

## NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE



### 27. NIAGARA COLLEGE TEACHING WINERY

Welcome to Canada's only teaching winery, located on the Glendale campus at the base of the Niagara Escarpment. Enjoy award winning VQA wines, a unique teaching and demonstration vineyard, the Glendale Gardens and the Wetland Ridge Trail.

Location: 135 Taylor Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Jim Warren  
Winemaker's choice: Chardonnay

Hours: May-Oct., Mon.-Sat.  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Nov.-April, Mon.-Fri.  
12 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: Year round, on request  
Phone: 905 641 2252 ext. 4070  
Web: [www.winedec.com](http://www.winedec.com)  
E-mail: [wine@niagarac.on.ca](mailto:wine@niagarac.on.ca)

### 28. MALETA VINEYARDS & ESTATE WINERY

The owners of this cottage winery offer a friendly and cozy atmosphere with wine tasting, tours and boutique. The historic vineyards produce award

winning VQA wines, featuring great Bordeaux reds and luscious Rieslings.

Location: 450 Queenston Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Stan Maleta  
Winemaker's choice: Meritage  
Hours: May-Oct., 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.,  
closed Tues. and Wed.  
Nov-Apr., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
weekends only  
Tour hours: May-Oct., weekends only  
or on request  
Phone: 905 685 8486  
Web: [www.maletaestatewinery.ca](http://www.maletaestatewinery.ca)  
E-mail: [vyntnr@vaxxine.com](mailto:vyntnr@vaxxine.com)

### 29. CHÂTEAU DES CHARMES

The magnificent Château is the heart of this family-owned winery founded by Ontario wine pioneer Paul Bosc. Currently celebrating its 25th Anniversary, this impressive winery is open year round for tours, tastings, corporate functions, weddings and special events.

Location: 1025 York Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Pierre-Jean Bosc  
Winemaker's choice: Merlot, St. David's Bench Vineyard  
Hours: Daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Tour Hours: Daily 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Phone: 905 262 4219  
Web: [www.chateaudescharmes.com](http://www.chateaudescharmes.com)  
E-mail: [info@chateaudescharmes.com](mailto:info@chateaudescharmes.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: 'Silver Label' Chardonnay

### 30. HILLEBRAND ESTATES WINERY

Discover a complete wine country experience close to the heart of historic Niagara-on-the-Lake. Complimentary tours are offered daily. Enjoy premium wine tastings in the Awards Room and fine dining in the casual setting of the winery restaurant.

Location: 1249 Niagara Stone Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: J-L Groux  
Winemaker's choice: Trius Chardonnay  
Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
(extended summer hours)  
Tour Hours: Every hour on the hour  
Phone: 905 468 7123  
Web: [www.hillebrand.com](http://www.hillebrand.com)  
E-mail: [info@hillebrand.com](mailto:info@hillebrand.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: Harvest Chardonnay

### 31. STONECHURCH VINEYARDS

Large retail store featuring wine-related gifts, hospitable staff and many VQA wines and vintage Icewines. Take a self-guided vineyard tour and enjoy weekend barbecues from May through October. Private

tours, tastings and events can be arranged by appointment.

Location: 1242 Irvine Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Jens Gemmrich  
Winemaker's choice: Morio Muscat  
Hours: May–Oct., Mon.–Sat.  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.,  
Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Winter, daily until 5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: Complimentary self-guided vineyard trail tour  
Group tours by appointment  
Daily tour May–Oct. by request  
Phone: 905 935 3535  
Web: [www.stonechurch.com](http://www.stonechurch.com)  
E-mail: [wine@stonechurch.com](mailto:wine@stonechurch.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: Cabernet Sauvignon

### 32. KONZELMANN ESTATE WINERY

Tour Niagara's exclusive lakefront winery. Family-owned and operated since 1893, Konzelmann Estate VQA wines and Icewines have been recognized nationally and internationally for excellence. Visit the wine boutique and tasting bar and enjoy special events offered year-round.

Location: 1096 Lakeshore Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: Herbert Konzelmann,  
Matthias Boss  
Winemakers' choice: Riesling  
Hours: May–Oct., Mon.–Sat.  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.,  
Sun. 12 p.m.–6 p.m.  
Nov.–April, Mon.–Sat.  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.,  
Sun. 12 p.m.–5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: May–Sept., guided public tours daily at 2 p.m.  
Phone: 905 935 2866  
Web: [www.konzelmannwines.com](http://www.konzelmannwines.com)  
E-mail: [wine@konzelmannwines.com](mailto:wine@konzelmannwines.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: Merlot Reserve

### 33. STREWN WINERY

Internationally recognized VQA wines, a Provençal restaurant and Niagara's only winery cooking school make Strewn an exceptional winery and culinary experience. Tastings of limited editions, super premium

wines and comparative tastings of different vintages offered.

