

## Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association

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## **HISTORY MADE IN THE FINGER LAKES WITH THE 2008 VINTAGE**

*Some of the best Rieslings in the United States are from the Finger Lakes, NY*

**Finger Lakes Wine Country, NY (December 28, 2009)** - The 2008 vintage for Finger Lakes Riesling has made history in *Wine Spectator* with wines from Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars and Ravines Wine Cellars. The Dr. Frank Riesling Finger Lakes Late Harvest Bunch Select 2008 received a 92 rating from *Wine Spectator*, the highest score ever for a Finger Lakes wine and the Ravines Riesling Finger Lakes Dry Argetsinger Vineyard 2008 received a 91 rating, the highest scoring dry 2008 Riesling from the region to date. Fred Frank, president at Dr. Konstantin Frank, recently said "We are delighted that the 2008 Bunch Select Late Harvest Riesling received the highest rating ever for the Finger Lakes Region from *Wine Spectator*. It is believed that in 1962 Dr. Frank produced the first trockenbeerenauslese (TBA) style wine in the United States. The 2008 season had the perfect growing conditions to repeat this achievement and we are proud that this special dessert wine is able to gain recognition for Dr. Frank's and the Finger Lakes."

The wineries of Finger Lakes Wine Country have become internationally recognized for their world-class Rieslings and James Molesworth, senior editor at *Wine Spectator*, recently said "from dry to sweet versions, the Finger Lakes is slowly but steadily cementing its reputation as this country's best source for Riesling." In one of the magazine's recently published 2008 Finger Lakes Riesling Tasting Reports and in the wine ratings database both available online at [www.winespectator.com](http://www.winespectator.com) fifty-eight 2008 Finger Lakes Rieslings from twenty-three producers (Ravines, Anthony Road, Lamoreaux Landing, Red Newt, Red Tail Ridge, Standing Stone, Chateau Lafayette Reneau, Damiani, Dr. Konstantin Frank, Heart & Hands, King Ferry, Rooster Hill, Sheldrake Point, Atwater, Hazlitt, Cascata, Hosmer, Hunt Country, Lakewood, Belhurst, Keuka Lake, Wagner and Knapp) received reviews that are considered by the magazine to be outstanding to good. The 2008 vintage for Finger Lakes Riesling according to James Molesworth "should be one of the best vintages yet for New York's Finger Lakes."

Finger Lakes Wine Country, in upstate New York, is home to the largest concentration of wineries east of California, with more than 100 wineries producing world-class Rieslings as well Pinot Gris, Vidal Blanc, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Lemberger, and Pinot Noir on over 9000 acres. For more information about Finger Lakes Wine Country and its wineries visit:

[www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com](http://www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com) and [www.rieslingrocks.com](http://www.rieslingrocks.com).

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