

Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard

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Fred Merwarth of Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard nominated for the Wine Enthusiast Magazine Winemaker of the Year Award

(Dundee, NY) Fred Merwarth, Head Winemaker and Co-owner of Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard and Standing Stone Vineyards has been nominated for the [Wine Enthusiast Magazine Wine Star Award](#) for Winemaker of the Year.

The magazine writes of the awards, “Each year, the comprehensive media staff at *Wine Enthusiast* magazine nominates the most influential members of the alcohol beverage industry for the annual Wine Star Awards. Winners will be announced on [winemag.com](#) **Thursday, November 11, 2021**, and appear in the special “Best of Year” December 31 issue, as well as be honored at our annual black-tie gala on Monday, February 7, 2022.”

Alongside Merwarth, additional nominees include Michael Fay of Domaine Serene in Oregon, Australian Winemaker Mac Forbes, David Ramey of Ramey Wine Cellars in Napa, & Luis Sottomayor of Portuguese brand Casa Ferreirinha.

This is the first time that Merwarth has been nominated for this award and the first time that a New York Winemaker has been nominated. Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard was nominated in 2020 for the Wine Enthusiast Magazine Wine Star “American Winery of the Year” award.

Wiemer’s top-scoring wines for Wine Enthusiast this year include the 2019 HJW Riesling (94 points), 2019 Riesling Reserve Dry (94 points), and the 2019 Josef Riesling Late Harvest (94 points). These are among 9 Wiemer wines that scored over 91 points. Standing Stone Vineyards also received top marks for the Riesling 2019 (92 points) and Timeline Dry Riesling 2019 (92 points). These were the first wines submitted for review from Standing Stone since Fred & Maressa Merwarth along with their business partner, Oskar Bynke, took over ownership of the estate in 2017.

Fred Merwarth reflects on the nomination, “It is a fantastic honor to be nominated for this award alongside such a stellar lineup of producers and winemaking icons. I am both humbled and incredibly proud of our team here at the estate- from the vineyards to the cellar and everywhere in between- enough cannot be said about the group effort that goes into producing these wines.” He adds, “It has been so fulfilling to be a part of the Finger Lakes wine industry over the last 20 years and we will continue to push the boundaries of what this region has to offer and what can be achieved.”

To learn more about the Wine Enthusiast Wine Star Awards visit:

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