
Vintage Hotels
WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Paul Pender, Tawse Winery



Most comfortable in his uniform of boots, a pair of jeans and a flannel shirt, you are most likely to see Paul Pender tending to the vines in one of Tawse's five vineyards during the growing season. The former carpenter and graduate of Niagara College's Winery and Viticulture program has a non-interventionist as far as possible philosophy. He is a firm believer that the start of every good wine begins in the vineyard. Passionate about crafting wines expressive of a sense of place, Pender has seen Tawse through the process of Ecocert organic and Demeter biodynamic certification.

Paul's unique winemaking approach at Tawse is a kind of un-winemaking. He's trying not to make a wine, but trying to grow a wine. Allowing the wine to express itself and setting the parameters for it and keeping it safe. But not doing any manipulation in terms of how the wine turns out.

What Paul finds so exciting about making wine in Niagara would be two things. One, would be the challenge of the vintage - the variation from year to year and the fact that there is also a lot more uniqueness from year to year. Underlying that would be the uniqueness of the terroirs - all the incredible differences from site to site.

One of the biggest lessons Paul has learned in the vineyard is to not be two steps ahead of himself and to always leave room to react to what the season gives him in terms of growth.

Larry Paterson INNOVATION IN THE VINEYARD AWARD



Deborah Paskus

Winemaker, Closson Chase Vineyards

Larry, who called himself ‘The Little Fat Wino,’ was a tireless proponent of winegrowing in Ontario and an inspiration to those who wanted to plant vineyards in areas outside VQA’s designated boundaries. The recipient of this award was chosen by the executive committee of the Grape Growers of Ontario and is recognized as being:

- A believer of 100% Ontario grown wines
- Hands on in both grape growing and winemaking
- Good at what they grow
- An innovative thinker
- Radical about Ontario winegrowing – in the true sense of the word
- Passionate about their craft

Larry was a unique human being, a treasure who was a champion and advocate of the underdog winemaker, who strived to succeed in the face of discriminatory government policies and regulations. He was an innovator and promoted creative winemaking, dabbling with additives and unusual ingredients. His passion for making great wine from Ontario grapes and other fruits earned him numerous amateur wine making awards. Larry was a force in standing for the awareness and sale of Ontario wines and led many people to buy Ontario over imports.

Judges Report:

Viticulturalist (and iconoclast) Deborah Paskus is one of Canada’s most celebrated winemakers. Deborah uses innovative viticultural techniques; she is devoted to dirt – rich, pesticide-free and pure as possible. Paskus is a partner and the winemaker for Closson Chase Vineyards in Prince Edward County. The vineyards she manages are farmed organically and moving towards biodynamic. Like many others, she believes that wine is made in the vineyard and to that end works in the vineyard from January till harvest, in the winery from harvest to bottling.

Deborah has always been quick to develop ideas of her own, refusing to be limited by accepted boundaries. After majoring in horticulture at the University of Guelph, she was determined to make her own contribution to the winemaking tradition. Her greatest challenge came when she set out to prove to Steve Temkin, noted Toronto wine columnist, that it was indeed possible to produce an intense, layered Chardonnay in Ontario.

We believe Deborah embodies all of the values that Larry worked so tirelessly to promote in the Ontario wine industry. Deborah is tenacious and passionate about 100% Ontario grown wine with a grower focus.

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RED WINE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Flat Rock Cellars The Rogue Syrah 2007

Winemaker's Notes: An accountants nightmare! Not only has it been hiding in the cellar for over 3 years, not getting any closer to seeing the shelves of the Cellar Door, but it has had its share of luxuries along the way. Many questions need to be answered regarding this wine. Firstly, how did it manage to avoid the bottling line for so long? And I know small lot wines are fun and trendy, but 44 cases? Has winemaker Ross Wise gone mad? What on earth does 200% new oak mean? How exactly does two barrels worth of Syrah go through 4 brand new (and very expensive) barrels? Does Ross know how many dollars per case that is in barrel costs alone?

