

**Millbrook Vineyards & Winery****2005 Pinot Noir - Proprietor's Special Reserve (New York)**

"I Love NY" is just one of the accomplishments of Millbrook Winery owner John Dyson. He created this campaign in one of his many roles, including that of a wine producer. This powerhouse and his wife, Kathe, own world-renowned Pinot Noir producer William-Selyem, and Villa Pillo winery in Tuscany in addition to the New York property. John discovered wine

while attending Cornell University's College of Agriculture. He purchased a jug of wine to impress a date, and was so taken with it (if not the date) that he enrolled in the famed Cornell Hotel School wine class.

Millbrook Winery was the Hudson River Region's first vineyard dedicated exclusively to the production of vinifera grapes. Their first commercial vintage was in 1985. Along with Pinot Noir, Tocai Friulano, and Cabernet Franc, the winery is very well known for a lovely Burgundian style Chardonnay. Most of the thirty acres of vineyards are planted on southwest facing slopes and have gravely soil for good drainage. The winery produces approximately 10,000 cases per year, and is located along the Dutchess Wine Trail.

This Burgundian style, complex Pinot Noir is light to medium-bodied with a gorgeous ruby hue. Its heady perfume entices immediately with pink rose, cranberry, cherry cola and baking spice. On the palate it is silky and lacy in texture, and has primal, earthy notes with mushroomy undertones. Tannins are rich, fine, and round. This is a great option for those weary of big blockbuster fruit-bomb reds.

Reviewed February 11, 2008 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Millbrook Vineyards & Winery](#)

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Pinot Noir - Proprietor's Special Reserve

Appellation: [New York](#)

Grape: Pinot Noir

Price: \$29.00

THE REVIEWER**Catherine Fallis**

Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations, seminars, and e-learning programs. The fifth woman in the world to become a Master Sommelier, grape goddess Catherine Fallis is still very much down-to-earth.