

WOODSTOCK

TAYLOR BROOKE WINERY

THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT

AGRICULTURE & DAIRY

\$85,999

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France, Tuscany, Napa Valley... Connecticut? Believe it or not, the Constitution State is home to a growing number of wineries that produce a product that would make you think twice about looking elsewhere for a quality vintage. In addition to the jobs and wonderful wines these vineyards produce, our state's wineries are also major tourist attractions, pumping important visitor dollars into the local economy.

Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock is one of Connecticut's wineries that produces seventeen different varieties including a number of whites and reds. Since opening its doors in 2003, the vineyard has consistently expanded its offerings and has become a popular tourist destination.

Making all of that wine requires a significant investment in fermenting tanks, barrels and processing equipment. Through two grants from the Community Investment Act totaling \$36,000 in 2008 and 2010, Taylor Brooke Winery was able to purchase new fermenting tanks to expand its production, build a new crush pad, warehouse and bottling room to increase its harvest efficiency, and to double the size of its tasting room. Seeing sales steadily climbing each year, the Winery received a third Community Investment Act grant in 2014 totaling \$49,999 to further expand its warehouse facility, allowing it to grow its retail and wholesale operations to a projected 3500 cases by 2015.



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The 2005 Community Investment Act implements the goals of the State of Connecticut to protect and preserve the beauty and unique character of the state for future generations through a designated funding stream. Funds from the Community Investment Act are used to save farms, preserve historic places and open space, and create affordable housing.

The Community Investment Act has helped to sustain the character and strengthen the economy of nearly every town and city in Connecticut.