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**Award:** HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Beverly “Bev” Stamp is widely admired as an ambassador of New York State’s nationally and internationally renowned wine and grape industry.

After graduating from SUNY Morrisville in 1958 and marrying her college sweetheart, Charles LaMont “Monty” Stamp, the couple took over the Stamp family farm, Lakewood Vineyards, with its orchards and vineyards overlooking Seneca Lake, near Watkins Glen, New York. Here they raised four children and became industry stalwarts.

Ms. Stamp is one of the founding -- and still active -- members of Women for New York State Wines. Founded in 1981 as the promotional arm of the New York State Wine Grape Growers, the group’s original members were the wives of vineyardists whose goal was to increase consumer awareness of New York’s wines and other grape products. For more than three decades these women, nicknamed “Ambassadors of Taste,” have criss-crossed New York’s wine-producing regions and neighboring states conducting tastings and other promotional events. Their enthusiastic leadership has played a pivotal role in the industry’s remarkable success over the past generation. Ms. Stamp has served as the organization’s treasurer for over 30 years.

She was also instrumental in the growth of the Stamp family farm into a premier Finger Lakes destination. In 1988 the Stamp family established Lakewood Vineyards Winery, where Ms. Stamp remains co-owner and operator. The award-winning farm and winery has been widely recognized by numerous industry organizations and community associations for quality and excellence.

Always willing to lend a helping hand, Ms. Stamp has been active in the Seneca Lake Wine Trail and spearheaded the Seneca Lake American Viticulture Appellation. She has also served on Watkins Glen Promotions, the Watkins Glen-Montour Falls Zonta Club, numerous

viticulture conference committees, and is currently a member of the Town Board of Reading.