



WINE EDUCATION CENTRE

Niagara College has the only on-campus vineyards in Canada, and is the largest educator of Ontario and Canadian wines in the country.

The College's new Wine Education Centre will promote the grape and wine industry, culinary traditions, and tourism by providing education, training and experiential opportunities for students, industry, the community and visitors.



Niagara College has trained more than 1,000 students in certificate, diploma and graduate programs, as well as seminars and conferences related to the grape and wine industries. This new centre will support the education and training of thousands more.

Features

- Located in the heart of the College's 40 acres of vineyards overlooking an agricultural vista culminating in the Niagara Escarpment, a United Nations World Biosphere Reserve
- 7,500 sq. ft. facility with tasting counters, retail wine sales, interactive displays, space for seminars, meetings and presentations
- Venue for indoor and outdoor special events: Great Hall and Terrace
- Teaching Winery, a learning enterprise, operates as a separate business unit with state-of-the-art wine production lab, viticulture and oenology labs, barrel room and wine library
- Teaching linked to outdoor vineyards and horticultural gardens featuring outdoor classroom in the vineyards
- Operations to be self-sufficient while promoting environmental sustainability.
- Enhance student and industry education and training: theoretical knowledge in the classrooms and laboratories; applied skills development in the campus vineyards; hands-on winemaking in the teaching winery; and comprehensive sales, marketing and agritourism business development at the education centre
- Increase support for the development of wine, viticulture and tourism industries
- Facilities for wine production research projects in partnership with industry and other educational institutions
- New major point of contact for the wine route, culinary trail, winery and grower information
- Venue for industry seminars and meetings, special training initiatives and conferences, such as the Uncorked Grape and Wine Conference and Tradeshow, and Tasting Room Profitability

Benefits

- World class graduates from full-time and part-time programs: Wine and Viticulture Diploma, Wine Business Management Graduate Certificate, Sommelier Certificate and Continuing Education Certificates
- Consolidate teaching winery facilities that are now spread over four locations on campus

