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Tasting Highlights' wine reviews are fresh out of the tasting room, offering a sneak peek of our editors' most recent scores and notes to WineSpectator.com members.

New York's Finger Lakes continues to assert itself as a premier wine region. The 2020s are among the strongest releases yet from this cold upstate area, where vintners have learned to focus on a signature white variety: [Riesling](#). This week's selection demonstrates the impressive results.

The region's best versions are bracingly dry, linear and sleek, rippling with slate, pippin apple and wet stone notes. With owner Melvin Goldman in charge, [Keuka Lake Vineyards](#) has been quietly putting out some stellar bottlings, led here by the top-scoring, small-production Falling Man Vineyard white. With such impressive offerings, as well as notable values, this winery can now be included among the Finger Lakes' elite producers, a list that includes [Hermann J. Wiemer](#), [Forge Cellars](#) and [Ravines](#), among others.

Another small producer worth seeking out is [Trestle 31](#), the hobby project of former [Robert Mondavi Winery](#) head winemaker Nova Cadamatre. The winery has excellently captured a brisk, mineraly and pure style of Riesling with its 2020 bottling. There are stalwart wineries below as well, with more ample case volumes that will make their wines easier to find on shelves. This includes [Fox Run](#), [Lakewood](#) and [Hosmer](#), all of whom have shown steady improvement in recent years.

If you enjoy Riesling specifically, or just aromatic and focused whites in general, then the Finger Lakes should be on your list of regions to plumb for delicious versions.

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