

lthough wines are not usually considered to be one of Canada's premium exports, many very fine Canadian wineries do produce excellent vintage wines. As they are given more exposure to international markets, they are also steadily gaining recognition among the world's wine connoisseurs. A pioneer by the name of George Barnes founded Canada's oldest winery in the heart of Ontario's wine country. Located along the banks of the original Welland canal, this 19th century hand-hewn stone building is still an integral part of the modern winery known today as Barnes Wines Limited. From the sherries and ports of those early days — still being made in the traditional manner and brought to maturity in oak casks and vats — to the internationally acclaimed "Limited Edition" wines of superior quality, the Barnes winery of today combines traditional winemaking skills born out of generations of experience with modern techniques to produce wines that are indeed worthy successors to a heritage that goes back over one hundred years. Today, Barnes Wines is situated on

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warehousing and administration facilities, and ranks among the most progressive of Canada's wine companies. Thirty different wines are produced including table, sparkling and dessert wines. Barnes

wines have won awards and recognition in North America and Europe. "Adagio" light wine was awarded gold and silver medals at the prestigious Monde Selection (Madrid, Spain, 1984) and Liubliana International Wine Fair (30th International, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, 1984) respectively. Chateau-Gai, part of the John Labatt group of companies, has wineries in Scoudouc, New Brunswick; Niagara Falls, Ontario; and Calgary, Alberta. A winery in Penticton, British Columbia, uses the "Casabello" brand name. Chateau-Gai is known for high quality wines and a wide variety of innovative wine products. "Alpenweiss" is a Chateau-Gai brand that has been successfully challenging foreign wines in meeting discriminating taste requirements of Canadians. With "Capistro", Chateau-Gai introduced the first light wine in Canada, and is now the leader in the growing light wine category.

Ripe grapes.

