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Mario Adamo

Born in Calabria (Italy) and coming to Canada when he was 18 years old, Mario started out as an artist, turning his creative talent into a hairdressing career, where he went on to own and run 2 salons. After marrying his wife Nancy, they decided to follow the path where their shared passion for food could shine. In 1972, Mario and his wife Nancy started a thriving catering business, and in 1985, they took the opportunity to move their business and life to a location that really felt like home. It was then that Hockley Valley Resort was born, having now evolved into a 114 room, four-season resort and culinary destination. As the years passed, Mario re-invented himself again, pondering the land in their region, comparing it to his home in Calabria. Though the region was not known for winemaking, this did not deter Mario. His sheer will and determination, combined with the family's standard for the highest quality, is the foundation for Adamo Estate Winery, a successful winery with award-winning wines, 23,000 vines and 25 acres.



Nancy Adamo

Nancy Adamo's business accolades and contribution to Canadian society has been recognized throughout her career. In 1998, she was given the Leading Woman Entrepreneur of the World Award, and has been listed in the top 25 Profit W100 list of Canada's Top Women Entrepreneurs six times. In 2005, she received the Butler Award by the Ontario Accommodation Association for her contribution to Ontario's accommodation industry.

Nancy Adamo has served two three-year terms as member of the Humber College Board of Governors (1999-2002 and 2002-2005). More recently, she was listed in the 2007 Top 100 list of Canada's Most Powerful Women by Women's Executive Network (Entrepreneur Category).



John Paul Adamo

John Paul Adamo has made the most of his Old World approach to food and hospitality to turn Hockley Valley Resort into the ultimate culinary destination in Toronto's backyard. He attended the Glion Institute of Higher Learning in Switzerland, held an apprenticeship at Hotel Villa Medici in Florence, Italy and at the Hotel Schweizerhof in Bern, Switzerland.

In 2002, Adamo graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park New York with honours where he also apprenticed at Auberge Du Pommier. In 2006, he was named Executive Chef at Hockley Valley Resort. In 2009, Adamo was appointed President and Owner of Hockley Valley Resort. In 2012, along with father Mario and sister Julie, John Paul established Adamo Estate Winery. At Adamo Estate Winery, John-Paul oversees the daily management of the vineyard and winery operations, as well as operating the culinary side of the business.

He is constantly striving to find innovative, creative approaches to improve the functionality of both properties.

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Julie Adamo-Cass

Julie Adamo-Cass along with her brother JP oversees the strategic development as well as day to day operations at Adamo Estate Winery and Hockley Valley Resort.

Growing up in the family business Julie enjoyed the opportunity to work throughout the resort learning the commitment and expectations required to lead a first class resort development. Everything from ski, to golf, to Spa to Sales, Food and Beverage and more.

After earning her Economics Degree from Queens University and spending years building a successful consulting practice helping others grow their business she returned to the family business to aid in taking it to the next level.

Quickly re-establishing Hockley Valley Resort's position as a leader in the resort community, the next great challenge was to help lead the expansion of the family business and create Adamo Estate Winery.



Shauna White

Shauna grew up in Kelowna, BC, spending her days in her family's vineyard. Shauna began the formal part of her education at Niagara College, becoming a certified Wine and Viticultural Technician.

While spending her practicum at Domaine Laroche in Chablis, France, she fell in love with Chardonnay! Shauna continued to broaden her horizons by spending time at Ponzi Vineyards in the Wallamette Valley, Oregon, at Brokenwood Wines in the Hunter Valley, Australia, at Le Clos Jordanne in Niagara, Ontario and at Road 13 Vineyards in Oliver, BC, and she settled at Adamo Estate Winery in 2013.

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