Farmer Panel

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Hunt Country Vineyards
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You can’t make great wine without clean air, clean water, healthy soil, and a stable climate system.
ter·roir
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The complete natural environment in which a particular wine is produced, including factors such as the soil, topography, sunlight, water, and climate. Some would even say farming and winemaking practices are part of terroir.
Our vineyards benefit from the unique microclimate around Keuka Lake.
We’ve nearly eliminated all of our fossil fuel use for heating, cooling and electricity...
Adaptation & Mitigation: Soil Health
We grow hay and roll it out in the vineyards as mulch.
We produce ~100 tons of compost each year that we add to the soil on the farm to add nutrients, beneficial microbes, and organic matter.
No synthetic fertilizers are used. Sections of the farm & vineyards are certified organic.
Resilience Through Diversity

• Diversity of grape varieties – not just a few
• Mix of early/late budding, ripening varieties
• For those who can, diverse locations
• Celebrate regional varieties too – i.e. more hearty “hybrids”
  – More resilient to temperature extremes
  – Greater pest and disease resistance
Next Steps For our Farm

• Continuing to participate in AEM and NY Grown and Certified programs

• Working with our local SWCD on a soil carbon project with support from the Climate Resilient Farming program

• Working with RIT on an efficiency audit of our winery production facility

• Inventorying all of our GHG emissions using World Resources Institute (WRI) GHG Protocols and ISO-14064 standards (covering Scopes 1, 2, & 3)

• Planning to do a Carbon Farm Plan
Questions & Discussion

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