Location: 1339 Lakeshore Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Joe Will  
Winemaker's choice: Strewn Three  
Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Tour Hours: 1 p.m. daily  
Phone: 905 468 1229  
Web: [www.strewnwinery.com](http://www.strewnwinery.com)  
E-mail: [info@strewnwinery.com](mailto:info@strewnwinery.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: Cabernet Merlot

### 34. SUNNYBROOK FARM ESTATE WINERY

Canada's first Fruit Winery, specializing in wines made from 100% Niagara tree fruit and berries. Fruit Wines of Canada "Quality Certified" (QC) wines. Try delectable Blackberry, Spiced Apple and Golden Peach wines. Tastings poured until half an hour before closing.

Location: 1425 Lakeshore Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: Gerald Goertz,  
Rebecca Goertz  
Winemakers' choice: Golden Peach  
Hours: May–Oct., 10 a.m.–6 p.m. daily  
Nov., Dec., Mar., Apr.,  
10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily  
Jan., Feb., Thurs.–Mon.  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Phone: 905 468 1122  
Web: [www.sunnybrookfarmwinery.com](http://www.sunnybrookfarmwinery.com)

### 35. JACKSON-TRIGGS NIAGARA ESTATE WINERY

The state-of-the-art Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery balances modern winemaking technology with passion deeply rooted in tradition. Experience in-depth guided tours, sample award winning wines, and enjoy summer weekend performances at the new amphitheatre.

Location: 2145 Niagara Stone Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: Tom Seaver, Kristine Casey  
Winemakers' choice: Proprietors' Grand Reserve Meritage  
Hours: Summer, 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.,  
Winter, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

### 35. JACKSON-TRIGGS *continued*

Tour Hours: Daily 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.  
year round—every half-hour  
Phone: 905 468 4637 ext. 251,  
concierge desk  
Web: [www.jacksontriggswinery.com](http://www.jacksontriggswinery.com)  
E-mail: [info@jacksontriggswinery.com](mailto:info@jacksontriggswinery.com)  
Best LCBO  
Brand: Jackson-Triggs Proprietors'  
Reserve Meritage

### 36. JOSEPH'S ESTATE WINES

Experience warmth and hospitality touring the estate winery & vineyard. Enjoy limited edition Award Winning VQA wines, Premium wines, Specialty and Fruit wines. Shop the large boutique for a wide selection of wine accessories and unique giftware.

Location: 1811 Niagara Stone Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: Dr. Joseph Pohorly, K. Reid  
Winemakers'  
choice: 2000 VQA Merlot Reserve  
Hours: May–Oct., 10 a.m.–7 p.m.,  
Nov.–Apr., 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Tour Hours: May–Oct., 11 a.m., 1 p.m.,  
3 p.m. daily (free)  
Phone: 905 468 1259 or 1 866 468 1259  
Web: [www.josephsestatewines.com](http://www.josephsestatewines.com)  
E-mail: [info@josephsestatewines.com](mailto:info@josephsestatewines.com)

### 37. PILLITTERI ESTATES WINERY

This family-owned and operated winery is one of Canada's largest estate producers of Icewine. A new production facility and underground barrel cellar are highlights of the tour program. A wide selection of wines appeals to every palate.

Location: 1696 Niagara Stone Road,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Sue-Ann Staff  
Winemaker's  
choice: Icewine  
Hours: May 15–Oct. 15,  
10 a.m.–8 p.m.,  
Oct. 16–May 14,  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Tour Hours: Noon and 2 p.m. daily  
Phone: 905 468 3147  
Web: [www.pillitteri.com](http://www.pillitteri.com)  
E-mail: [winery@pillitteri.com](mailto:winery@pillitteri.com)  
Best LCBO  
Brand: Gewürztraminer-Riesling

### 38. PELLER ESTATES WINERY

This new winery has built its reputation on winemaking excellence. Educational programs are offered every hour and unique wine and food pairings are featured in the Reserve Room. Regional cuisine is highlighted in the winery restaurant for lunch and dinner.

