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Finger Lakes Named Top Wine Region in North America in USA Today's Readers' Choice Poll for a Second Year in a Row

GENEVA, N.Y., August 23, 2019 – The Finger Lakes Wine Alliance (FLWA) is proud to announce that the Finger Lakes wine region has been named the “Best Wine Region in North America” by voters in the 2019 USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Poll. Regions were selected by a panel of wine industry experts and then readers voted for their favorite wine region over a two week period.

“It is truly an honor to receive this award for a second year in a row. We were in the running with such impressive wine regions throughout North America. This recognition speaks to the dedication of the owners, tasting room teams, winemakers and vineyard managers. We share this award with of our hospitality partners who create memorable experiences for guests visiting the Finger Lakes region” stated Carmela Barbagallo, Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Wine Alliance. We have witnessed our region evolve for decades and feel grateful that travelers from all over the world are enchanted when they visit.

The collaboration between the wineries is a unique aspect of the Finger Lakes culture. From our pioneers who have farmed this land for decades to our up-and-coming winemakers, there is a contagious energy that excites guests. As we strive for continued quality and world class hospitality, we are so glad to know our customers are having memorable experiences. “We are fortunate to live and work in such a naturally beautiful region which is perfect for producing cool climate wines like Riesling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc. Each of our four distinct seasons offer a unique experience to visitors. Enjoy wine tasting, hiking and waterfalls throughout the Spring and Summer. Catch the gorgeous Fall foliage while traveling to different vineyards in Autumn. Stay at one of our world class hotels and snuggle up in front of a fireplace after a day of wining and dining in the Finger Lakes. We welcome everyone – repeat visitors to newly budding wine enthusiasts. Come and experience the Finger Lakes wine region for yourself”, stated Barbagallo.

About Finger Lakes Wine Alliance

Founded in 2004, Finger Lakes Wine Alliance is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to increase the visibility and reputation of the Finger Lakes region, its wines and wineries. The alliance is comprised of 36 members and 15 affiliated businesses and vendors, and it is guided by a board of directors comprised of principals representing all four wine trails and non-wine trail wineries of the Finger Lakes. With its glacier-sculpted landscapes, ideal microclimates and gifted winegrowers, the Finger Lakes region is home to over 100 wineries that produce exceptional cool-climate wines and world-class Rieslings. For more information, visit www.fingerlakeswinealliance.com, call 315.791.2359 or connect on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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