

Senate Resolution No. 15

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Harbes Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses that contribute substantially to the economic vitality of their communities, thereby enhancing the economic well-being of the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harbes Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation at its 36th Annual New York Wine Classic on Tuesday, July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The 36th Annual New York Wine Classic is a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine; and

WHEREAS, Seeing an unprecedented growth over the past few years and allowing wine enthusiasts to enjoy this unique part of the New York experience across the state, this extraordinary vineyard has truly showcased why New York State is a premier wine destination; and

WHEREAS, Harbes Vineyard was awarded for its 2014 Barrel Fermented Merlot, Best Merlot; 2014 Hallock Lane Proprieter's Reserve, Merlot; 2018 Merlot; 2019 Red Blend; 2020 Merlot; 2020 Riesling; 2021 Dry Rose; 2021 Semi Dry Rose; and NV Blanc De Blanc Brut Methode Champenoise; and

WHEREAS, As the North Fork's first certified sustainable vineyard, Harbes Vineyard is dedicated to ensuring maximum quality in all of its estate wines; with 10 acres of vines, Harbes has handcrafted award-winning wines for the past 13 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Harbes Vineyard was planted on a boulder-strewn, south-facing slope near the coast of Long Island Sound; a selection of Chardonnay and Merlot clones were carefully chosen to produce the most aromatic and flavorful wines possible; and

WHEREAS; In 2019, Harbes Vineyard underwent an expansion as Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, and Cabernet Franc vines were added; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, this esteemed vineyard has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Harbes Vineyard is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated owners and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the businesses and the communities they serve;

and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business, its contributions to the local and state economies, and its vibrant role in improving the quality of life in its community, fully confident it will continue to enjoy the same sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Harbes Vineyard upon the occasion of its designation as a Gold Medalist by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation on July 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harbes Vineyard.