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## **Castello di Borghese Vineyard & Winery**

It's altogether fitting that when Long Island's oldest and most respected winery was up for sale some years ago, it caught the eye of a cosmopolitan Philadelphia couple who loved wine, had a respect for tradition and whose own noble roots dated back to ninth century Italy, Prince Marco and Princess Ann Marie Borghese.

Since 1999, the first vineyard on the North Fork has been in their creative hands. They renamed it Castello di Borghese -- Castle of the Borgheses. The 2007 season marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this, the premier vineyard of the Long Island wine industry. Ann Marie and Marco continue to apply new levels of energy, watching the vineyard evolve graciously under their stewardship.

The new owners, took what the Hargraves built and expanded the vineyard, redesigned the tasting room and set up an outdoor picnic area to allow people a greater degree of relaxation when tasting the ever-expanding selection of Castello di Borghese wines.

Contrary to other owners who prefer to operate behind the scenes, the Borgheses actually enjoy greeting visitors to their "Castello," often taking time to join in, or even lead, the many wine tastings held in their newly updated tasting room. "By being out front we can provide our customers with a better idea of what we're trying to achieve in our wines," says Ann Marie. "We also like sharing the experience, to see their expressions when tasting our new vintages for the first time."

Winners of numerous international awards, Castello di Borghese Vineyard and Winery has earned widespread respect.

Recent awards:

2007 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition  
Silver Medals were awarded for our 2003 Cabernet Franc and 2003 Barrel Fermented Pinot Noir at the Finger Lakes Competition benefiting Camp Good Days and Special Times, a not for profit corporation providing a camping experience and much more for children with cancer.

2007 Florida State International Wine and Grape Juice Competition  
Gold Medal was awarded to our 2005 Chardonnay at this prestigious wine competition in the sunny state of Florida.