

Canada On The World Map



Canada's wine growing regions are situated within the recognized growing zones of 30 and 50 degrees latitude north, which is shared by many other cool climate wine regions of Europe. Our primary wine-growing regions are the Niagara Peninsula in southern Ontario and the Okanagan Valley in southern British Columbia, along with other regions in each of these provinces and smaller producing areas found in Quebec and Nova Scotia. Although small in scale by world standards, wine is a growing business in Canada, with wineries sprouting up wherever soil and climate permit the growing of productive vines. The Similkameen Valley, adjacent to the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, and Lake Erie North Shore and Prince Edward County in Ontario, are producing excellent wines, with the industry having undergone a renaissance over the past few decades. All together, Canada's wine growing regions are comprised of 30,000 acres (12,150 Hectares) and 548 wineries.

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Canadian Wine Regions



● Primary Wine Region

Canadian Icewine

Since the early 1990s Canada has been internationally known for the consistent quality of its icewine. Produced in every Canadian wine producing region, Ontario produces over 90% of this delicious and quintessentially Canadian product which is made from grapes that have been naturally frozen on the vine. Winter temperatures and freezing concentrate the sugar, acid and berry extracts in the grape, resulting in highly concentrated flavours and the complex intensity for which Canadian icewines are known. Icewine is primarily produced from Vidal, Riesling and Cabernet Franc.

Beyond Icewine

While Canada continues to be proud of its icewine story, it remains somewhat undiscovered for the quality of its table and sparkling wines. Each of Canada's wine regions have unique growing conditions that allow key varieties to shine and be expressive of their place of origin.



British Columbia 48° - 51°

Acres: 10,260 (4,152 Hectares)

Wineries: 240

5 Designated Viticultural Areas (DVAs)

Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands, Fraser Valley, Similkameen Valley, Okanagan Valley

Mountainsides, oceans, lakes and the only classified desert in Canada combine to create diverse climates that produce a wide variety of grapes. Primarily *vitis vinifera*. Top planted whites: Pinot Gris & Chardonnay. Top planted reds: Merlot & Pinot Noir. winebc.com



Ontario 41° - 44°

Acres 17,000 (6,900 Hectares)

Wineries: 150

3 Designated Viticultural Areas (DVAs)

Niagara Peninsula (with 10 additional sub-appellations), Prince Edward County, Lake Erie North Shore

Latitude, lakes and limestone define this region. Ontario's appellations all enjoy the moderating effect of the Great Lake breezes creating the perfect environment for cool climate grape growing. Primarily *vitis vinifera* with a focus on the core varieties of Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc. This region continues to show growth in the production of sparkling wine. winecountryontario.ca



Quebec 45° - 47°

Acres 2,000 (808 Hectares)

Wineries: 138

Quebec wineries produce dry, fortified, sparkling and sweet wines from a variety of cold hardy grape varieties such as Vidal, Frontenac, Seyval Blanc, Marechal Foch and Sainte-Croix, with production areas concentrated to the north and south east of Montreal and around Quebec City. vinsduquebec.com | advq.com



Nova Scotia 44° - 46°

Acres 720 (290 Hectares)

Wineries: 20

Located between the shores of the Northumberland Strait to the fertile Annapolis Valley. Nova Scotia produces table and dessert wines primarily from hybrid grapes, with a new trend of *vitis vinifera* plantings. Major varieties are L'Acadie, Muscat, Seyval Blanc, Lucy Kuhlman, Leon Millot and Marechal Foch. This area is known for its specialization in sparkling wine. winesofnovascotia.ca