Location: 290 John Street East,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Rob Summers  
Winemakers'  
choice: Private Reserve  
Cabernet Franc  
Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
(extended summer hours)  
Phone: 905 468 4678  
Web: [www.peller.com](http://www.peller.com)  
E-mail: [info@peller.com](mailto:info@peller.com)  
Best LCBO  
Brand: Heritage Cabernet

### 39. LAILEY VINEYARD

Experience 100 percent estate-grown wines produced from one of Canada's oldest vineyards. Specializing in Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon and the first producer of wines aged in Canadian oak. Check the website for monthly educational events.

Location: 15940 Niagara Parkway,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Derek Barnett  
Winemakers'  
choice: Cabernet Sauvignon  
Hours: May 1–Oct. 31,  
10 a.m.–6 p.m. daily  
Nov. 1–April 30,  
11 a.m.–5 p.m. daily  
Tour Hours: By appointment only  
Phone: 905 468 0503  
Web: [www.laileyvineyard.com](http://www.laileyvineyard.com)  
E-mail: [tonya@laileyvineyard.com](mailto:tonya@laileyvineyard.com)

### 40. CAROLINE CELLARS

One of the newest additions to the Niagara winescape, this charming winery takes pride in four generations of grape growing tradition, producing VQA wines and Icewines for all to enjoy. Special events loft and wine boutique.

Location: 1028 Line 2,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Jens Gemmrich  
Winemaker's  
Choice: Riesling  
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 10a.m. – 6p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m. – 6p.m.  
Extended summer hours.  
Tours: By appointment or by chance  
during retail hours.  
Phone: 905 468 8814  
Web: [www.lakeitfarms.com](http://www.lakeitfarms.com)  
E-mail: [carolinecellars@sympatico.ca](mailto:carolinecellars@sympatico.ca)

### 41. REIF ESTATE WINERY

Winemakers for 13 generations, this family estate is internationally recognized for Icewines. VQA wines and innovative varietals are made from the winery's 135-acre vineyard. Wines are aged in authentic oak casks in underground barrel cellars.

Location: 15608 Niagara Parkway,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: Roberto DiDomenico,  
Klaus W. Reif  
Winemakers'  
choice: Vidal Icewine 2000  
Hours: May–Oct., 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,  
Nov.–Apr., 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: May–Oct., 1:30 p.m. daily  
Phone: 905 468 7738  
Web: [www.reifwinery.com](http://www.reifwinery.com)  
E-mail: [wine@reifwinery.com](mailto:wine@reifwinery.com)  
Best LCBO  
Brand: Cabernet Merlot 2002

### 42. INNISKILLIN WINES

Inniskillin produces truly distinctive estate wines that rank among the world's finest. The visitor centre, housed in the historic Brae Burn Barn, includes a retail boutique and

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tasting bar featuring premium VQA wines and Icewines. Imaginative, self-guided tour available.

Location: Line 3 at the Niagara Parkway, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: Karl Kaiser, Philip Dowell  
Winemakers' choice: Founders' Reserve Pinot Noir 1999  
Hours: May–Oct., 10 a.m.–6 p.m., tasting bar 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Nov.–Apr., 10 a.m.–5 p.m., tasting bar 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Tour Hours: May–Oct., 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily Nov.–Apr., 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. weekends only  
Phone: 905 468 3554 ext. 3 or 1 888 466 4754 ext. 311  
Web: [www.inniskillin.com](http://www.inniskillin.com)  
E-mail: [inniskil@inniskillin.com](mailto:inniskil@inniskillin.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: Inniskillin 2001 Vidal Icewine

#### 43. MARYNISSEN ESTATES WINERY

This small estate winery boasts some of the oldest vines in Canada and is renowned for its premium red wines. The vineyard has small-farm appeal and produces great wine in small quantities from low-yield vineyards.

Location: RR #6, 1208 Concession 1, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemakers: John Marynissen, Sandra Marynissen  
Winemakers' choice: Cabernet–Merlot  
Hours: May–Oct., 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Nov.–Apr., 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: Group tours of 15 or more by appointment  
Phone: 905 468 7270  
Web: [www.marynissen.com](http://www.marynissen.com)  
E-mail: [info@marynissen.com](mailto:info@marynissen.com)

#### 44. RIVERVIEW CELLARS WINERY

This family-owned and operated winery is located on the picturesque Niagara Parkway. Specializing in premium VQA wines and Icewine and featuring a fruit market and specialty gifts. Friendly staff and warm hospitality ensure a pleasurable wine experience.

