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# *Wine and Golf - Sip and Chip*

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**A** loaf of bread a bottle of wine and golf? Okay, thou is pretty hard to replace, but there is a movement to couple the wonderful pursuits of golf and wine in Sip and Chip events throughout the U.S.

and Canada. In fact, at John Daly's new course in Niagara, you might see him grip it, rip it, chip it and then sip it. Thundering Waters is near Rockway Glen Golf Course & Estate Winery, one of the few wineries that have a golf course attached

There have been some attempts at a Sip it and Chip it program in Traverse City. When John Jessup was at High Pointe, he tried to start such a program with some of the local wineries on the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas and at the time, the Park Place Hotel.

There was a time, when Paul Nine of Grand Traverse Resort fame, was trying to buy some land on Old Mission Peninsula to create a new golf



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Bob Begin, President and CEO, Chateau Chantal

course there, but was thwarted in his plans. A golf course there could have blended in nicely with the Bowers Harbor Vineyards, Brys Estate Vineyard & Winery, Chateau Chantal, Chateau Grand Traverse and Peninsula Cellars.

**T**he Leelanau Peninsula, however, is a different matter. They have the fine Mistwood, Kings Challenge and The Leelanau Club at Bahle Farms.

The wineries are plentiful on that side of Grand Traverse Bay. The Leelanau Peninsula wineries include Bel Lago

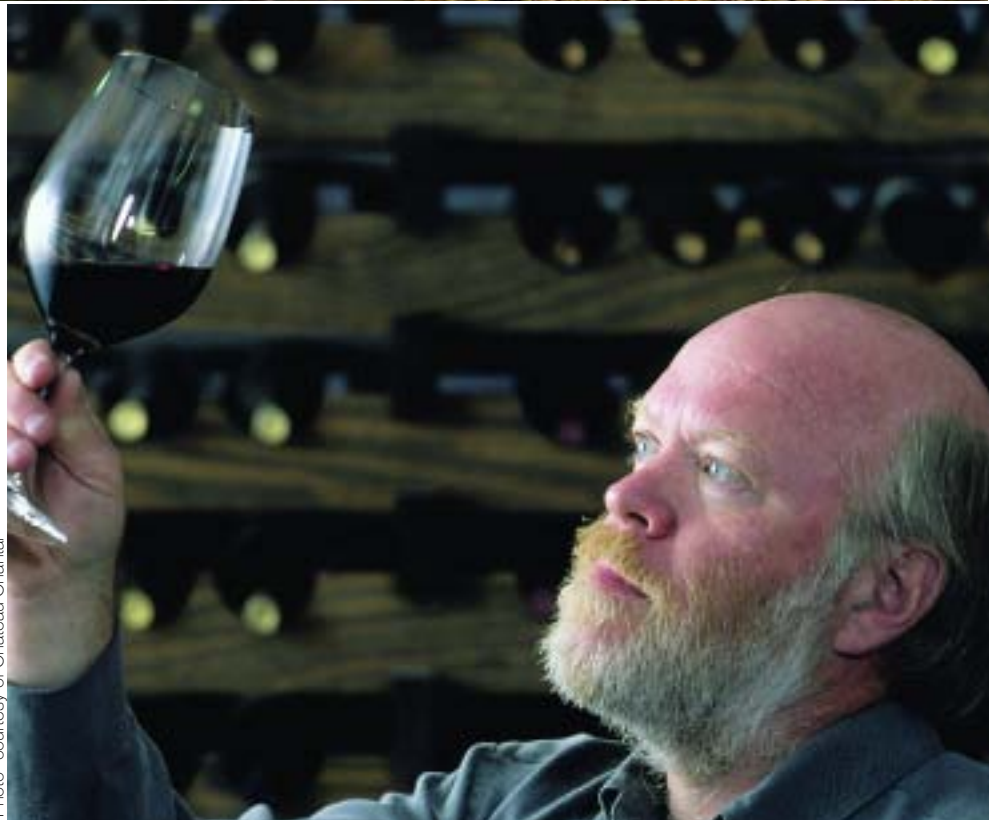
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Vineyard and Winery, Black Star Farms, Chateau Fontaine, Chateau de Leelanau Vineyard and Winery, Cherry Republic Winery, Ciccone Vineyard and Winery, Gill's Pier Vineyard & Winery, Good Harbor Vineyards, L. Mawby, Leelanau Wine Cellars, Longview Vineyard & Winery, Shady Lane Cellars and Willow Vineyard.

The opportunity seems to be there thinks Bob Begin, CEO of Chateau Chantal. With a smattering of Bed and Breakfasts in the wineries themselves it seems like a natural tie in. I'll certainly drink to that. **MG**

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