

## **SILO RIDGE UNVEILS PLANS FOR WINERY RESTAURANT AND SCENIC PUBLIC OVERLOOK ON DELAVERGNE HILL**

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### *Plans Reflect Successful Collaboration with Amenia and Dutchess County Planning Departments, Address Community Needs*

Silo Ridge, the proposed golf resort and luxury residential community, has unveiled its plans for a spectacular winery-themed family dining destination as well as a scenic public overlook and Artisan's Park on DeLaVergne Hill. This plan is the result of a five-year collaboration with the Amenia Planning Board, the Dutchess County Planning Department, local and state officials and one of the most renowned design teams in the world. The plan also reflects comments received from community members, ensuring that the needs of area residents are addressed in the final design.

“Our plan for this piece of the Silo Ridge project has evolved significantly over time,” said Rob Caeners of Millbrook Ventures. “We feel that our current plans are not only sensitive to the natural environment and concerns of Amenia residents, they also contribute to the community by providing an exciting family dining option and a safe and convenient area from which to enjoy the treasured view from DeLaVergne Hill.”

After first planning residential units for this site, the design and development team refined the plan and created the winery-themed family restaurant. Upon receiving comments from the community, the design was refined even further. Working closely with Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA) and Minno & Wasko, the development team shifted the position of the restaurant north by over 120 feet to preserve the views looking east for motorists traveling on Route 44. The southern elevation of the restaurant is more than 500 feet from Route 44 to the south and the first floor elevation is close to 30 feet below Route 44 at the entrance driveway to the west. Extreme care was taken to preserve the view corridor and integrate the restaurant into the natural topography of the site. The restaurant will be designed using natural materials as well as environmentally sensitive construction practices like the use of pervious material for the parking area.

With its weathered stone, wood timbers, trellises covered in grape vines and an outdoor fire pit, the restaurant will have an Old World charm and an understated, natural elegance. Surrounded by flowering trees, an herb garden and clusters of grape vines, the environment will be reminiscent of Napa Valley or the Tuscan region of Italy. This family-friendly restaurant will not produce wine on site but will offer an impressive selection of wines to cater to every palette. The menu will feature fresh, organic ingredients, some of which will be grown on site or sourced locally.

In addition to the restaurant, the design for the site includes an Artisan's Park and scenic public overlook where local artists, residents and visitors can safely enjoy the breathtaking views from DeLaVergne Hill. The Artisan's Park will offer a beautifully

landscaped viewing area with a patio made from pervious materials, a garden, picnic tables and an easily accessible public parking area.

Following a review of the initial plan for the restaurant, Noella Hooper, Senior Planner at the Dutchess County Planning Department said, “We fully support the creation of a public overlook that will finally provide an enhanced area where the general public can safely stop to appreciate the spectacular valley views.”

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