



# StoneBrook Vineyard & Winery

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The Walter Farm has been a family business for over 140 years, providing sustenance income for the family. It has evolved and changed operational character during this time to maintain economic viability.

On the 1871 farmstead, a stone building was constructed to house a blacksmith shop. This shop produced and repaired all the metal hardware needed by the local farmers. Along with the myriad of metal parts produced, wagons were also manufactured. This included coaches, surreys, freight wagons, hay wagons, run-about, etc. Of all the vehicles built at this blacksmith shop, only two hay wagons remain on the farm today.

The agricultural enterprises of the farm have also changed over the last 140 years.

Pigs and truck crops that included vegetables and fruits were once part of the farming operation. With the demise of the blacksmith business in the early 1920's the farm's economics turned to dairying. The dairy operation phased out in the mid 1950's and the farm's business turned to raising beef cattle. Since the wine industry has grown so rapidly, now the beef cattle have been phased out.

The need to keep the farm economically viable has led to the latest operational diversification into commercial vineyards in 2000 and wine production in 2005.

StoneBrook Winery is located on the 1890 farmstead, one of two farmsteads that make up Walter Farms. At this location award-winning wines are produced and sold.

The tasting room is located in the remodeled farmhouse and a new building containing the production facility is located .1 mile from the tasting room. Customers may sample and purchase wines at the tasting room and tour the wine production facility and vineyards.

Allow 40 minutes for this stop.