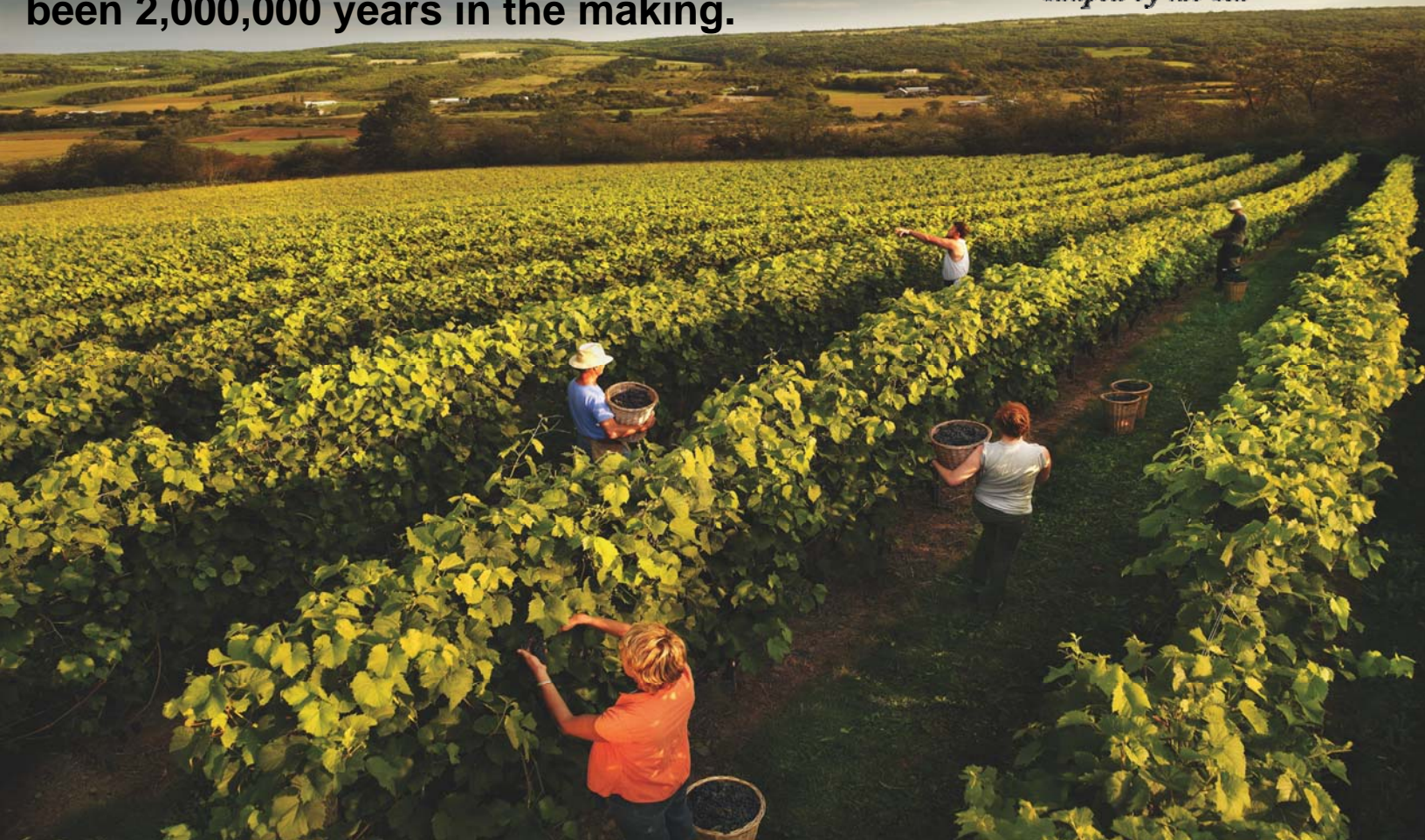


Our wineries quite possibly have been 2,000,000 years in the making.



It can be argued that the ice age of 2,000,000 years ago shaped the land and soil. In tandem with the moderating effects of the Atlantic Ocean it has created vineyards unlike any others in the world. Situated on one of the cooler climate limits for vines, Nova Scotia has had a long and rich tradition for growing grapes for wine dating back to the 1600s. It's actually quite possible this was one of the first areas to cultivate grapes in North America. For almost 25 years our wineries have differentiated themselves into several very distinct regions: The Annapolis Valley, Malagash Peninsula, LaHave River Valley, plus other regions that are now proving suitable for grape growing giving us very distinctive and beautiful wines to choose from. So distinctive in fact, that wineries have garnered international acclaim for their efforts and passion. Immerse yourself in an enlightening sommelier-led multi-vineyard tour or spend an afternoon under the guidance of a wine maker at a boutique wine tour. Most importantly, don't forget to take home a taste of Nova Scotia and share it with friends!

