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As we look toward Independence Day this weekend, we're proud that our family business was grown in the USA.



The winery buildings and courtyard.

Wollersheim Winery has a unique place in **American winemaking history**. The original founder of the winery property, Agoston Haraszthy, immigrated to the United States from Hungary in the 1840s. In addition to planting grapes and digging the first part of **our wine cave**, he also incorporated Wisconsin's first village, Sauk City, in 1845. Haraszthy left Wisconsin for the West Coast not too long afterward, and played a major role in developing California's wine industry.



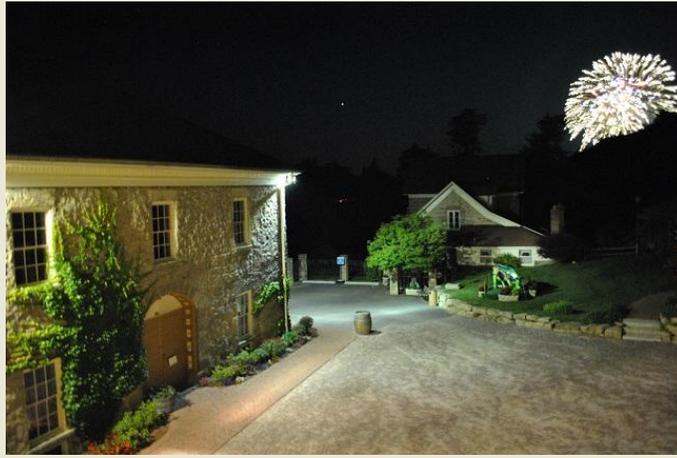
A historic look at the winery.

Today, our wines continue to celebrate the American terroir that Haraszthy cultivated over 150 years ago. When **Bob and JoAnn Wollersheim** bought and restored the winery property in 1972, they planted new grapevines that **still produce grapes today**. We now grow more than **27 acres of grapes** at the winery, and each of our estate wines (made from grapes grown on our property) is a Wisconsin expression of the American soil in which it is grown. We also have grapes custom-grown for us in other states.



Our vineyard during harvest last year.

On the production side, we make all of our wines here at the winery, putting a Wisconsin twist on America's vast wine landscape. We also involve our community in our business and support local industry as much as we can by working with local vendors and contractors. Our fermentation tanks, for example, were all custom-built for us by Badger Fabrication in Sauk City, Wisconsin.



Happy Independence Day!

On July 4th, we will raise our glasses to celebrate the anniversary of our nation's independence, and reflect on the pride we take in contributing to America's great wine industry through history, agriculture, and community. Cheers!