



Nissen Wine established its roots in the rolling hills of northern Cedar County in the spring of 2003. Nissen Wine is a family owned and operated winery by two brothers. Tim, a 4th generation farmer and his brother Dave, a horticulturist living in east central Nebraska, put their heads together and created a 12 acre vineyard and winery on the 400 acre family farm.

The preparation work started in 2002 when we first discussed and researched the wine industry. Our first steps in this process began winter of 2003 when we participated in the Nebraska EDGE (Enhancing Developing and Growing Entrepreneurs) Program. This was an intense 3-month class that focuses on developing a thorough business plan.

Upon successful completion of this class, we then planted our first 2 acres of grapes in the spring of 2003. After a successful growing year, Dave resigned from his job and moved back to the Hartington area to take care of the grapes. Five more acres were planted in the spring of 2004.

Maintaining and training the seven acres of grapes while preparing the ground work for a USDA grant kept Tim and Dave busy in 2005. A grant was approved for our business during the summer of 2006 along with another acre of grapes being planted. The final four acres of grapes were planted in the spring of 2007 along with the preparation and submission of the required paper work to the State and Federal Government for the establishment of a winery. With the final approval from the Governmental agencies, we were ready to open for business. Our first harvest and fermentation occurred in 2006. The first wine was sold in the fall of 2007.

"Wine in the Vines", a wine tasting event in the vineyard, was held on Memorial Day weekend, the 4th of July weekend, and over Labor Day weekend during the summer of 2008. Wholesaling to retailers and wine tasting at other events were all tasks added to our already existing jobs in 2008.

The creation of the "Outlaw Trail" label to promote the Nebraska Outlaw

Trail (Scenic Bi-way on Nebraska Highway 12) in Northern Nebraska was a 2009 project.

Currently we offer eleven different flavors of wine; Wild Plum, Chancellor, Frontenac, Jesse James, Brianna, Doc Middleton, Mystic, Kid Wade, Roseyln's Blush, Sam Bass, and Big O.

We are dedicating more of our time sponsoring wine tastings and promoting sales events at several locations, adding even more retailers while continuing to expand the "Wine in the Vines" weekends as well as maintaining the grapes and all other existing duties.

Growth and expansion will continue to be part of Nissen Wine for years to come. To "Taste the Excellence" log onto www.nissenwine.com.