

INNISKILLIN



SPARKLING VIDAL ICEWINE 2022

VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA

OVERVIEW

Though Icewine's roots can be traced to centuries-old German winemakers, there is nothing more quintessentially Canadian than this luscious luxury borne of patience and subzero bravura. Grapes are left on the vine well into the winter months to concentrate and intensify the flavors, as water content freezes, thaws and dehydrates in each precious Icewine grape. Located in Niagara-on-the-Lake at the historic Brae Burn Estate, Inniskillin has been producing world-renowned Icewines from grapes grown in the Niagara Peninsula since 1984.

Vidal is a hybrid (Ugni Blanc and Seibel) that has a thick skin suitable for harvesting late in the season. It is the grape grown most for Icewine in Ontario. Its natural acidity gives great structure to the lusciousness of its tropical aromas and flavors of mango and lychee.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this Icewine were harvested at an average temperature of -10°C . Pressed immediately the resulting juice was an ideal 37.7 brix for a sparkling Icewine. Inoculated with a very specific strain of yeast the juice was allowed to ferment under pressure in a charmat tank at an average temperature of 17°C until it reached an alcohol of 9.5%.

TASTING NOTES

This unique icewine boasts aromatics of peach, orange and mango. Flavors of citrus, lychee and pineapple balanced by an energetic acidity and lively effervescence round out this Inniskillin classic.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

These energetic bubbles deserve respect for fighting through the wine's viscosity to help deliver rich apricot jam and peach sorbet aromas that are to die for. Peaches and apricots return on the palate, spotlighted by a nice amount of acidity. Break out the foie gras—this sparkling ice wine is ready to party.

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WINEPAIR

Vidal is one of the northeast's most popular hybrid grapes. It's quite hardy in the winter months, which is why it also thrives on the Niagara peninsula just over the New York border in Canada. Inniskillin was the first estate winery founded in Canada post-prohibition in 1975. This ice wine from their revered grape is not only delicious but bubbly! It's bright and inviting with ripe fruit on the nose and hints of white pepper. The sweetness on the palate is balanced by lively bubbles that rise through the viscosity.



Varietals:
100% Vidal Blanc