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Resident ice cider maker at Domaine Pinnacle earns international recognition for inventing ice cider

Frelighsburg, Qc., January 23, 2008. The Spanish Cider Foundation (La Fundación de la Sidra) announced last Friday that it has awarded Christian Barthomeuf, Domaine Pinnacle’s resident Ice Cider maker since 2000, its annual prize—one of the international cider industry’s highest honours—in recognition of his unique contribution to the world of cider.

“Christian is a true pioneer and he has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to Québec’s rich gastronomic history,” says Charles Crawford, founder of Domaine Pinnacle. “We are very proud to have him on board; our collaboration has allowed us to spread the enjoyment of ice cider throughout the world.”

Of French origin, Barthomeuf emigrated to Québec in 1974, where he started experimenting with viticulture. Taking into account Québec’s rugged winters, he turned his imagination and skills to a harvest that thrived in the local climate: apples. By leaving the apples on the trees until after the first frosts of winter, Barthomeuf discovered a technique that led to the harvesting of apples with higher sugar content. This marked the birth of ice cider in Québec.

Barthomeuf will accept the award conjointly with *La face cachée de la pomme*, another Québec producer, where he played a fundamental role in the early days of the industry. In addition to his duties at Domaine Pinnacle, Barthomeuf runs his own orchard and winery, *Clos Saragnat*, in Frelighsburg.

ABOUT DOMAINE PINNACLE

Domaine Pinnacle is a family-owned orchard located on the southern slopes of Pinnacle Mountain in Québec’s picturesque Eastern Townships. Founded in 2000, it has rapidly become the world’s leading producer of ice cider—the apple equivalent of grape-based icewine. Born of the unique combination of sunny summer growing conditions and frigid Quebec winters, this rich amber-coloured elixir has won the hearts and palates of connoisseurs in more than 30 countries around the world.

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