



Decades of Wine Making

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| 1611 | Louis Hebert, a French settler plants a small vineyard in Bear River, Nova Scotia. | 2000 | Jost Vineyards' 1999 Vidal Ice Wine declared "Canada's Wine of the Year". |
| 1913-71 | Agricultural Research Station researches suitability of grape growing in Nova Scotia concluding only a few varieties are viable. | 2002 | Winery Association of Nova Scotia (WANS) is established. |
| 1980 | Nova Scotia's first commercial vintage, Roger Dial's operation at Grand Pré. | 2004 | WANS creates and adopts the Nova Scotia Wine Standards for 'Nova Scotia' wines. |
| 1982 | Grape Growers Association of Nova Scotia (GGANS) is formed. | 2004 | Gaspereau Vineyards releases its first vintage. |
| 1983 | Nova Scotia's second winery opens – Jost Vineyards. | 2005 | Petite Riviere Vineyards opens its doors to the public and releases its first vintage. |
| 1986 | Farm Winery Policy passed allowing Nova Scotia wineries to sell directly to consumers. | 2005 | WANS adopts a set of quality standards, the Nova Scotia Wine Standards. |
| 1986 | An experimental vineyard began in Canning, named Habitant Vineyards. | 2005 | WANS creates and adopts a symbol of quality – Wines of Nova Scotia. Members in good standing of the Winery Association of Nova Scotia sign licensing agreements to use the new symbol on packaging for Nova Scotia wines made from 100% grown grapes or fruit and meet the Nova Scotia Wine Standards. |
| 1987 | Williamsdale Winery (Williamsdale, NS) is established, specializing in making wines from the blueberries grown in northern Nova Scotia. | 2006 | Wines of Nova Scotia officially launched to the public. |
| 1990 | Sainte-Famille Wines of Falmouth, releases its first vintage. | 2006 | Industry launched inaugural fall festival, the Discover the Wines of Nova Scotia Tour. |
| 1993 | Cottage Winery Policy passed governing production of Fruit Wines. | 2006 | Bear River Vineyards releases its first vintage. |
| 1994 | Lunenburg County Winery releases its first vintage. | 2006 | Wines of Nova Scotia served in New York at James Beard House under direction of invited guest chef de cuisine, Michael Howell, Tempest Restaurant (Wolfville, NS). |
| 1997 | Blomidon Estate Winery, formerly Habitant Vineyards, opens and sells its first vintage. | 2007 | Bear River Vineyards opens fall 2007. |
| 1999 | Domaine de Grand Pré releases its first vintage. | 2008 | L'Acadie Vineyards opens May, 2008. |
| 2000 | Fruit Wines of Canada formed and adopts Quality Standards for Canada. | 2008 | Benjamin Bridge releases its first sparkling wine, NOVA, July 2008. |