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John Wiedenheft III (center), with his son, John IV (left), and grandson, John V behind the bar at Tapped Apple on High St.

Tapped Apple

Cidery & Winery

EXPERIENCE AMAZING
WINES, ONE SIP AT A TIME!

Looking for a new wine tasting experience? Or do you enjoy hard cider? Then relax and rejuvenate at Tapped Apple Winery and Cidery. Located at 37 High Street in Westerly, this local gem opened its doors in 2016.

John Wiedenheft III started making wine with friends back in 2003. In 2005 his son, John Wiedenheft IV, moved in across the street. After learning about wine making, John IV wanted to get more involved and help grow the operation. The duo soon discovered that shipping grapes from California was not cost-effective and, after investigating alternatives, they decided on apples.

As their knowledge grew and their wine making skills evolved, so did the quality of the wines they were producing. Friends started to take notice of the wines that were brought over for gatherings and began asking to purchase bottles. Knowing they could not sell wine without a permit, they always declined but made sure to share what they had. Eventually enough people kept asking for wine that they decided to open a winery and found their home in beautiful downtown Westerly, Rhode Island. In 2018, John Wiedenheft V joined the team making it three generations working together to bring visitors the best apples have to offer!

Tapped Apple Winery and Cidery has a beautiful tasting room where people can host events. The Wiedenhefts are excited that their space there has doubled in size since they opened the doors last year. Specifically, the back half has been opened up for additional seating and also features a rotating display of artwork to adorn the walls.