



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

## The Economic Impact of the Wine Industry in Suffolk County



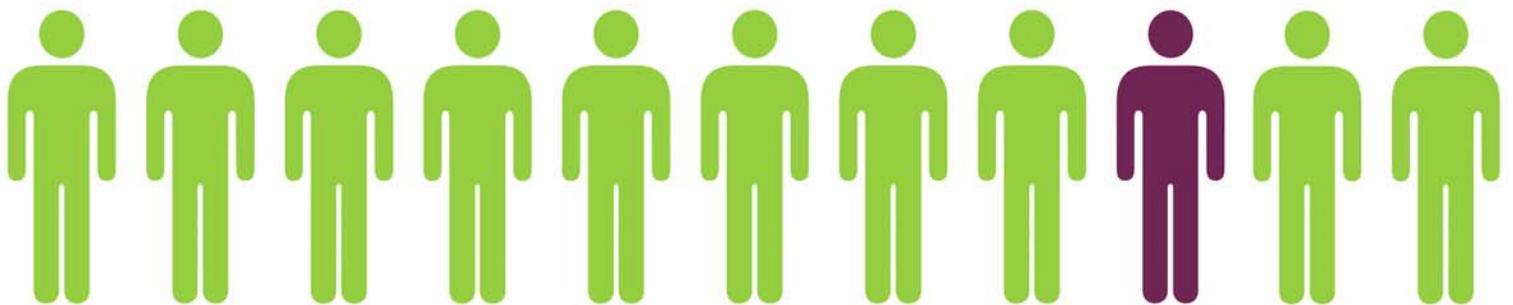
Suffolk County vineyards are a vibrant part of the county's tourism economy. With an estimated **3,000 acres** of grapes planted, most of the **60 wine producers** on Long Island offer tours and tastings that are estimated to draw **1.3 million visitors** to Suffolk vineyards each year.



Suffolk's wine producers directly employ **894 workers** and generate revenue from wine totaling **\$113.6 million**.

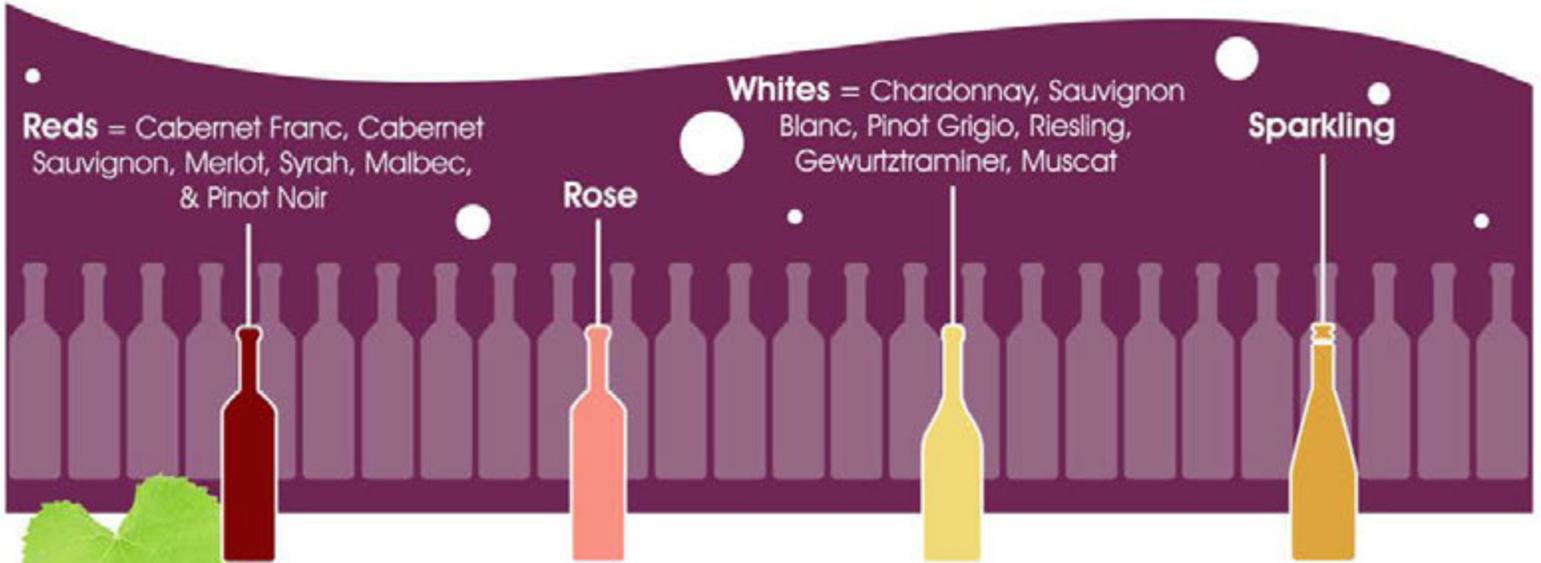


The **1.3 million annual visitors** to Suffolk's wineries spend an estimated **\$30.55 per visitation**, generating annual spending at the vineyards of **\$39.7 million**. Tourists to Suffolk's wineries are also estimated to spend around **\$59.2 million annually** on tourism-related activities outside of the wineries, for total annual tourist spending of nearly **\$99 million**.



In total, using standard economic multipliers for agriculture, Suffolk's winemaking industry contributes **\$249 million** in economic activity to the region and adds **3,732 jobs**.

A maritime climate and well-drained soils allow Long Island winegrowers to focus on the production of premium European winegrapes. As a result, an estimated **1.2 million gallons** of wine are produced annually. These are the type of wines you may expect to find at a local Long Island vineyard:



**Reds** = Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Malbec, & Pinot Noir

**Rose**

**Whites** = Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Gewurtztraminer, Muscat

**Sparkling**



**Want to find out more about Long Island wines?**

Visit the Long Island Wine Council  
<http://www.liwines.com/>

**Are you interested in wine industry efforts to develop sustainable practices in grape growing and winemaking?**

Visit Long Island Sustainable Winegrowing  
<http://www.lisustainablewine.org/>

**Are you a visitor looking to plan a weekend getaway at a vineyard?**

Visit Discover Long Island  
<https://www.discoverlongisland.com/>



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Visit Cornell Cooperative Extension Grape Program  
<https://ccesuffolk.org/agriculture/grape-program/>



**Are you a vineyard owner/operator looking for economic development opportunities?**

Visit Suffolk County Economic Development & Planning  
<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Business/AgriculturalandFishing.aspx>

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