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I am proud to present this vintage of Riesling Icewine under the Ziraldo label. Canada and Icewine are synonymous. The Niagara Peninsula's unique climate provides the ideal conditions to ripen the fruit. The cold winters naturally freeze the water in the berries to yield an exquisite balance of fruit, acid and an extraordinary array of flavors which results in this fine wine, often called "liquid gold".

The secret to great Icewine is the ideal balance between the intense sweetness and the inherent high acidity from the cool climate region of Niagara. These Riesling grapes, naturally frozen on the vine, were harvested during the middle of the night and pressed in the extreme cold to separate the juice from the ice crystals, followed by fermentation in a special yeast for many months. This remarkable process concentrates the sugar and acids - intensifying the aromatic flavours in the berries. The aromas are reminiscent of white and tropical fruits, with overtones of peach nectar and mango. To ensure that this Icewine achieved the highest quality, I asked Karl Kaiser to supervise its final vinification. Ziraldo Icewine is an expression of the unique terroir of the Niagara Peninsula and is true expression of this unique Canadian icon. You can learn more about Icewine and pairing it with food in my book 'Icewine: Extreme Winemaking'.

Donald J. P. Ziraldo

## Some facts about Donald Ziraldo

### GENERAL

- Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, October 13, 1948 to Fredrick and Irma (Schiratti)
- Graduated Denis Morris High School, St. Catharines in 1967
- Received B.Sc. in Agriculture at the University of Guelph 1971 (BSc)
- Awarded Honorary Degree, Humber College
- Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Brock University, 1994 (LLD)
- Order of Ontario, 1993
- Order of Canada, 1998
- Top 25 Canadian CEOs of the Century, National Post Business Magazine, 1999
- Honourary Citizenship (Friuli Venezia Julia), Italy
- Author: Icewine; Extreme Winemaking (2007, in book stores now)

### CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES

- Director, Shaftesbury Films
- Member of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists
- Founding Chair Vintners' Quality Alliance 1988-1995

- Member, Academie Internationale du Vin (AIV) – inducted December 2000
- Member Greenbelt Advisory Task Force
- Chair, Grape & Wine Coordination Research Committee, 2004
- Board Member/Industry Advisor, CAPS (Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers)
- Honorary Board Member, The International Wine Institute, 2005
- Board of Advisors, Zerofootprint
- Chair, Vineland Renaissance Advisory Panel – 2006
- Chair, Vineland Research & Innovation Centre Board – 2007

### **PAST POSITIONS**

- President (1975-2006) Inniskillin Wines Inc., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
- President (since 1994) Inniskillin Okanagan Vineyards Inc., Oliver, British Columbia
- Director, Vincor International Inc. (1993–2004)
- Member, Team Canada Inc. Advisory Board
- Member, Canadian Tourism Council
- Board of Governors, Shaw Festival Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Co-Chair, Cool Climate Oenology & Viticulture Institute Capital Campaign, Brock Univ.
- Campaign Chair, Niagara College Foundation “Future Ready” Capital Campaign

### **AWARDS**

- Winery Management Magazine; Distinguished Achievement Award, 1994
- Grindley Medal, Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC), 1995
- Entrepreneur of the Year for Community Contribution: Enterprise '95, 1995
- Award of Merit, Ontario Grape Growers; Marketing Board, 1997
- Special Recognition Award, The Elsie Awards, LCBO, 1997
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Enterprise '98, Entrepreneur of the Year Awards
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Canadian Wine Institute, 1999
- Lifetime Achievement Award for Food and Beverage Excellence,  
- The Sixth Annual New World of Food and Wine Festival Singapore, 2002