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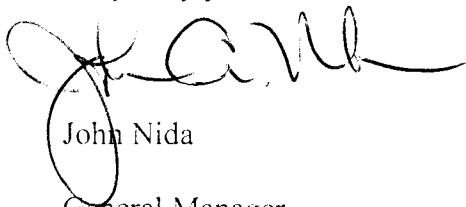
To the Town of New Paltz Zoning Board of Appeals,

Agriculture and farming is a vital element of the economic, cultural and historic climate of New York State. The New York wine industry is the 3rd largest in the country. It is a torch-bearer of agriculture/farming, with more than 250 wineries operating in all areas of the State.

Since 1988, Wolffer Estate Vineyard has been a duly licensed Farm Winery in the village of Sagaponack, NY. As such we have always embodied the essence of what it is to be a farm and an agricultural use. From the sustainable growing of grapes, to the making of wine to the sales of wine in our on-site tasting and sales room, we follow not only the intent, but also the letter of the law.

In New York and in every other state in the country, the laws that allow for the establishment of a winery clearly define the production of wine as an extension of the agricultural process of growing grapes and/or other fruits. The law also specifically establishes that the sales of these wines through an on-site tasting room is a value-added progression of the agricultural process.

Very truly yours,



John Nida

General Manager