

## FALL HARVEST WINE, CHEESE & APPLE PICKING WEEKENDS (NEW\*)

**Saturdays: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & October 5, 12, 19, 2013**

**Sundays: Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6, 13, 20, 2013**

Get whisked away for a day-long celebration of the fall harvest of wine, local cheese, and apples when you step on the Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link shuttle at Poughkeepsie Station.

Your first stop is **Sprout Creek Farm** ([www.sproutcreekfarm.org](http://www.sproutcreekfarm.org)), a model of sustainable agriculture, also known for its artisanal cheeses lovingly produced by a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America. Try the creamery's mouth-watering creations made from the rich and creamy milk of the herd of grass-fed Jersey, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn and Brown Swiss cows. Sprout Creek's cheeses are all about soil, seasons, grasses, and happy cows! Sprout Creek Farm is a working farm encompassing 200 acres, raising free-range cows, sheep, goats, wild turkeys, guinea fowl, chickens and pigs. You will have a chance to shop for their award-winning cheeses and farm-produced meats in the market, which also offers eggs, vegetables, and gifts.



At your second stop, explore the charming **Village of Millbrook**. Known for its rolling hills and horse farms, Millbrook is also home to many eateries, gift shops and antique stores. On **Saturdays**, you'll also be able to meander the **Millbrook Farmer's Market's** ([www.millbrookfarmersmarket.com](http://www.millbrookfarmersmarket.com)) twenty vendors featuring their delicious, locally-grown produce and fine food specialties. Take advantage of one of the many cafes to buy a picnic lunch that you can enjoy at the winery or in the Millbrook Tribute Garden.



**(Clinton Vineyards first 2 weekends, 9/28, 9/29, 10/5 & 10/6 & and last weekend 10/19 & 10/20)** Your third stop is **Clinton Vineyards**, award-winning producer of fine wines, champagnes and hand-crafted dessert wines. You will tour the vineyards, view the spectacular landscape and enjoy a wine tasting including champagnes, white wine, red wine, dessert wine and their world famous Cassis. The tasting will be held in the historic 1850's barn which houses the wine-making facility. Enjoy a stroll around the magnificent estate grounds. **(Tasting fee is \$8 per person and is in addition to the package price, [www.clintonvineyards.com](http://www.clintonvineyards.com))**

**(Millbrook Winery only on the weekend of 10/12 & 10/13)** Next, it's wine tasting and scenic views at one of the Hudson Valley's premier wineries, **Millbrook Vineyards & Winery** ([www.millbrookwine.com](http://www.millbrookwine.com)). Located in a renovated Dutch-hip dairy barn with views of its 130-acre estate, Millbrook produces high-caliber wines using classical French and Italian wine-making techniques. Take a guided tour and enjoy a tasting at this award-winning winery. **(Tasting fee is \$8 per person and is in addition to the package price.)**



Then, it's on to **Fishkill Farms**, your last farm stop of the day. **Fishkill Farms**. At Fishkill Farms ([www.fishkillfarms.com](http://www.fishkillfarms.com)), there is a \$3.00 admission which you will pay when you arrive. You'll be greeted by a spectacular view of the apple orchard and Catskill Mountains beyond. Whether picking your own peaches, apples and vegetables, enjoying hayrides, or seeing the farm's flock of pasture-raised hens, the relaxed atmosphere and beautiful surroundings will lift your spirits. In the market, you'll find organically grown heirloom vegetables, fresh eggs, and a selection of locally produced meats and cheeses. Don't leave without trying the famous apple cider donuts, or freshly pressed cider. Hayrides are available for \$3.00 per person. Learn about the farm's history: it was established in 1914 by Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury under FDR. It is still owned and operated by the family.



The Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link shuttle will stay with you all day, transporting you to the various locations and bringing you back to the Poughkeepsie Train Station for the return trip home. **Reservations for the Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link shuttle are required in advance by calling 800-445-3131.** Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance and confirmed before you purchase a train ticket. **Shuttle seats are limited, and tours frequently sell out, so you must have a reservation.** Once you've made your reservation, purchase your rail and shuttle ticket at any Metro-North station with a ticket office, at all full-service ticket machines (except Beacon Station) or online at [mtainfo.com](http://mtainfo.com). Tickets and shuttle reservations are non-refundable. Some activities, including lunch and a tasting fee at the winery (\$8), and admission to the orchard (\$3.00), and some attractions at the apple orchard may require an additional fee. For more information about these itinerary stops and other agricultural and culinary destinations throughout Dutchess County, please visit [www.dutchesstourism.com](http://www.dutchesstourism.com).  
\*Dutchess County Tourism has the right to substitute a farm or related itinerary stop to ensure the quality of the overall program and the individual getaway experience.