

The Wines of the Judgement of Kingston 2022
Tasting Notes

Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages.
- Louis Pasteur

From the Niagara Peninsula

Henry of Pelham, Niagara Peninsula VQA, Cuvée Catherine

Cuvée Catharine has become one of Ontario's most consistent sparkling wines, with an intense and lively character that gains interest from toasty and spicy notes alongside nicely concentrated citrus fruit. There's depth to the flavour; a persistent aftertaste adds to the appeal. **92** (Chris Waters)

Tawse, Niagara Peninsula VQA, Spark 2017

The Tawse 2017 Spark is composed of a blend of about 3/4 chardonnay, with pinot noir and a splash of pinot gris, made in the traditional method. It's still very fresh and youthful, featuring lively citrus, green apple and mostly wet stone flavours, very dry on the palate, with appealingly tart acids and light, 10.5% alcohol declared. Autolysis flavours are modest - this is mostly about the stone and citrus - but the balance is impeccable and it's a perfectly lively, crisp aperitif style at an attractive price. Drink or hold for 2-3 years - it's moving slowly apparently. **90** (John Szabo, MS)

13th Street Winery, Niagara Peninsula VQA, Blanc de Blanc 2020

This popular, traditionally made sparkler, is true to the Colas style. It's a brut zero (no sugar added), 100% Chardonnay sourced mainly from a neighbouring vineyard. This was disgorged after 14 months on the lees and finished with just 3 g/l of sugar. It has an energetic bubble and a fresh and lemony nose with biscuit, pear and flinty minerality. It's lively on the palate with subtle smoky/flinty notes, bright apple, fresh pear, toasted almonds, lemon zest and a lifted, mineral finish. Lovely bubbles. **92** (Rick vanSickle)

From The County

Broken Stone, Prince Edward County VQA Amour 2018

This sparkling was harvested from our estate vineyards planted in 2010. It is made from equal parts Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier. Has a pale amber hue and a lovely mousse. It's fruity, very dry, and a crisp refreshing celebratory toast.

Huff Estates Winery, Prince Edward County VQA, Cuvée Peter 2018

Fine toasty hints here with sweet pear and citrus fruit. Nice volume and freshness with a bit of grip on the finish. **91** (Jamie Goode). [Average final score of **92** from judges at the 2022 National Wine Awards of Canada.]

Rosehall Run, Prince Edward County VQA, Blanc de Blanc 2017

Delicious and dialed down, this 100% Chardonnay traditional method sparkler is a sensory trip worth taking. In my glass, its aromas evoke alluring apple, nutty and saline characters that nicely complement this wine's citrusy focused flavour profile and its dry, crisp mouthfeel. Leans to light bodied, this wine features only fruit harvested from Rosehall Run's own vineyards in Ontario's Prince Edward County. **91** (Craig Haynes)

— This traditionally made, 100% Chardonnay has an inviting nose of brioche, toasted almonds, quince, grapefruit zest and a rich vein of freshening salinity. It has a vigorous mousse, a creamy texture with apple/pear fruit, flinty notes, citrus zest with mouth-watering acidity on a lifted finish. **91**.

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