

**Columbia County  
Environmental Management Council  
71 North 3rd Street  
Hudson, New York 12534**

November 19, 1981

Chief, Regulations & Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044

Dear Sir:

The Columbia County Environmental Management Council (EMC) supports the proposal to create a viticultural area in New York named the Hudson River Region. This region would encompass all of Columbia County which contains approximately 600 acres of vinyards at the present time.

The EMC supports this proposal because it is believed that this designation will benefit the grape industry in Columbia County. The EMC supports every effort to promote and preserve open space in Columbia County. Preservation of active, viable agricultural activities in the County, including this one facet of County agriculture, is an important part of open space preservation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Frances Y. Szaśz, Chairman  
Columbia County EMC

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BENMARL  
WINE CO.



MARLBORO, NEW YORK 12542

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November 24, 1981

Mr. John A. Linthicum  
Dept. of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Linthicum:

With regard to the proposed viticultural area "Hudson River Region", I wish to express my hearty approval. I am a wine producer who originated and presently uses the Hudson River Region appellation under earlier approval by the BATF and I welcome other qualified Hudson River Region winemakers who will share and uphold the traditions of excellence associated with this oldest of American viticultural regions.

Sincerely,



Mark Miller

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# Cascade

# Mountain Vineyards

John Linthicum  
BATF  
Washington, D.C. 20226

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Dear Mr. Linthicum:


We would like to declare our enthusiastic support of the proposal to establish a Hudson River Region Viticultural Area.

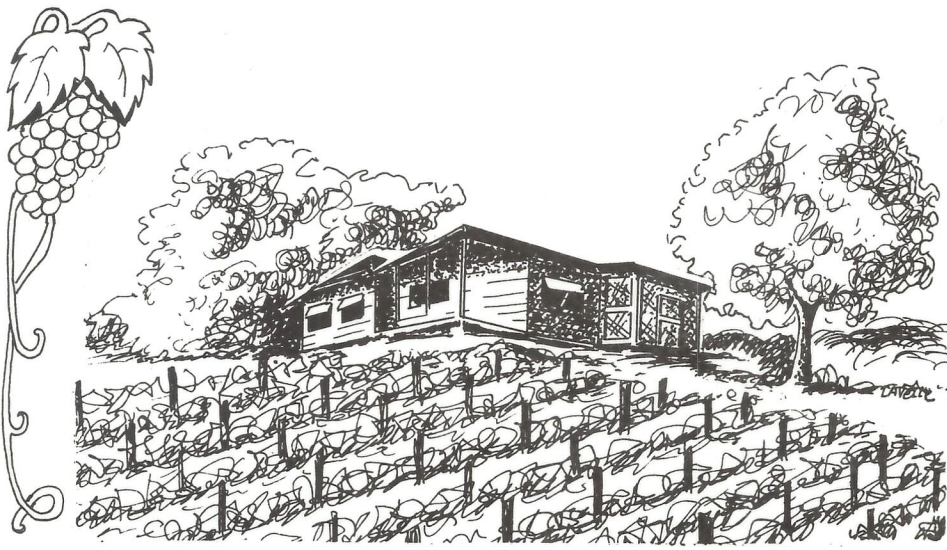
As the oldest winegrowing region in the U.S., it seems to me important that we have the designation.

It is also true that wines from this area are proving to have a distinctive style. Thus, as our wines become better known, the designation will become important to the consumer.

Also, now that regional wines are becoming available in increasing quantities, it is far more important than ever before for a customer to be able to identify a wine as "his own" so to speak.

Thank you for your efforts on the Hudson River Region's behalf.

Sincerely Yours,  
  
William Wetmore



*Cottage Vineyards  
Marlboro on the Hudson  
New York 12542  
914 236-4870  
Hudson River Region*

December 5, 1981

Mr. John A. Linthicum  
Research and Regulations Branch  
BATF  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear John:

Since our recent telephone conversation I have talked to several winemakers in the Hudson River Region and suggested that they send their comments to the BATF. Everyone seems quite satisfied with the viticultural area as proposed and had assumed, as had I, that positive comments were not necessary. With a little luck, the BATF will receive some letters from the people with whom I've talked.

Your work in helping draft the proposal was very much appreciated and there is no question in my mind but what the final draft was much improved as a result of your contribution.

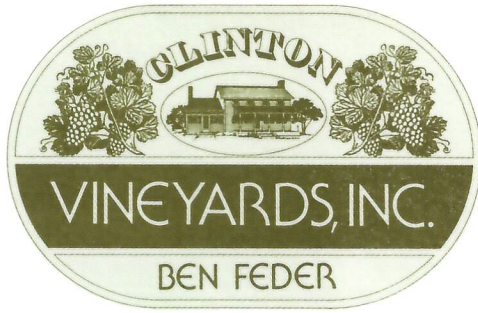
If you still have the mailing list of the wineries in the Hudson River Region, I would appreciate receiving it. Although I know most of the people, there are several whom I have not met. In addition, I don't have all the addresses in one place and it would be useful for those of us in the area to each have the address of each other.

Again, I want to express my thanks, and those of the others concerned, for your assistance.

Cordially,

[Redacted signature]

Allan W. MacKinnon



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December 8, 1981

Mr. John A. Linthicum  
Regulations Branch  
Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Re: The Hudson River Region  
Viticultural Area

Dear Mr. Linthicum,

We are a small farm winery in the "Hudson River Region" one of the 9 established after the 1976 New York State Law. We are most appreciative of the effort gone into the proposed rulemaking continuing this appellation.

Even though we are very small, our white Seyval Blanc wine has received a disproportionate amount of good publicity in the metropolitan areas of the Northeast, mainly New York City as a Hudson River Region wine. We feel strongly that the use of Hudson River Region has been most important in defining our product to a smaller area to the wine interested public. We are not lost in the sea of "New York State" wines or wineries. Not only has it helped us but it also has helped the Hudson Valley.

Allen W. MacKinnon is also to be commended for his diligence in pursuing this petition. We of the Hudson River Region are grateful for this designation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Ben Feder  
President

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December 30, 1981

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044

Gentleperson:

I favor the Hudson River Region apellation as defined in your recent proposed ruling.

North Salem Vineyard is one of the wineries included in the proposed Hudson River Region apellation. Probably it is the most southeasterly vineyard in the apellation.

In the mid-nineteen seventies there were two meetings of vine-growers of this area. The first meeting was at Benmarl in Marlboro and the second at High Tor (now defunct) in Rockland County.

We realized then, although we were some miles apart, we shared a climate and soil conditions. Water drainage from each vineyard represented at those meetings flowed into the Hudson River. We agreed then on the name: Hudson River Region. It still seems a logical apellation.

The Hudson River, historically, has been a focus for much that happened North of New York City going back to the 17th century. Before the railroads, even as far east as North Salem most of the traffic went over to the Hudson River although some did go south toward Bedford Village and later White Plains. Surprisingly little went east to Connecticut.

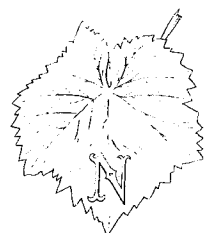
Thus, for viticultural and historic reasons the apellation Hudson River Region is soundly based.

In terms of table wine acceptability, it is very important for us to be able to have Hudson River Region on the label, rather than New York State. New York State has become to mean wine made from Labrusca grapes. In sharp contrast, most of the wineries in the Hudson River Region make wine from French-American hybrid grapes.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

George W. Naumburg, Jr., M.D.



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