

## **AWARD WINNING WINE MAKER JOINS LUCKETT VINEYARDS**

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*Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia* – Pete Lockett owner of Lockett Vineyards is thrilled to announce that **Dominic Rivard** has joined Lockett Vineyards as winemaker for his new and expanding winery venture.

With over 15 years in the wine making industry, Mr Rivard is an experienced and award winning winemaker, author and founding director of the Fruit Wines of Canada Association.

Born in Quebec, Dominic comes from a rich heritage of farmers and entrepreneurs. After becoming a qualified sommelier, he studied winemaking and oenology at UC Davis in California, undertook and passed the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Diploma with distinctions and is now studying towards the prestigious Master of Wine accreditation. Awards include best desert wine in Canada in 2007 and best wine in BC in 2008.

Over the last decade, he has been busy running numerous wine production and exportation projects for wineries in Canada, USA, Italy, Spain, Chile, Taiwan, Korea, Japan as well as China. He specializes in fruit wine, dessert wine and ice wine production and is known in wine industry circles as an authority in fruit wine making.

“Nova Scotia is my chosen home”, states Mr. Rivard. “The opportunity to make a positive impact in the burgeoning Nova Scotia wine industry and working with Pete Lockett and his team to make that happen is an honour for me”. “Having made wines in regions still trying to prove themselves on the world stage, I can fully appreciate the absolute need to put quality first and express the terroir creatively. This is what I intend to do at Lockett Vineyards”.

Vineyard owner, Pete Lockett emphasizes the focus is on producing only the highest quality wines. “We are delighted to attract someone of Dominic’s calibre and we are confident that under his leadership our wines will continue to improve”.

Lockett Vineyards is located in the Gaspereau Valley, NS - A 100 acre farm with an established vineyard of 10 acres expanding to 25 acres over the next few years. Grape varieties are several hybrids with potential to grow vinifera on some of the farms micro zones.

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