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RIVENDELL BRINGS OUT NIMBYS

The current protest by New Paltz residents against the Rivendell Winery is a near-perfect example of NIMBYism. The complainers have to drag out every rationale they can think of to denigrate the winery and its owners, from fears of excessive traffic to incompatibility with the master plan, when the truth is that they just don't want their view of the Gunks spoiled.

Rivendell exemplifies the very type of business that the town, county and state are spending our tax dollars to encourage and promote. Rivendell creates award winning NYS wines while supporting regional grape growers and tourism at the same time.

Maybe if the complainers sat down with the winery owners to try and discuss their unfounded fears, they may be able to score a few tickets for the "Red, white and Blues" or the Lobsterfest events.

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