

sponsor spotlight

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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.





A view of the new rear lounge seating space at Tapped Apple to complement the high stools and other seating near the bar.

Previously, this space was occupied by their shiny Flextank aging tanks which have been relocated to a new operations facility on Tom Harvey Road.

Wine and cider tastings are offered daily. Five or fewer samples are \$2.00 each with six samples for \$11.00. Each additional sample is \$1.00. Tastings of six or more also include a signature glass.

The variety of apple wines, which all have 12.5% alcohol, are numerous at Tapped Apple Winery and Cidery. Please your palate with Watch Hill White, a crisp, dry, and refreshing wine. Or venture out to try Respect the Elder, a soft, dry red, made with elderberries. Hopposite Attraction is hoppy with a citrus note. Or try Pomme D'Amour, a semi-sweet rosé with a hint of vanilla. Others prefer Ce-ri-se Noir, a sweet, dark cherry apple wine with notes of oak. Or light up your tastebuds with Light My Fire, a smokey apple wine with a scotch undertone. Sweet Temptation is another apple wine offered which is described as a “true sweet apple wine.”

Cider lovers can also rejoice at Tapped Apple. Enjoy First Bite, an off dry traditional hard cider at 7% alcohol. Or try Ein Baum Sweet, a single varietal still cider at 6% alcohol. Looking for more alcohol? Sip Graf, a hard cider made with malt at 12% alcohol.

Wine catering is another option that Tapped Apple provides. They will bring wine and cider on tap to your event. Or purchase a growler. They offer 32 oz and 64 oz growler fills of wine or cider.

Events are also held regularly at Tapped Apple. Relax with a range of live music by local artists on many nights of the week, ranging from acoustic to jazz. Tapped Apple also hosts pop up shopping events and Latin dancing on Tuesday nights. A full listing of events can be found on their Facebook page @tappedapplewinery or at TappedApple.com.

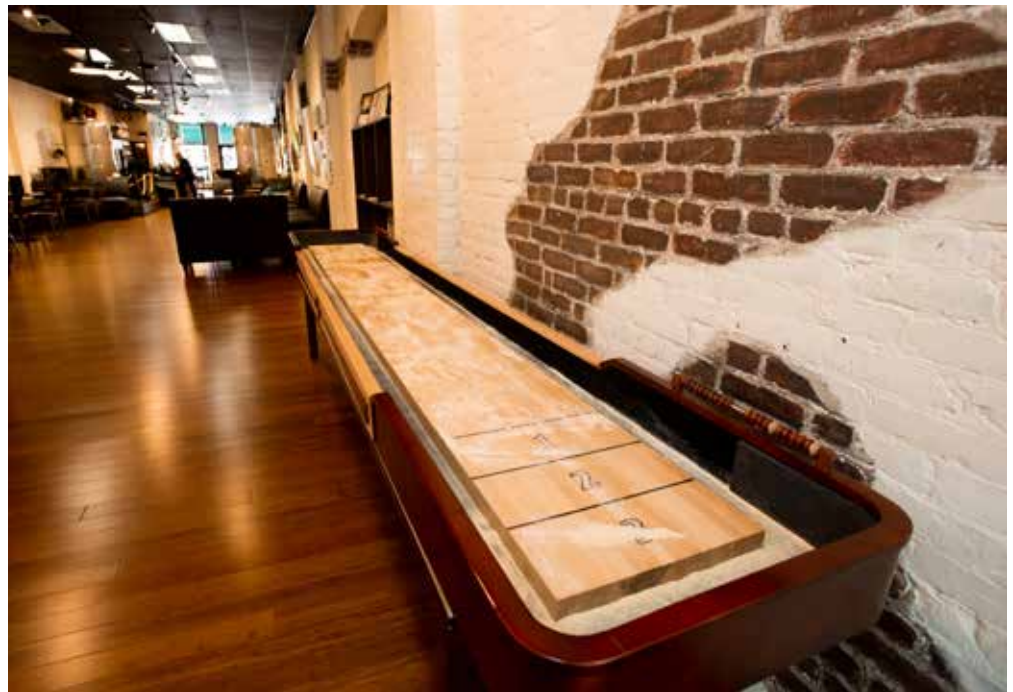
Hours of operation include Monday – Thursday from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m., Friday – Saturday from noon – 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon – 9 p.m. Holiday hours may vary.

Rave Reviews

Below are some recent online reviews:

"Stumbled upon this hidden gem on a whim. I was afraid I wouldn't like the wine made from apples and that they would be too sweet. I couldn't have been more wrong! This place is amazing. Adam made us feel like regular customers from the time we walked in. So personable and friendly! And the wines... the wines are INCREDIBLE!!! Each one better than the next. We will definitely be back!" – J. Teixeira

"We stopped here on our honeymoon while in town and it was a great experience. Very friendly and helpful staff. The atmosphere is unique and welcoming. Good place to stop and enjoy yourself for a few hours. The Apple Wine is really good and they offer a lot of variety. They have different options for purchasing also like carafes and growlers for the wine, along with all their wines on tap. Definitely would recommend!" – K. Fortune



Tapped Apple is a great spot for tabletop shuffleboard as well as live music and pop up shopping and art events.

"Have been coming here for a while and I love it. Respect the Elder and Light My Fire are my favorites but all of the wines are great. The staff is wonderful and will make sure you find something you like." – S. Dubois-Jenness

We are honored to feature Tapped Apple Cider and Winery in this month's issue. For more information, check out their website, tappedapple.com.



Tapped Apple Cidery & Winery

Our wines and hard ciders are lovingly hand crafted in small batches to ensure the ultimate In quality and flavor.

Open Seven Days A Week

Free glass of wine with the purchase of a flight.
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