When asked to explain the 2007 Rogue Syrah, this is all Ross would tell us: *"Un-fined, Unfiltered, 200% New Oak, 100% Twenty Mile Bench Syrah, tastes pretty good."*

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol/vol: 12.3%

pH: 3.35

TA: 7.05 g/L

Brix: 21.3

Price: \$45.00 / 750 ml

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WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Château des Charmes 'Old Vines' Riesling Estate Bottled 2008

Winemaker's Notes: Estate grown and bottled from grapes sourced exclusively from the Château's own vineyards, this dry Riesling has a bright, light gold colour with pronounced lemon and lime aromas and mineral notes, fresh on the palate with a clean, lingering finish.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Harvest Date: September 22

Alcohol/vol: 12%

Brix at harvest: 21.5

pH: 3.01

TA: 8.7

Sugar Code: 1

Cases Produced: 1,088

Price: \$16.95 / 750 ml - LCBO #277228

VINES Magazine
WINE JOURNALISM AWARD



Beppi Crosariol

Wine Columnist - The Globe & Mail

Hot growing season spells a great year
for Niagara vintages - published September 8, 2010

Beppi Crosariol was steeped in wine from an early age. His father grew grapes in Italy before immigrating to Canada, and every fall he would help his dad press homemade zinfandel out of California grapes. Though he's never strayed far from a good pinot noir, Beppi spent much of his career in the less-hedonistic trenches of journalism. As a business reporter, he worked at several newspapers, including The Boston Globe and Financial Times of Canada. A winner of a National Magazine Award for Investigative Journalism, he holds a master's degree in the philosophy of science and was a Knight Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Beppi joined The Globe in 1995 and has been writing the Saturday wine column for 8 years in addition to covering corporate law and technology. He now also writes a beverage-trends column on Wednesdays and contributes food features to the Globe Life section.

Although he believes travel and tasting are the best teachers when it comes to wine, he earned a higher certificate with distinction from the London-based Wine and Spirit Education Trust, scoring 98 out of 100 on his final exam.

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2011 ONTARIO WINE AWARDS FINAL RESULTS

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Sparkling Wine Award

Gold: Peller Estates NV Ice Cuvée Rosé

Silver: Château des Charmes 2008 Rosé Sparkling Methode Traditionnelle

Bronze: Henry of Pelham Family Estate NV Cuvée Catharine Brut

Bronze: Peller Estates NV Ice Cuvée

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Dry Riesling Award

Gold: Château des Charmes 2008 'Old Vines' Riesling Estate Bottled

Silver: Henry of Pelham Family Estate 2008 Riesling

Bronze: Thirty Bench 2009 Small Lot Riesling Steel Post Vineyard

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Semi-Dry Riesling Award

Gold: Mike Weir Estate 2008 Riesling

Silver: Hillebrand Estates 2009 Showcase Riesling Four Mile Creek Vineyard

Silver: Flat Rock Cellars 2009 Riesling

Bronze: Tawse 2010 Quarry Road

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Luxor Realty Inc.

Dry White Varietal Award

Gold: Nyarai Cellars 2010 Viognier

Gold: Creekside Estate 2009 Viognier Reserve

Silver: Konzelmann Estate 2008 Riesling Traminer Late Harvest

Bronze: Château des Charmes 2009 Aligoté Estate Bottled

Gewurztraminer Award

Gold: No Gold Awarded

Silver: Konzelmann Estate 2008 Gewurztraminer

Bronze: Malivoire Wine Company 2010 Gewurztraminer

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Pinot Blanc/Pinot Gris Award

Gold: Calamus Estate 2009 Pinot Gris

Silver: Fielding Estate 2009 Pinot Gris

Bronze: Inniskillin 2010 Pinot Grigio

The Wine Establishment

Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon Award

Gold: Jackson Triggs 2009 Gold Series Fumé Blanc

Silver: Creekside Estate 2009 Sauvignon Blanc Reserve

Bronze: Jackson Triggs 2009 Gold Series White Meritage

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Oaked Chardonnay Award ~ Under \$20

