



January 5, 2012

Dear Winemaker,

With spring approaching preparations for the 18th Annual Ontario Wine Awards (OWA) and the consumer event, sip & Savour Ontario, are well underway. I hope you will participate once again in this long-running event, which I started in 1995 as the Olympics of Ontario Wine.

How to Enter

Please enter your wines on-line at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012OWAJudgingEntries>

All the information pertaining to the awards is listed within the on-line site. The conditions & categories and entry forms are also attached in case you are required to email in your entries. Completed scanned forms would need to be sent to my attention at tony.aspler@rogers.com. To avoid inaccuracies, we strongly encourage you to enter all of your wines on-line.

As reminder, please **DO NOT** include your cheque and **two labels** in the wine shipment, but send them to:

Tony Aspler
Ontario Wine Awards
1402 – 900 Mount Pleasant Road
Toronto, ON M4P 3J9

* Please do not package your wines using Styrofoam peanuts or wrap the bottles with bubble wrap or other packaging material. This procedure is not necessary and hinders the process of unpacking the hundreds of bottles received.

The deadline for your wines to be at the consolidation points, along with your entry forms, is **Wednesday, March 21st**.

The date and location for both the Awards Presentation Ceremony and the annual sip & Savour Ontario Consumer Tasting will be released at a later date.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 416-488-8597 (or if I'm away, you can speak to Deborah at 416-488-9762). I look forward to working with you on another successful competition.

Cheers,

Tony Aspler
Founder, Ontario Wine Awards
tony.aspler@rogers.com



Ontario Wine Awards 2012 - Celebrating Our 18th Year

To Enter On-Line go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012OWAJudgingEntries>

Conditions of Entry:

Only wines that qualify for VQA with a minimum commercial quantity of 50 cases (25 cases of Icewine) at the time of entry will be accepted. **You may enter ANY VINTAGE you choose.**

1. Deadline for entries (on-line, mailed and emailed) and arrival of wines at consolidation point is: **Wednesday, March 21st, 2012.**
Each entry costs \$67.80 (\$60.00 plus 13% HST). Please make cheque payable to:
Ontario Wine Awards
2. Each entry form must give the wine's provenance and technical data. Also, please enclose **two labels** for each wine entered. Please DO NOT include your cheque or labels with your shipment of wine boxes. Cheque and labels are to be sent to:
Tony Aspler
Ontario Wine Awards
900 Mount Pleasant Road, Suite 1402
Toronto, ON M4P 3J9
3. Three labeled bottles of each product entered must be submitted. Please state in which category the wine is to be entered – see Category Entered on Page 4 of the on-line entry form. In the case of products bottled in 375ml format, three half bottles must be submitted; five bottles of 200mL format. Packages and cases should be labeled "Ontario Wine Awards" and sent to a consolidation point, most convenient for you, as stated in the last page of this document.
4. Entrants must be willing to provide wines for the Awards Presentation (date TBC) and participate with their wines at the 'sip & Savour Ontario' Consumer Tasting (date TBC) on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed between the entrant and the competition organizers.
5. A wine may be entered in one category only.
6. There is no limit to the number of entries a winery may submit, or different vintages of the same wine, provided that each entry is clearly and separately identified by label.
7. Please do not package your wines using Styrofoam peanuts or wrap the bottles with bubble wrap or other packaging material. This procedure is not necessary and hinders the process of unpacking the hundreds of bottles received.



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Schedule of Categories:

(Please mark on your entry form as to which category you are entering each wine.)

- 00-Unassigned Wines
- 01-Unoaked Chardonnay
- 02-Oaked Chardonnay, Under \$20
- 03-Oaked Chardonnay, Over \$20
- 04-Riesling Dry
- 05-Riesling Semi-Dry
- 06-Late Harvest Whites (*)
- 07-Select & Special Select Late Harvest Whites (*)
- 08-Icewine – Vidal
- 09-Icewine – Vinifera
- 10-Dry White Varietals (<7g/l residual sugar) (**)
- 11-Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon
- 12-Gewurztraminer
- 13-Pinot Blanc
- 14-Pinot Gris
- 15-Other Dry Whites
- 16-Rose/Blanc de Noir
- 17-Gamay
- 18-Cabernet Sauvignon
- 19-Cabernet Franc
- 20-Merlot
- 21-Meritage and Cabernet/Merlot blends
- 22-Pinot Noir
- 23-Syrah/Shiraz
- 24-Other Reds (*)
- 25-Hybrid Reds (Marechal Foch, Baco Noir, ...) (*)
- 26-Sparkling Wine - Traditional method
- 27-Sparkling Wine - Cuve Close
- 28-Sparkling Icewine

(*) These categories may be combined if there are not sufficient entries

(**) If six or more wines of a specific varietal are entered, these will constitute a category.
e.g. Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer.



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CONSOLIDATION INFORMATION

Niagara Region: - Deadline March 21 at 4:00 pm

Borderline Systems

140 Cushman Road

St. Catharines, ON L2M 6T6

905-687-4014

Delivery to be between March 14 and March 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

* See attached form for details. This must be completed and sent to Linda Watts for all shipments. Niagara location option is open to all Ontario wineries.

South West Ontario: - Deadline March 21

Colio Wines

Contact: Kathy Gomes

519-738-2241

cheers@coliowinery.com

Prince Edward County: - Deadline March 21

Huff Estates

Contact: Jason Sharpe

Marketing Manager

613-970-2001

jason@huffestates.com

Wineries north of Toronto: - Deadline March 23 at 4:30 pm

Contact Sadie Darby at 416-410-0086. Email sdarby@rogers.com

Transportation to Toronto to be at your expense.

The wines have to arrive in Toronto at final consolidation point no later than

Friday, March 23 between the hours of **8:30 am and 4:30 pm.**

The address is:

Luxor Homes

126 Millwick Drive

Weston, ON M9L 1Y6

See map by clicking on:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Weston&state=ON&address=126+Millwick>



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

To Enter On-Line go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012OWAJudgingEntries>

Winery: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Contact Name: _____

Wine: _____

Vintage: _____

Appellation of Origin: _____

Grape Variety (percentage): _____

Category Entered (see list for numbers): _____

Residual Sugar (g/l): _____

(please quote in grams/litre)

Tartaric Acid (g/l): _____

(please quote in grams/litre)

Alcohol: _____

Aging Method: (Check Applicable Box)

Stainless Steel

Barrel-Fermented

Barrel-Aged

Months In Wood: _____

Sparkling Wine: (Check Applicable Box)

Traditional Method

Cuve Close

LCBO Product Code (if applicable): _____

Number of Cases Currently Available: _____

Price: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

900 Mount Pleasant Road, Suite 1402, Toronto, ON M4P 3J9

Tel: 416.488.8597

Email scanned form to Forefront Communications at: sandy@forefrontcom.com

