



## Amateur or Professional: The History of Ontario Winemaking

Considering the word 'amateur' in Ontario winemaking from the industry's beginnings in the 1860's to the present.

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