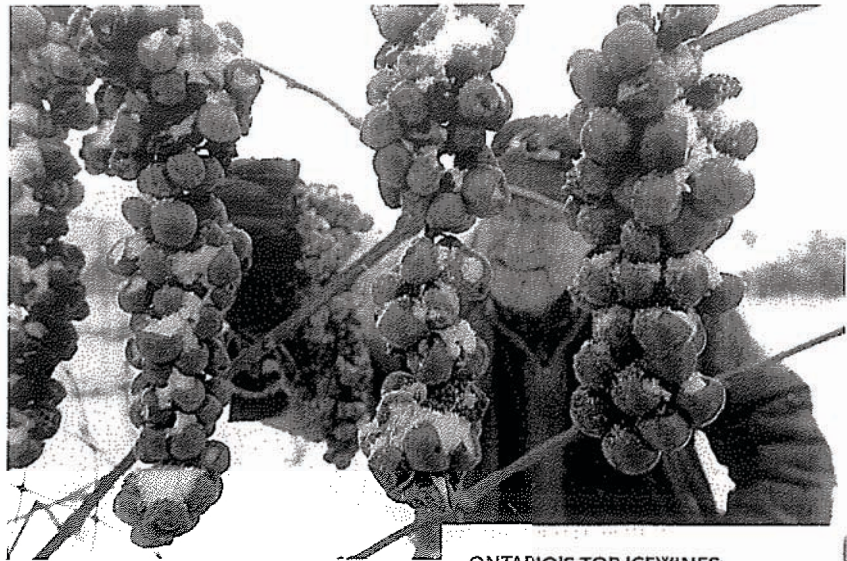


WINE

## Cold gold

AN UPSCALE GALA featuring live jazz and wine tastings overlooking Niagara Falls are just a couple of the treats in store for people who attend this year's Niagara Icewine Festival, from January 15 to 24. Visitors can partake in dozens of events, including gourmet dinners and winery visits, to celebrate the luscious golden elixir that put Canada on the world wine map.

With the festival's Discovery Pass, one can visit more than 25 area wineries, which will all be offering different programs. Taste icewines paired with decadent desserts at one, and at the next, try dry table wines paired with cuisine from local restaurants and artisan food purveyors. Wineries let visitors try picking grapes



and teach groups about icewine production and the various stages it goes through before being bottled. Although not part of the festival, the nearby town of Niagara-on-the-Lake offers carriage rides during the festival's two weekends.

For more information, go to [www.niagarawinefestival.com](http://www.niagarawinefestival.com) or [www.niagaraonthelake.com](http://www.niagaraonthelake.com).

— Natalie MacLean

### ONTARIO'S TOP ICEWINES:

Inniskillin Riesling Icewine  
Cave Spring Riesling Icewine  
Chateau des Charmes Vidal Icewine  
Flat Rock Cellars Vidal Icewine  
Mike Weir Vidal Icewine  
Konzelmann Estate Riesling Icewine  
Pillitteri Estates Vidal Icewine  
Henry of Pelham Riesling Icewine  
Coyote's Run Estate Riesling Icewine  
Dan Akroyd Vidal Icewine

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