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# News Release

## Organic Wine 101

Lonely Planet's 2012 Best in Travel Guide picks Nova Scotia's organic vineyards as one more grape reason to visit the region.

**Gaspereau NS, Nov. 14, 2011:** When Lonely Planet gushed about the Maritimes as a top-ten travel destination in the world, they noted Nova Scotia's organic farm wineries as a highlight.

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/europe/travel-tips-and-articles/76854>

Certified organic wineries follow age-old traditions and natural methods to grow grapes, and craft wine and organic cider. At its heart, the organic approach encourages a healthy soil and maintains a proactive force in its management. Wines have a clear expression of terroir – a sense of place, and beneath the rows of grapevines, the soil is a living organism, joined by flora and fauna that are co-dependent. Composted manure applications, mulching, compost teas, and seaweed extracts ensure soil enrichment to maintain healthy microbiological life and earthworm populations. No pesticides, fungicides, or chemical fertilizers are ever used in an organic vineyard. This ensures, through careful stewardship, that the land will be healthy and bountiful for future winemaking generations.

Records and practices of certified organic vineyards and wineries are regularly inspected by a third party accredited organic organization to ensure compliance with the Canadian Organic Standards. All certified organic wines proudly bear the Canadian Organic logo, a rising maple leaf image, controlled by the Canada Food Inspection Agency.

L'Acadie Vineyards has been certified as an organic producer since its inception in 2005. They are the first vineyard and winery in Nova Scotia to be certified organic, and they continue as an example for the encouragement of others in the region to grow organically. All of L'Acadie Vineyard's wines are made with 100% Nova Scotia grapes, and they also produce a sparkling cider made from 100% organically-grown Annapolis Valley apples. L'Acadie Vineyard's wines have received numerous awards regionally, nationally, and internationally.

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