

# Winemaker toasts award-winning year

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Matthew Passafiume will always view 2001 as a winning year.

A few weeks ago, Passafiume, owner of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Applewood Farm Winery, entered a cherry desert wine in an international competition held at a Toronto. It was the first time the 27-year-old wine maker had entered a competition.

Matthew and his business partner and wife, Stephanie, were thrilled when the judges presented

Matthew's cherry dessert wine with the gold award.

"To win first place the first time I entered was amazing. It was such an honour," said Matthew. "I will certainly enter more competitions."

Applewood Farm Winery, located on McCowan Road just north of Stouffville Road, is a manufacturer of wines, made from fruit grown on the pick-your-own family farm.

Offering 12 different wines, Matthew is kept busy in the winery. The couple enjoys welcoming their customers to the store, especially to the wine-tasting bar.

Matthew, a biology graduate of the University of Guelph, grew up on the 87-acre farm. He started to experiment with wine-making when he was a child. "Yes, I was an under-aged winemaker," he said.

The business includes a retail store offering a wide selection of fruit wines, custom gift baskets, preserves and craft items. The store will be open on weekends in May, and beginning in June, it'll be open seven days a-week until Christmas.

Last week, Matthew was notified that he was the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce

choice for Entrepreneur of the Year. The chamber has been watching this business take shape.

"It's an asset to Whitchurch-Stouffville," said chamber president Helene Johnson. "We're very proud of this young couple."

Eric Lismanis, the town's economic development officer, was part of the award ceremony. "Matthew's vision has led to a successful business, a successful local retail outlet and a successful establishment that will entice tourists to Whitchurch-Stouffville to enjoy a local agricultural product," said Lismanis.



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Matthew and Stephanie Passafiume of McCowan Road in Stouffville, owners of Applewood Farm Winery, with some of the wines they produce.

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10080 Kennedy Road, Markham (outdoor area)

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Note:

The AGCO gives the applicant copies of all objections.

Submissions to be sent to:

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Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario  
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