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Anne Marie Piro, her two sisters and their father are set to open Gallucci Wineries, on Ninth Line near Bethesda Road, later this month. It's Stouffville's third winery.

'Niagara north' welcomes third winery to town

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With the opening of a third winery in Whitchurch-Stouffville — Gallucci Wineries — one of its owners hopes to create a mini Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Anne Marie Piro, along with sister Sonya Sacchetti, will operate the Ninth Line's European inspired winery, which opens Sept. 20.

Piro, Sacchetti and their other sister, Michelle Riccio, own the winery, along with their father, Paolo Gallucci.

Gallucci, 63, purchase the 10-acre piece of land just north of Bethesda Road about four years ago with the intention of turning it into a hobby winery.

"For a hobby, 10 acres is a bit extreme," Piro said. So he decided to open the winery up to the public.

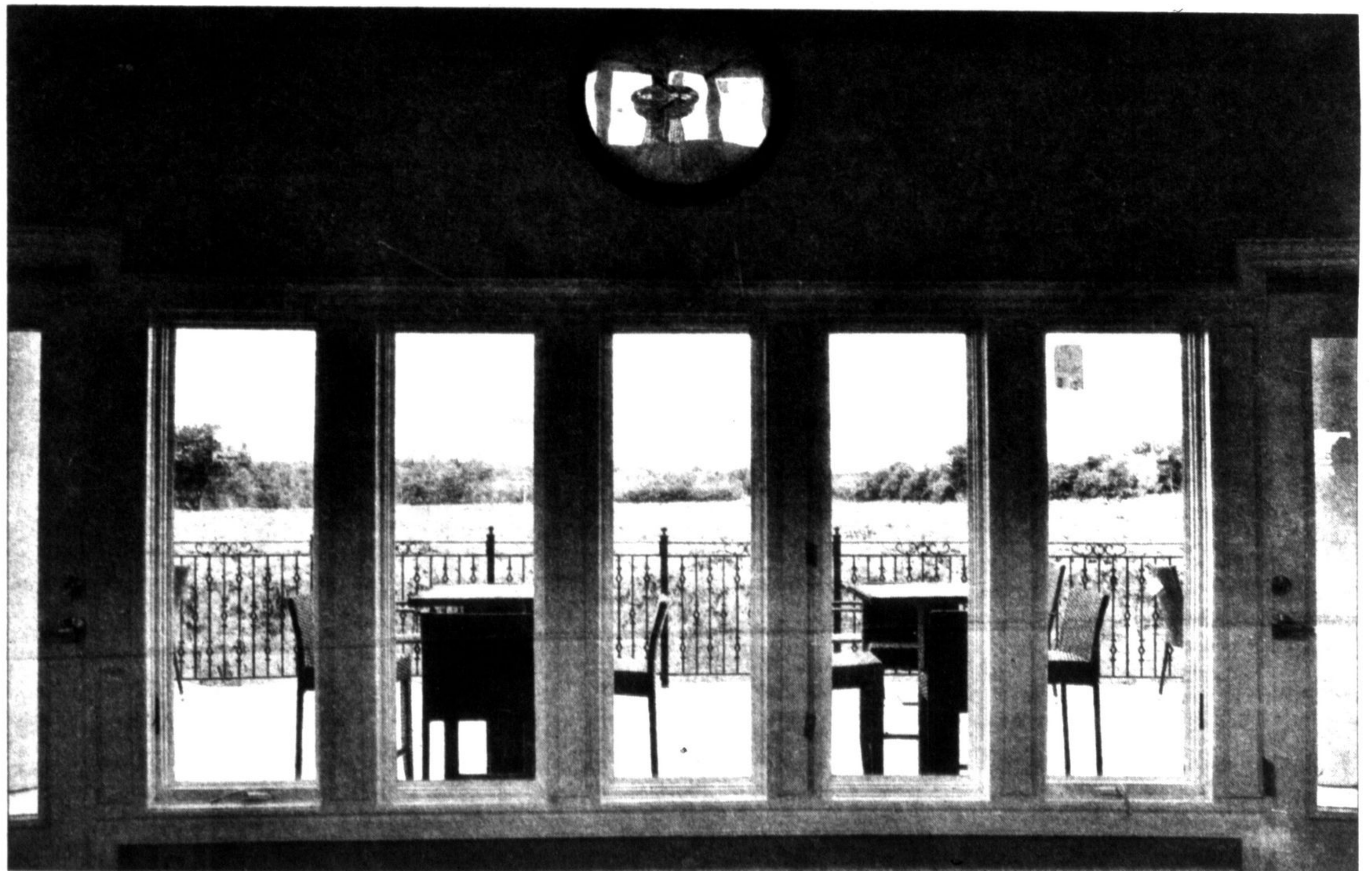
In 2013, their first crop of Frontenac, vidal and baco noir grapes were harvested, which resulted in about 2,500 bottles of red, white and ice wines, according to Piro.

Once their doors open to the public, Piro said complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be offered with wine tastings.

In setting up the business, Piro said they were not concerned about coming into an area with two other wineries — Willow Springs and Applewood — because each one offers something unique.

In the future, Piro hopes the three wineries can work together to create a wine tasting tour.

For more information, go to www.gallucciwinery.com



The tasting area at Gallucci Wineries on Ninth Line. The facility has been in the works for five years.