JOHN TUMMON
WINE MAKER'S RESUME

- Began making wine in university in 1972
- In 1988 he completed the German Wine Academy Course in Germany
- Joined the KW Winemakers Guild in 1995
- Won several medals in his first year of competition at the club level
- Became President in 1996
- Won the Wine Taster of the Year Award at the AWO in Peterborough in 1998 and was the first person to get perfect on the exam.
- Took the Ontario Wine Judges Commission (now called the Wine Judges of Canada) Course in 1999 and became a judge in 2000
- A prolific winemaker, winning numerous provincial, Canadian and International awards.
- 2002 was a record breaking year at all levels and his achievements were featured in several local newspaper articles
    - At the local level he won 13 gold, 24 silver and 17 bronze.
    - At Amateur Winemakers of Ontario competition he won 17 medals including 5 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze scoring a record breaking 1052 points, 620 points higher than second place. At this provincial competition, John won the title of Winemaker of the Year as well as Champion Cider Maker.
    - At AWC, the Canadian competition, John won 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze winning the title of Champion Wine Maker and Champion Cider Maker.
- He is the only winemaker to win the title of Winemaker of the Year as well as Champion Cider Maker for three years in a row at the provincial level.
- John Tummon is a wine judge and instructor with the Wine Judges of Canada, one of the longest running wine judging and assessment organizations in North America
- Member of several wine clubs
    - International Cellar Society
    - KW Winemakers Guild
    - Amateur Winemakers of Ontario
- He has an extensive wine cellar with several thousand bottles of commercial and homemade wines
- He has travelled broadly, studying winemaking in many of the world's winemaking areas such as Germany, France, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Napa, Sonoma, Vancouver Island, Okanagan, Pelee Island, Prince Edward County, and Niagara.
- Teaches seminars at various wine club events, trade shows and conventions.
- He has taught the Winery and Viticulture Program at Niagara College
- Consulted for the St Jacobs Winery and Cidery
- Presently the Winemaker and General Manager at Kacaba Vineyards in Vineland, Ontario
    - For over 7 harvests John has succeeded in crafting award winning ultra premium wines
    - Every wine that John made in 2007 at Kacaba, won at least one or more Gold medals. Many were picked as the best in Ontario
    - His 2007 Reserve Syrah was chosen as the best red in Canada at the Canadian Wine Awards. The first Ontario winery to achieve this honour.
    - He continues to make award winning wines vintage after vintage with, what he calls, a minimalist approach. "Great wines are made in the vineyard. I am very fortunate to be working with one of the best in Ontario"