



Anyone could tell you where their wine's from ... but few have the pleasure of knowing which row!

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 our wineries have garnered international acclaim for their efforts and passion: **Bear River Vineyards, Blomidon Estate Winery, Domaine de Grand Pre, Gaspereau Vineyards, Jost Vineyards, Lunenburg County Winery, Petit Riviere Vineyards, Sainte Famille Wines and L'Acadie Vineyards.**

In 2008, the Winery of Association will welcome a new addition to the family - **Benjamin Bridge** in the Annapolis Valley.

4th Annual Discover the Wines of Nova Scotia Tour
September 7th to October 30th, 2009. Discover the passion and artistry of Nova Scotia's winemakers and some of our province's finest chefs. Wine tastings, gourmet dinners, grape stomps, classes and food pairing events all await your palate.

Nova Scotia Winter Icewine Festival

Join us in February each year to celebrate Nova Scotia's internationally award-winning Icewines. The festival features Icewine and wine tastings, gourmet dinners, ice-sculptures, cooking classes, snowshoeing, cozy lodging as well as food and wine pairing events.



The only **SINGLE MALT WHISKY DISTILLERY** in North America!

Cape Breton's **Glenora Distillery** produces approximately 250,000 litres of whisky annually and is situated on a 300 acre site containing a house malt, kiln, milling production, warehouses, bottling, and hospitality facilities. The structures were constructed in a traditional post and beam style, similar in nature to distilleries found in Scotland. The Gaels, who are reputed to having invented "Uisge Beatha" ... the Water of Life ... claim the Gaelic improves the flavour of the whisky. Find out for yourself as Glen Breton Rare Canadian Single Malt Whisky is the only single malt whisky produced in Canada. It is produced by the traditional copper pot stills method using only three ingredients: Barley, Yeast and Water. In

addition to distilling single malt whisky, which is presently aging in oak barrels, Glenora blends and bottles Smuggler's Cove dark, white and amber rums

Nova Scotians love their cool beers on a hot day ... or any day!

Microbreweries are popping up across the Province with some very interesting local flavours becoming more popular on the menu! These craft beers are made using a traditional process of blending the sugars from malted grains with hop flowers and water. The skill of the brewmaster brings out the desired aroma, colour, foam and flavour of the hops and malt.

- * **Sea Level Brewing** (Port Williams) offer Planter Pale Ale, Moondance Organic Lager, Rojo Mojo Red Ale and Port in the Storm Porter
- * **Garrison Brewery** (Halifax) makes Raspberry Wheat, Tall Ship Amber, Irish Red Ale, Nut Brown Ale, and Martello Stout along with specialty beers like Blueberry Wheat, Jalapeno and Moka Ales
- * **Maritime Beer Company** (Dartmouth) produces Black Pearl and Maclays
- * **Propeller Brewing Company** (Halifax) offers their own Pale Ale, Bitter, Porter and Honey Wheat beers in addition to producing all natural sodas.

Those who like it, like it a lot!

Alexander Keith's India Pale Ale was originally crafted for British troops serving in India. The high quality ingredients and the preservative effect of hops kept the beer fresh on the long voyage down the coast of Africa, around the Cape of Good Hope and into the Indian Ocean. This superior ale soon became the favourite of British troops everywhere. With so many soldiers stationed in Halifax, each with a daily 1 gallon ration of beer, it made sense that the city have its own India Pale Ale- or so thought Alexander Keith. In 1820 he began brewing India Pale Ale under his own name. To this day, his fine ale is still produced only in Halifax. For a true Nova Scotia good time, take an informative and interactive tour of the **Alexander Keith's Nova Scotia Brewery**. Actors in period costume will lead you back in time as you learn about the beer, the brewery and life in Halifax in 1863. Visit the Stag's Head Tavern where you will listen to toe tapping music, play games and of course sample Keith's fine ale. It's the perfect tour for people of all ages!



Other Fine Wine, Spirit & Beer Producers in Nova Scotia

- Rudder's Brew Pub (Yarmouth)
- Keltic Brewing Company (Truro)
- Williamsdale Winery
- Olands Brewery (Halifax)
- Sleeman's Maritimes (Dartmouth)
- The Granite Brewery (Halifax)
- Rogue's Roast (Halifax)
- Chedabucto Bay Brewery (Guysborough)
- Paddy's Pub (Kentville)