September 15 - October 16

Discover the passion and artistry of Nova Scotia's winemakers and some of our province's finest chefs. Get involved with one of the grape stomps, indulge in an elegant night out at a wine dinner, or sign up for one of the wine education seminars. With over 45 events celebrating our local wines, there is something for every palate.

www.nsfallwinefestival.ca



February 2 - 12, 2012

Celebrate Nova Scotia's internationally award-winning Icewines. Sample Icewine paired with local cuisine, learn how

Icewine is made, try your hand at pruning or book a Winter Icewine Experience Getaway. Nova Scotia winemakers and some of the province's finest chefs come together to celebrate their passion for local food and wine during the third annual Winter Icewine Festival. www.nsicewinefestival.ca



There are six distinct winegrowing regions in Nova Scotia. From the warm shores of the Northumberland Strait to the fertile Annapolis Valley, 22 grape growers nurture over 400 acres of vines and 8 thriving vineyard wineries are producing award-winning wines. The earliest vines in Nova Scotia were planted in 1611 by Champlain's hardy band of settlers. Today these internationally successful varieties are: Marechal Foch, DeChaunac, Baco Noir, Leon Millot, Seyval Blanc and L'Acadie Blanc.

Annapolis Highland Vineyards: Located in Bear River East, Annapolis Highland Vineyards is just minutes from the historic town of Annapolis Royal and is Nova Scotia's 14th licensed winery.

Avondale Sky Winery: The vineyard is one of the oldest in the province but the winery is among the newest. The winery is already creating a buzz when they decided to salvage a hundred year old church and float it up river 42 km to its new home!

Bear River Vineyards: Steep south facing terraces in a hot sunny bowl contain four acres of vines planted in gravel/slate soil, creating a 'Mosel' terroir. This winery, constructed within a 19th century 'Bank Barn,' allows a gravity system of wine-making on three floors.

Benjamin Bridge Vineyards: An innovative sparkling wine house on the south facing slopes of the picturesque Gaspereau Valley, producing Méthode Classique sparkling wines with striking flavours and the brilliant acidity that is characteristic of Nova Scotia wines.

Blomidon Estate Winery: The winery offers award winning wines like L'Acadie Blanc and Baco Noir and is very proud of its 100% Nova Scotia grown Chardonnay. Visitors are welcome to enjoy a stroll or picnic in the vineyard, or purchase items from the on-site wine shop.

Gaspereau Vineyards: 35 acres of vineyards overlooking the beautiful Gaspereau Valley, 3 km from Wolfville. Award winning wines.

Grand Pré Wines: Nova Scotia's first operating winery; award-winning wines, cobblestone courtyards, beautiful gardens, art gallery, European pergola. Summer Wine and Autumn Harvest festivals. A Bay of Fundy Recommended Experience.

Jost Vineyards: Award-winning wines from numerous varieties of grapes grown on site; producer of Canada's Wine of the Year 2000.

L'Acadie Vineyards: Specializing in Traditional Method Sparkling wines, this is Nova Scotia's first certified organic winery. For a unique Nova Scotia wine experience, visit the geothermal winery and tasting bar overlooking their certified organic vineyard in the Gaspereau Valley.

Luckett Vineyards: Opening July 1st in the Gaspereau Valley, Luckett Vineyards offers a selection of hybrid grapes producing their signature wine, Phone Box Red - a blend of Lucy Khulmann, Marechal Foche, Triumph D'Alsace and Leon Millot.

Lunenburg County Winery: Tours of winery where traditional country fruit wines are made from local berries, grapes and honey; U-pick.

Muir Murray Estate Winery: The property includes 20 acres of vineyards and is home to the Annapolis Valley Institute for Education of Wine.

Petite Riviere Vineyards: Situated in the LaHave River Valley, these wines take a page from the French style of blending Nova Scotia grown grapes to produce their popular wines.

Sainte Famille Wines: 30 acres of premium vineyards on the hilly land of an original Acadian settlement. Nova Scotian crafts, gifts and premium wines available.

Williamsdale Winery: Wild blueberry farm and winery; prize-winning wines; first winery in Canada to produce sparkling wines made solely from wild blueberries.



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