

Brotherhood Winery project advances



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The Ruby Group a Goshen-based development firm, has finished the first phase of a two-phase project at America's oldest winery, Brotherhood Winery, located in Washingtonville since 1839. The Ruby Group completed construction on the conversion of a storage barn into a nearly 6,000-square-foot catering hall. The Grand Monarque Hall, which dates back to 1893, was used for storage after a fire destroyed its roof in 1999. Before that, it was used as a catering hall. Now, a second phase begins with the demolition of the winery's 5,430-square-foot warehouse - an old pole barn - that has 16 barrels that hold between 5,000 and 10,000 gallons of wine each. The kegs with the fermenting wine will remain in place as The Ruby Group expands the concrete pad and constructs the new 13,050-square-foot building around them.