Location: 15376 Niagara Parkway, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Winemaker: Sam Pillitteri  
Winemaker's choice: Vidal Icewine  
Hours: May – Sept., 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Oct. – Apr., 11 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Tour Hours: Daily by request  
Phone: 905 262 0636  
Web: [www.riverviewcellars.com](http://www.riverviewcellars.com)  
E-mail: [winery@riverviewcellars.com](mailto:winery@riverviewcellars.com)

## NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

The Wine Route leaves St. Catharines and follows York Road to Queenston. There, it intersects with the Niagara Parkway, described by Winston Churchill as “the prettiest Sunday drive in the world”. The Parkway winds alongside the Niagara River, leading to wineries and the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake <http://www.niagaraonthelake.com/>. The Wine Route signage will clearly direct you to all the wineries in this part of the Niagara Peninsula. As you leave the area follow Lakeshore Road into the pretty lakeside town, Historic Port Dalhousie <http://www.portdalhousie.com/>.

## EN ROUTE DIVERSIONS

### Food & Wine

#### Restaurants

- Dine on fine regional cuisine in the refined, casual elegance of the dining room or outdoor terrace at **Peller Estates Winery Restaurant** [http://www.peller.com/peller/visit\\_winery/restaurant.htm](http://www.peller.com/peller/visit_winery/restaurant.htm).
- **Hillebrand's Vineyard Café** <http://www.hillebrand.com/hillebrand/experience.html> offers spectacular views of the Escarpment and an inventive approach to wine country cuisine.
- **Terroir La Cachette** <http://www.lacachette.com/> at Strewn winery showcases regional wines and ingredients inspired by the style and flavours of Provence.
- Four diamond **LIV** restaurant <http://www.whiteoaks.on.ca/LivBenchBarGrill/> at White Oaks Conference Centre & Spa transforms fresh local ingredients with international style and flair.
- The restaurants at the **Vintage Inns** <http://www.vintageinns.com> (The Pillar & Post Inn, Queen's Landing Inn, Prince of Wales Hotel, and The Oban Inn) serve the tastes of Niagara emphasizing seasonal local produce.
- Historic Port Dalhousie's **Spice of Life Restaurant & Wine Bar** <http://www.niagaraspiceoflife.com/> offers vegetarian and gluten free dishes as part of its international fusion menu.

#### Casual Dining

- Light fare is served at **Stonechurch Vineyards** <http://www.stonechurch.com/> and **Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery** <http://www.jacksontriggswinery.com/>.

#### Local Foods

- You'll find fresh seasonal Niagara produce at **Riverview Cellars' fruit market** <http://www.riverviewcellars.com/pages/505538/index.htm> and all your favourite jams and marmalades at **Greaves Jams & Marmalades** <http://www.greavesjams.com/>, located in Niagara-on-the-Lake since 1927.

Canada's first winery cooking school is located at Strewn Winery. **The Wine Country Cooking School** <http://www.winecountrycooking.com/> offers two day culinary weekends, and a selection of hands-on classes that focus on Niagara's fresh ingredients and fine wines.

## Places to Stay

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake Vintage Inns** <http://www.vintageinns.com> include **The Pillar & Post Inn, Spa & Conference Centre, Queen's Landing Inn and Conference Resort, Prince of Wales Hotel, and The Oban Inn**. Each property offers fine dining, outstanding amenities and luxurious accommodations.
- **White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa** <http://www.whiteoaks.on.ca> is a 4 diamond, 5 star resort with luxurious guestrooms, world-class spa, and full fitness facilities including a racquets and golf club.
- **Victorian Suites Inn** <http://www.victoriansuitesinn.com/> provides an intimate getaway with six spacious, well appointed guest suites.
- **Harbour House** <http://www.harbourhousehotel.ca/> is an elegant and comfortable boutique hotel located by the river.
- Exceptional Bed and Breakfast properties abound in Niagara-on-the-Lake including **Grand Victorian** <http://www.grandvictorianbandb.com/>, **Blairpen House** <http://www.blairpenhouse.com/>, and **Oakhaven Bed & Breakfast** <http://www.oakhaven.ca/>.

