

[NCT Winery icewine wins double gold](#)

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The Niagara College Teaching (NCT) Winery turned Icewine into gold by winning a Double Gold Medal at the 28th Annual All Canadian Wine Championships, held recently in Windsor.

The 2007 Dean's List Cabernet Franc Icewine won double gold in the 'Best of Category – Red Icewine.' This specific Icewine was produced from Niagara College's Donald Ziraldo Vineyard, located at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, and crafted by Winemaker Terence Van Rooyen with student involvement.

The NCT Winery entered the competition in seven categories and won medals in four. In addition to the Double Gold, the NCT Winery also picked up a Silver for the 2007 Merlot and a Bronze for both the 2007 Dean's List Pinot Noir and the 2007 Dean's List Vidal Icewine.

The Canadian Wine Trail, home of the All Canadian Wine Championships, was established in 1981 in Windsor, Ontario, and is the oldest and largest competition created specifically for the Canadian wine scene. The judging panel is assembled from all segments of the wine industry and represents the major Canadian and American wine regions.

The Niagara College Teaching (NCT) Winery serves as a practical learning enterprise for students in Niagara College's award-winning Winery and Viticulture Technician and post-graduate Wine Business Management programs. Since opening in 2002, the wines of the NCT Winery have captured more than 65 national and international awards. Earlier this year, the 2007 Dean's List Pinot Noir was selected as top Pinot Noir at Cuvee.

The NCT Winery will soon have a new home at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus. Construction began in Fall 2008 on a Wine Education and Visitor Centre. This unique facility, scheduled to open in Fall 2009, will house the NCT Winery, a library, classrooms and labs, and serve as an educational facility for students, industry and visitors. For more information, visit www.niagaracollege.ca/masterplan.

NCT Winery wines are sold at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus Wine Store. Learn more at www.nctwinery.com.