



Budding Romance

Wineries to visit: Cattail Creek Estate Winery, Château des Charmes, Peller Estates, Pillitteri Estates Winery and Stonechurch Vineyards

Niagara-on-the-Lake is a lovers' paradise. Old carriage rides, long walks along the beautiful winding Niagara River, charming and intimate accommodations, relaxing spas, rolling vineyards and the sensuality of wine. There is no doubt that Niagara-on-the-Lake is one of the most romantic places in Ontario. Couples can unwind on a winery tour or a vineyard walk and sip wine while gazing out at the sunset over the lake and enjoy the lush tastes of the Niagara region at a winery restaurant.

Stonechurch Vineyards is the perfect spot to enjoy the outdoors. The self-guided tour through five acres of Chardonnay vines will feature an up close look at grape growing through interpretive signs dotting the way. Afterwards, you can enjoy tasting Stonechurch's wines while relaxing on the vineyard patio or in the gazebo. It will be 'love at first sip'.

The view of **Peller Estates** from the winding driveway takes one's breath away, but nothing stirs the heart more than the stunning view of Niagara-on-the-Lake wine country, beginning with Peller Estates' gently sloping vineyards outside the French doors. Couples would do well to book the intimate Reserve Boutique Tasting Room experience, which provides an exclusive environment to enjoy Peller Estates' very best wines, including rare vintages and bottlings. Of course, if you are looking to pop the question - where are we going to eat? Look no further than the dining room or patio of Peller Estates' Winery Restaurant, which features the Zagat-rated 'Extraordinary' cuisine of celebrity Chef Jason Parsons.

The story of **Pillitteri Estates Winery** is one of true love. A Sicilian cart is featured prominently in the winery's reception area. Called a carretto, this cherished family heirloom is intricately painted with scenes of Pillitteri ancestors and represents the history of a family whose roots run deep in the cultivation of the land and the making of wine. To hear the tale of Gary and Lena Pillitteri's love for each other and their children is to understand how this family built one of the most successful Icewine producing wineries in Niagara. Couples will also delight in a mysterious twist of family fate in the barrel cellar, but only if they ask...

When sweethearts are looking for an intimate and private tasting experience, they need not look any further than the cozy tasting room and bar of Cattail Creek Estate Winery. Specializing in crafting only the finest small-batch VQA wines, this gem of a boutique winery, run by attentive tasting staff, is the perfect stop for the couple who are as into wine as they are into each other.

If the story of Paul Bosc Sr. and his beloved wife moving to Canada, making their vision of **Château des Charmes** a reality and still being devoted to one another and the winery after all this time is not the stuff of a great romance, then we don't know what is. Allow yourself to be swept away in the ambiance of a traditional French château and enjoy one of the private tasting and touring experiences offered. 'A Wine Country Romance' is replete with sparkling wine, a private winery tour and lounge tasting. A 'Picnic Made for Two' is the ultimate lovers' dining experience, as you will enjoy an exquisitely appointed private picnic lunch featuring the wines of Château des Charmes.

Once the wine tasting is done, try a quiet stroll along the Niagara River or a relaxing couple's massage. Or, spend some intimate time alone in one of the many choices of cozy and romantic accommodations in Niagara-on-the-Lake.