

Chapter 35
Canada

WINE REGIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate: Continental (low annual temp but July/Aug very hot) ● Large lakes moderate extremes ● Freezing winters = perfect conditions for Icewine
ONTARIO (3 DVAs)	<p>Niagara Peninsula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SW of Lake Ontario. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Cools down/heats area slowly. ➢ Extends growing season/delays spring budburst (minimises frost damage). ➢ Air flow = reduces fungal disease ❖ Riesling = dry/off-dry/fresh/fruity. Icewine. ❖ Vidal (hybrid) = high quality Icewine (not as aromatic/acid structure as Riesling) ❖ <i>Chardonnay</i> = dry/restrained/no oak ❖ <i>PN/Cab Franc/Cab Sauv/Merlot</i>
BRITISH COLUMBIA (5 DVAs)	<p>Okanagan Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Between two mountain ranges (low annual rainfall/semi-desert) ❖ Long day length (northern latitude) = prolongs the time for photosynthesis - grapes ripen ❖ Large glacial lakes moderate temperature and extend the growing season. White grapes (N) + black grapes (S) ❖ <i>Merlot/PN/Pinot Gris/Chard. Icewine - Riesling/Vidal</i>

Canada Wine Laws

- Appellation system = **Vintners Quality Alliance (VQA)** (Ontario/BC)
 - Smaller **Designated Viticultural Areas (DVAs)**
 - Regional appellations and subregional appellations
 - 100% of grapes from VQA province/V. Vinifera or hybrid