

Comtesse Thérèse



Background

Comtesse Thérèse, the only all female-owned vineyard in New York, is owned by Theresa K. Dilworth, Esq., an international tax lawyer for Pfizer, Inc. in New York City, and two Japanese friends, both of whom are international tax accountants. Theresa is a 4th generation Long Islander, from the Lloyd Harbor/Huntington area, and has been on the North Fork since 1993. Her great-great-grandmother's family was in the vineyard business in Alsace, France. Theresa's husband, Sammy Shimura, retired Chairman and CEO of National Steel Corporation of Indiana, has managed the vineyard full-time since 2004.

At 2500 vines per acre, Le Clos Thérèse (the estate vineyard in Aquebogue) is the most closely spaced commercial vineyard in New York, and one of the closest in the United States; it is modeled after the Grand and Premier Cru sites of Burgundy and Bordeaux. Theresa is the only female Head Winemaker in New York. She is one of the few winemakers in the world using Hungarian and Russian oak barrels in addition to French and American oak; and Comtesse Thérèse is the first winery on the east coast of the US to use Canadian oak barrels. Wines are made using native, wild yeasts, and are manipulated as little as possible, without racking, fining or filtration. The wines have won acclaim for their balance, food-friendliness and elegance.

Comtesse Thérèse owns and operates The Tasting Room, the multi-vineyard tasting room located in Peconic, New York, having taken over as operator in July 2006. Comtesse Thérèse is planning to open a small winery and bistro in Aquebogue (on a separate site from the Aquebogue vineyard) in late 2008 or early 2009.

Facts

Established	2001
Owners	Theresa Dilworth, Chizuko Tomita, Kayomi Hirota
Winemakers	Head Winemaker – Theresa Dilworth, Consultant Winemaker – Bernard Cannac, Assistant Winemaker – Lisa Cannac
Acres	10
Produced Cases	1,000
Varietals	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay
Awards/Ratings	“ Best Merlot in New York”, New York Wine & Food Classic, 2004 “ Best Chardonnay” in Dan's Papers “ Best of the Best” 2006 “ Best New Winery” in Dan's Papers “ Best of the Best” 2005 90 points from <i>Wine & Spirits</i> , 2004

The Wines

Please contact the winery for current vintages

Traditional Merlot
Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
Hungarian Oak Merlot

Château Reserve Merlot
Blanc de Noir

Russian Oak Chardonnay
Rosé

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