



FOODIES

By **ABBY LUBY**

You get off the train after a long commute home and realize you forgot the wine. What will she say if you walk in empty handed?

If you were getting off the train in Peekskill, you would be saved by Dylan's Wine Cellar, located directly across from the Metro North station. Not only is it convenient, but orders are taken over the phone and via internet – which means

with a little planning, you can have that bottle of bubbly chilled and ready to pick up on your way home.

Dylan's Wine Cellar is relatively new in town – it opened last April. Owner Steven Zwick says he wants to sell wine to the “every day wine lover whose budget is limited, but still likes a good bottle of wine.”

Zwick, 32, was born and raised in Peekskill and has worked in the finance

profession for the last 14 years. When he decided to return to his home town and try his hand at the retail wine business he was lucky enough to locate Dylan's Wine Cellar in Peekskill's historic Standard House. The 1855 three story brick building with large, street level windows, welcome patrons into the warmly lit shop where wines are clearly displayed in redwood wine racks placed for easy

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Finding Our Inner Oenophile at Dylan's Wine Cellar



Steve Zwick, owner of Dylan's Wine Cellar.



Inside Dylan's Wine Cellar.



New York State wines sold at Dylan's Wine Cellar.



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browsing. The sense of décor for a classic wine store by Zwick and his co-owner wife Maribel Almonte-Zwick, seems a perfect fit for the Standard House.

“We're lucky to be in this historic building,” says Zwick. “It's a sign that Peekskill is doing well and that the city has grown in terms of the businesses that are here.”

The Zwicks named the store after their seven-year-old son Dylan. They wanted to make the wine shop different from the usual suburban liquor store. Here you won't see the typical large placards announcing wine regions dangling from the ceiling. Instead Zwick arranges wines by varietal and displays a large wall map of the world that clearly indicates where different wines are from.

“This is a simple, everyday wine store where 80% of the selection is under \$25,” says Zwick, who also sells a good selection of local wines, a rarity for liquor stores in the Hudson Valley, but a trend that is becoming popular. Wines sold from New York State are from such wineries as Benmarl, Millbrook, Whitecliff, Warwick Valley Winery, Bully Hill, Hermann J. Wiemer. Also there is locally produced Doc's Draft hard Cider Raspberry, Tuthilltown Hudson Baby Bourbon Whiskey and SH Krahn Gin, among others. There are also a few types of non-alcoholic wines

“I usually have an open bottle for folks to

taste,” explains Zwick. “As people browse they can sample some wine. We also have regularly scheduled tastings usually on the weekends and more around the holidays.

To encourage our inner oenophile, Zwick offers a two tier wine club where you can choose between a six-bottle case (\$63) or a 12 bottle case (\$125). If you join, delivered to your door once a month is a mix of red and white wines plus what Zwick calls an occasional “treat.” The bottles cost anywhere from \$10 to \$17 and each month's box is replete with information for each bottle. Deliveries are made within a 10 miles radius.

As a Peekskill native, Zwick naturally wants to support the community and has, since opening Dylan's Wine Cellar, worked with the Peekskill Fire Department, The Peekskill Education Foundation, The Lincoln Depot

Museum, and Fred's Pantry.

Dylan's Wine Cellar
The Standard House
50 Hudson Avenue
Peekskill Waterfront
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Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.

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Peekskill Historic Standard House.