Can hybrid wines be successful on Long Island?

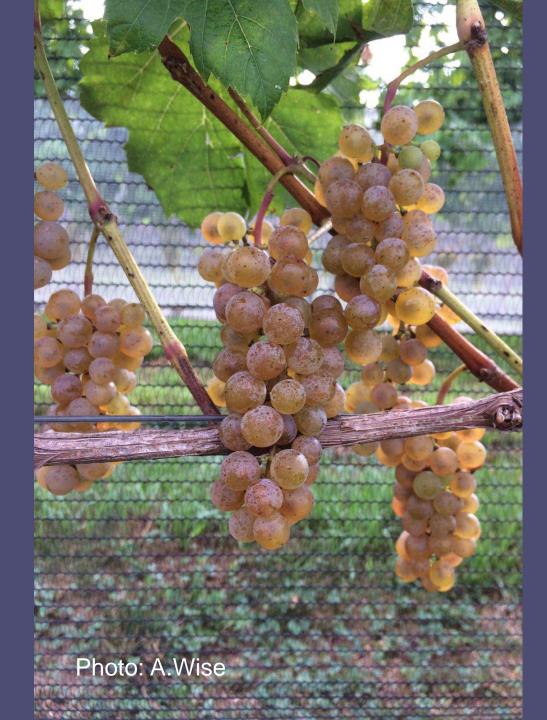
Eastern U.S. colleagues are successfully growing and marketing hybrids. Quote from Finger Lakes grower: 'Hybrids pay the bills for the vinifera'.



Advantages again ... Cheaper to grow More productive Machine harvest Wines can be released early. Modest bottle prices - \$10-20 typical in the Finger Lakes; however, their operating costs are lower.

Itasca, Sept. 3, 2020

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Frontenac Gris x MN1285 Harv. Sept. 1, 2022 24.2°, pH 3.24, 8.1 g/l Clusters avg. 0.17 lbs. No cluster rot Floppy shoots – *likely more* productive on high wire No cluster rot; birds problematic had to double net Pear, gooseberries, honeydew melon, and star fruit