## **About Wine Barn Winery**

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The initial intent of the Wine Barn was to grow grapes for sale and enter into winemaking as a hobby. Demands by friends to sell our wines as well as success in local competitions, inspired our quest to develop a winery. We opened our doors for business in May 2009. At that time the Hiatt's and the Coco 's were partners in the business. Since then, the Hiatt family has acquired ownership. Their daughter and son-in-law, Celeste and Brian Mikijanis, are now partners in the business.

Mr. Hiatt has been making wine for over a decade. Hobby wine making was previously performed in the cellar of the personal residence for over a dozen years with a number of friends participating in the production of wine for their own use. Brian, now taking over the title of winemaker, devotes much of his time to developing wines that will set us apart and can be appreciated by all.

The actual Wine Barn building was completed in 2007 and all equipment was moved to the facility in the summer of 2007. The facility has been developed to provide a winery and tasting room. Our first vintage in 2008 produced over 500 gallons of Kansas grown grapes and fruit wine along with vinifera and French hybrid grapes.