

# Summer

Throughout the East End

## Winery Alchemy

Not only has Wölffer Estate released a brandy—produced using Chardonnay grapes that are distilled in a Christian Carl copper pot and aged in Hungarian oak barrels for three years—but it has also launched a nonalcoholic sparkling rosé, Petite Rosé. Made from barely ripened vinifera grapes, the watermelon-hued rosé looks and sips like the real deal—not too sweet, with a light effervescence.



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Aquebogue-based Paumanok Vineyards has acquired Riverhead's Palmer Vineyards. Both family-run properties founded in 1983, Paumanok specializes in Riesling and Merlot as well as Loire varieties, whereas Palmer has always been known for Albariño. "With a total of 135 planted acres, I'll be making nearly 30 wines a year," says Paumanok's Kareem Massoud. In Cutchogue, Bedell Cellars has been placed on the market following the death of longtime owner Michael Lynne. The 95-acre spread includes 73 acres of grapes, a 10,000-square-foot winery and tasting room, and even a "four-bedroom cottage decorated by Vicente Wolf," says the Corcoran Group's Gary DePersia, who holds the \$17.9 million listing. Meanwhile, the lovely pebbled garden at Croteaux is no more. Southold's Town Board has stipulated that a vineyard must have 10 acres in one parcel in order to operate a tasting room, and Croteaux falls short—despite having 9.37 planted acres across the street. Proprietor Michael Croteau did not return requests for comment because of ongoing litigation. —Baroness Sheri de Borchgrave

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