey is made entirely out of Hudson Valley apples to make one of the most flavorful and alluring spirits available. Simply put, Harvest Spirits is helping to turn the Hudson Valley into one of the best whiskey regions in the country.

3074 US Rte 9 Valatie, NY 12184

518. 253. 5917

[www.harvestspirits.com](http://www.harvestspirits.com)

[info@harvestspirits.com](mailto:info@harvestspirits.com)

Tasting Room Hours: Weekends

from 12pm to 5pm

Distance from

Mount Merino Manor: 20 minutes



## Catskill Distilling Company, Catskill, NY

Ranked among the top ten distilleries in the state several times, and considered to produce one of the top ten bourbons worldwide by the New York Times, Catskill Distilling Company is leading the charge out of the darkness of prohibition era restrictions into the new bright future for the Hudson Valley, where it looks like its small batch distilleries will soon be called the best the world has to offer.

2037 State Route 17B Bethel NY, 12720

845. 583. 8569

[www.catskilldistillingcompany.com](http://www.catskilldistillingcompany.com)

[info@CatskillDistilling.com](mailto:info@CatskillDistilling.com)

Tasting Room Hours: Memorial Day  
through Labor Day: Tue to Sun 2-6 pm  
Labor to Memorial: Fri to Sun 2-6 pm  
Distance from Mount Merino Manor:  
1 hour 30 minutes



## Hudson Valley Distillers, LLC Clermont, NY

Visiting this distillery now may be a chance to see one of the greatest distilleries in the region in its infancy. Opened in 2013, this distillery has a commitment to the land, and is a product of the vision of two entrepreneurs who are now doing everything they can do to produce their spirits using only the best tried and tested techniques to make the

most select handcrafted liquors possible.

Their applejack and bourbon are made from apples, corn and barley grown on their farm.

1727 Route 9 Clermont, NY 12526

518. 537. 6820

[www.hudsonvalleydistillers.com](http://www.hudsonvalleydistillers.com)

[info@hudsonvalleydistillers.com](mailto:info@hudsonvalleydistillers.com)

Tasting Room Hours:

Friday through Sunday 12 - 6pm

Distance from Mount Merino Manor:

15 minutes



If you've come for art and culture, you'll be happy in Hudson and the rest of Columbia County, and if you've come for relaxation you will be overjoyed at Mount Merino Manor. If wine and spirits were not something you expected to find, you will be amazed at the lush vineyards and small batch distilleries this area has to offer. The Hudson Valley has long been known for a sense of mysticism that seems to hover in wisps of ethereal smoke over mountaintops, and it's happening again with the reinvigorated fire of a new generation of passionate men and women.



For easy access to everything that Hudson and its surroundings has to offer, a stay at Mount Merino Manor is convenient and uniquely enchanting. This Bed and Breakfast offers breathtaking views of the Catskill Mountains and Hudson River made famous by the paintings of Frederic Church and Thomas Cole. Hudson is a few minutes drive away, and a stay at the Valley's most fabulous Inn is just a phone call away.

Reserve your room at Mount Merino Manor today.

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