



Winery Association of Nova Scotia - Facts

- Nova Scotia wines capture 19 medals at the 2008 All Canadian Wine Championships
- Nova Scotia wines generated sales of approximately \$7.2 million in 2005 and are estimated to grow to a minimum \$24 million by 2020.
- Nova Scotia wines generated an 11 per cent share of all wine sales in the province in 2005 and are estimated to capture a minimum 14 percent share by 2020.
- The Nova Scotia wine industry is made up of eleven wineries;
 - Nine wineries producing primarily grape wines: L'Acadie Vineyards, Bear River Vineyards, Benjamin Bridge, Blomidon Estate Winery, Domaine De Grand Pré, Gaspereau Vineyards, Jost Vineyards, Petite Riviere Vineyards, Sainte Famille Wines.
 - Two wineries producing predominantly fruit wines: Lunenburg County Winery and Williamsdale Winery.
- The Winery Association of Nova Scotia was established in 2002 with 5 members across the province — Benjamin Bridge, Blomidon Estates Winery, Domaine de Grand Pré, Jost Vineyards, and Sainte-Famille Wines.
- By 2007, the Winery Association of Nova Scotia had grown to nine voting members and three associate members.
- The inaugural "Discover the Wines of Nova Scotia Tour" took place September 9th to October 22nd, 2006. Events were held by all member vineyards and participating licensees.
- Nova Scotians consume about 9 litres of wine per capita (2005); per capita wine consumption will grow as the Nova Scotia wine industry grows (France — 56 litres/capita, Italy — 49 litres/capita, Canada 13 litres/ capita, British Columbia — 16 litres/capita).
- White wines produced in Nova Scotia include L'Acadie Blanc, New York Muscat, Seyval Blanc, Vidal Blanc, Ortega, Chardonnay, Siegfried, and Reisling.
- Red wines produced in Nova Scotia include Baco Noir, Leon Millot, Marechal Foch, Luci Kuhlmann, Castel, and Pinot Noir.
- To assure patrons that they are getting the absolute best, the Winery Association of Nova Scotia has created the Wines of Nova Scotia symbol. This stylized lobster claw holding a glass of wine, identifies the top quality wines produced in the province.
- 22 grape growers in six grape growing regions produce grapes for wine production throughout Nova Scotia — Annapolis Valley, Gaspereau Valley, Avon River Valley, Malagash Peninsula, LaHave River Valley, and Bear River.
- The Annapolis Valley has the highest concentration of wineries in Nova Scotia – 6 in 2008 and another three in development.