

## TERROIR

The play between history, climate, topography, grape variety, location and SOIL of the vineyard is called TERROIR. These factors influence the cultivation of the vine and the quality of the wine. Via the TERROIR the living nature of the SOIL is reflected in the grape, the elements which give the wine its perfect taste and determine its unique origin.

Since Leif Erikson the Lucky discovered Vinland (the North America of today) in the year 1000 and the first wine was produced on Pelee Island (Lake Erie) in 1866, seven wine areas have been established in Canada.

On a peninsula which reaches far out into Lake Ontario, the ocean left, in ancient times, vast masses of limestone which provide ideal conditions to grow prime vinifera vines like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Here in Prince Edward County, in the 1990's the first vines were planted and in the year 2000 the first commercial wines produced. In this most recent wine area of Canada, in 2005, growers and winemakers will produce about 100,000 liters of wine of a very promising quality.

For this project 16 SOIL samples from a variety of vineyards will be collected. The 16 Earth Art Works created from the soil samples will reflect the TERROIR and the quality of the wine in a unique way.