## The Great Outdoors

- Canada's longest footpath, **The Bruce Trail** <http://www.infoniagara.com/d-npc-brock.html> begins in **Queenston Heights** [http://parks canada.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/queenston/index\\_e.asp](http://parks canada.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/queenston/index_e.asp) and continues through **Woodend Conservation Area** <http://www.conservation-niagara.on.ca/woodend.htm> atop the Escarpment.
- **The Niagara River Recreation Trail** <http://www.niagaraparks.com/attractions/rectrailarea.php> runs alongside the Niagara Parkway between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston and then continues on to Fort Erie. The paved trail is excellent for bicycling or walking and provides a scenic and active way to tour the wineries in the vicinity.

## Other Natural Attractions

- Head along the Niagara Parkway to Niagara Falls and you'll come to the extraordinary **Butterfly Conservatory** <http://www.niagaraparks.com/attractions/butterfly.php>, at the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens. Amidst a rainforest setting of waterfalls and tropical plants you can observe numerous varieties of butterflies flying freely.

## Getting Around

- The flat terrain of Niagara-on-the-Lake makes it ideal for leisurely bicycling. Local companies that will rent you a bike for the day or take you on an organized winery tour include **Steve Bauer Bike Tours** <http://www.stevebauer.com/> and **Crush on Niagara Bike Tours** <http://www.crushtours.com/>.
- Guided bus tours are an excellent way of touring the wineries; there's no need to enlist a designated driver or forgo sampling at the tasting bar. Experienced tour operators include **Niagara Airbus** <http://www.niagarawinerytours.com> and **Niagara Wine Tours International** <http://www.niagaraworldwinetours.com/>.
- A shuttle service with a pick-up and drop-off in Niagara-on-the-Lake is provided by **Peller Estates Winery** <http://www.peller.com/peller/index.html> and **Hillebrand Estates Winery** <http://www.hillebrand.com/hillebrand/default.htm>.

## Museums and Heritage Sites

Significant battles of the War of 1812 were fought in the area and several historic sites preserve the memories of this time and the tumultuous history of Upper Canada's first capital.

- An important battle took place at **Queenston Heights** <http://www.niagaraparks.com/horticulture/queenston.php> , atop which stands the Brock Monument, marking the final resting place of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock.
- To discover more about a heroine of the War of 1812 visit the restored **Laura Secord Homestead** <http://www.niagaraparks.com/attractions/laurasecord.php> in the village of Queenston.
- Also in Queenston is **RiverBrink** <http://www.riverbrink.org/> , a gallery which houses a remarkable collection of artifacts, rare books, historical documents, and Canadian art.
- **Fort George** <http://www.niagara.com/~parkscan/> , a British fort of major importance during the War of 1812 has been fully restored. Staff in period uniform create a realistic atmosphere of garrison life.
- **The Niagara Historical Society and Museum** <http://www.niagara.com/~nhs/> was founded in 1895 and has an extensive collection of Canadian artifacts and documents that record Niagara-on-the-Lake's colourful history.
- 500 years of printing technology, including a rare wooden press, are on display at the **Mackenzie Heritage Printery & Newspaper Museum** <http://www.niagaraparks.com/attractions/mackenzie.php>.
- A tour of **McFarland House** <http://www.niagaraparks.com/attractions/mcfarland.php> will give a taste of domestic life in 1840s Upper Canada.

## Cultural Events

- The critically acclaimed **Shaw Festival** <http://www.shawfest.com/flashintro.html>, one of the largest repertory theatres in North America, draws thousands of visitors to Niagara-on-the-Lake each year. Special getaway packages are available that include tickets to a performance and dining at a winery.
- **The Niagara International Chamber Music Festival** <http://www.niagaramusicfest.com/> includes performances at a number of wineries throughout the summer.
- **The outdoor amphitheatre at Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery** <http://www.jacksontriggswinery.com> is the setting for summer concerts and screenings of silent film classics accompanied by musicians performing original scores.
- Each summer **Hillebrand Estates Winery** <http://www.hillebrand.com> holds its very popular music fests. In July look for Vineyard Jazz, in August look for Vineyard Blues.

## Shopping

- A cornucopia of delights awaits shoppers in **Niagara-on-the-Lake** <http://www.niagaraonthelake.com/>. You will find important works of Canadian artists, upscale clothing boutiques, imports from Japan, silks from Thailand, fine antiques and more.
- **Historic Port Dalhousie** <http://www.portdalhousie.com/> has shops and galleries in which you can purchase everything from rowing accoutrements to pottery and hand crafted jewelry.