



Allan Schmidt

President, Vineland Estates Winery

Born and raised in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, Canada, Allan's background in the world of grape growing and winemaking has stemmed from a long family connection. In 1980, Allan's family became co-founders of Sumac Ridge Winery in the Okanagan Valley, and today Allan represents the third generation of his family to be involved in the development of this growing Canadian industry.

After oenological training in California at Heitz Cellars and viticulture training in the Nahe region of Germany, Allan moved to Ontario in 1987 to take up the position of Winemaker and General Manager at Vineland Estates Winery. The family connection with wine continues to this day. Today, Allan holds the position of President and works alongside his brother Brian, who is now Vineland Estates' Winemaker. In 1993, they dog sledded to the magnetic North Pole with several bottles of Icewine, claiming to be the first winemakers to take Icewine to the North Pole for polarized aging.

Since Allan joined Vineland Estates, it has become the first winery to open an on-site fine dining 4 Diamond Restaurant and Bed and Breakfast Cottage. Production has grown to 60,000 cases a year of premium wines, and the winery has received hundreds of international wine awards, including the Vinitaly Grand Special trophy as the highest scoring winery in a field of over three thousand wines.

Allan has played a vital role in Vineland Estates Winery's evolution, and his twenty-year history with the company has seen it develop into "Niagara's Premiere Wine and Culinary Experience."



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