

We love a good road trip, especially when the destination involves fantastic local and sustainable food and drink. Mawby Winery and Vineyard just south of Suttons Bay on the Leelanau Peninsula focuses on producing bottle-fermented sparkling wines and ciders. Owner Peter Laing invites you to stop by, plug in your EV, and enjoy the vineyard views.

What led Mawby Winery to offer EV charging?

“Mawby Winery is part of the Great Lakes Business Network that focuses on threats to the natural environment,” said Peter. GLBN’s mission includes advancing a clean energy economy in the Great Lakes region that avoids major disruptions to energy use, is equitable and fair to all users, and has long-term benefits to the local communities. Being a Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) recognized vineyard, offering EV charging was a natural extension of that sustainability goal.

What has been the reaction from the EV community?

If you pull up your [PlugShare app](#) for finding EV charging, Mawby has a perfect 10 rating. Check-ins include drivers of Chevy, Ford Tesla and many other EV brands. A Rivian driver commented: “Plugged in and charged great with no issues. Awesome that it is free!” Mawby has so far elected to absorb the energy costs for customers while they enjoy the winery.

Tell us about your partnership with the Consumers Energy PowerMIDrive Program.

Consumers Energy first offered its [PowerMIDrive program](#) that gave rebates to businesses and municipalities who installed EV charging in 2019. Thanks to the rebate and a partnership with Buhr Electric, Mawby was one of the first businesses to bring their chargers online in 2020 with a net zero out-of-pocket installation cost. “It was a no-brainer!” said Peter.

If you’re meandering along on the Leelanau Peninsula with your EV, stop into Mawby for a taste and top up your EV’s range. Just be sure to have a designated driver for the trip home.



Station Host Profile

Mawby Winery & Vineyard

Location

4519 S Elm Valley Rd, Suttons Bay, MI 49682

EV Charging

(2) EnelX 7KW Level 2 Chargers

Amenities

Wine tasting, food options and a sparkling good time.