Gold: Magnotta Winery 2007 Chardonnay Special Reserve

Silver: Stoney Ridge Estate 2009 Warren Classic Chardonnay

Bronze: Lailey Vineyard 2009 Chardonnay

NOW Magazine

Oaked Chardonnay Award ~ Over \$20

Gold: Exultet Estates 2009 Chardonnay

Silver: Tawse 2009 Robyn's Block Chardonnay

Bronze: Coyote's Run Estate 2009 Red Paw Vineyard Chardonnay

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Bullfrog Power

Unoaked Chardonnay Award

Gold: Niagara College Teaching Winery 2009 Unoaked Chardonnay

Silver: Vineland Estates 2009 Chardonnay Musqué

Bronze: Tawse 2010 Chardonnay Musqué

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Rosé/Blanc de Noir Award

Gold: Flat Rock Cellars 2009 The Rogue Pinot Noir

Silver: Malivoire Wine Company 2010 Ladybug Rosé

Bronze: Palatine Hills Estate 2010 Cabernet Franc Rosé

Bronze: Tawse 2010 Sketches Rosé

Bronze: Southbrook Vineyards 2010 Connect Organic Rosé

Crush Wine Bar

Gamay Award

Gold: Malivoire Wine Company 2010 M² Small Lot Gamay

Silver: Malivoire Wine Company 2010 Gamay

Bronze: Malivoire Wine Company 2009 Courtney Gamay

Grape Growers of Ontario

Pinot Noir Award

Gold: Tawse 2008 Laidlaw Pinot Noir

Silver: Stoney Ridge Estate 2009 Excellence Pinot Noir

Bronze: Rosewood Estates 2009 Pinot Noir Reserve

Red Hybrid Award

Gold: No Gold Awarded

Silver: Sandbanks Estate 2008 Foch Reserve

Bronze: Sandbanks Estate 2009 Baco Noir

Niagara Airbus

Cabernet Sauvignon Award

Gold: Fielding Estate 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon

Silver: Southbrook Vineyards 2007 Whimsy Cabernet Sauvignon Lot 19

Bronze: Strewn 2007 Terroir Cabernet Sauvignon

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Cabernet Franc Award

Gold: Kacaba Vineyards 2007 Cabernet Franc Reserve
Silver: Hillebrand Estates 2008 Showcase Cabernet Franc 'Carlton Vineyard'
Silver: Peller Estates 2008 Signature Series Cabernet Franc
Bronze: Pillitteri Estates 2007 Exclamation Cabernet Franc Reserve
Bronze: Rosewood Estates 2008 Cabernet Franc

Merlot Award

Gold: No Gold Awarded
Silver: Kacaba Vineyards 2007 Merlot Reserve
Bronze: Hillebrand Estates 2007 Showcase Merlot 'Carlton Vineyard'

Dairy Farmers of Canada

Syrah/Shiraz Award

Gold: Flat Rock Cellars 2007 The Rogue Syrah
Silver: Lakeview Cellars 2007 Syrah Reserve (Diamond Estates-The Winery)
Bronze: Southbrook Vineyards 2009 Triomphe Syrah
Bronze: Kacaba Vineyards 2008 Syrah
Bronze: Creekside Estate 2007 Shiraz Reserve

The Ontario Wine Society

Meritage and Cabernet/Merlot Blends Award

Gold: Kacaba Vineyards 2007 Meritage Reserve
Silver: Vineland Estates 2007 Cabernet Merlot Reserve
Bronze: Magnotta Winery 2007 Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon Special Reserve

VIA Rail Canada

Late Harvest Award

Gold: Konzelmann Estate 2008 Special Select Late Harvest Vidal
Silver: Château des Charmes 2008 Late Harvest Riesling Estate Bottled
Bronze: Calamus Estate 2009 Special Select Late Harvest Vidal

Grape Growers of Ontario

Vidal Icewine Award

Gold: Inniskillin 2007 Pearl Vidal Icewine

Silver: Inniskillin 2008 Sparkling Icewine

Bronze: Inniskillin 2006 Oak-Aged Vidal Icewine

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Vinifera Icewine Award

Gold: Magnotta Winery 2007 Cabernet Franc Icewine Limited Edition

Silver: Mike Weir Estate 2008 Cabernet Icewine

Bronze: Peller Estates 2008 Signature Series Cabernet Franc Icewine

Allen's

Blended White Award

Gold: Peninsula Ridge Estates 2009 Top Bench White

Silver: Hinterbrook 2010 Cabernet Franc Blanc

Bronze: Legends Estates 2010 Truth

Allen's

Blended Red Award

Gold: Wayne Gretzky Estates 2008 Estate Series Shiraz/Cabernet

Silver: Reif Estate 2009 The Magician

Bronze: Vineland Estates 2009 Pinot Meunier

ASL Print FX

Best Label Design Award

Gold: Kacaba Vineyards 2008 Single Vineyard Syrah

Silver: Lakeview Cellars 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

Bronze: Fielding Estate 2007 Chosen Few Red

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Wine Journalism Award

Beppi Crosariol
The Globe and Mail

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White Wine of the Year Award

Château des Charmes
2008 'Old Vines' Riesling Estate Bottled

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Red Wine of the Year Award

Flat Rock Cellars
2007 The Rogue Syrah

Larry Paterson

Innovation in the Vineyard Award

Deborah Paskus
Closson Chase Vineyards

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Winemaker of the Year Award

Paul Pender
Tawse Winery
