



Winners of the 2019 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines Announced

Toronto, June 24, 2019. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Wine Awards, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines. The Lieutenant Governor will present the awards at a ceremony during the 4th Annual Winetario event, a showcase for the best of Ontario VQA wines, at George Brown College.

Winners of the 2019 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines

- **Big Head Wines 2018** Gewurztraminer
- **Big Head Wines 2017** RAW Syrah
- **Megalomaniac – John Howard Cellars of Distinction N/V** Bubblehead
- **Creekside Estate 2017** Iconoclast Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon
- **Flat Rock Cellars 2015** Gravity Pinot Noir
- **Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate 2016** Grand Reserve Merlot
- **Niagara College Teaching Winery 2017** Gastronomy Chardonnay
- **Peller Estates 2016** Andrew Peller Signature Series Riesling
- **Sue-Ann Staff Estate 2017** Howard's Vidal Icewine
- **Tawse 2013 Lenko Vineyard** Chardonnay
- **Trius 2016** Showcase Red Shale Cabernet Franc Clark Farm Vineyard

11 wines have been recognized for their overall excellence, regardless of vintage or varietal. The winning wines were chosen from 542 wines submitted by 78 wineries.

Media opportunity

- Who:** The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
Tony Aspler, CEO, Ontario Wine Awards
- What:** Presentation of the 2019 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines in partnership with the Ontario Wine Awards
- Where:** The Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts at George Brown College
Grand Atrium, 300 Adelaide Street East, Toronto
- When:** Monday, June 24, 2019, 17h00 (remarks at 17h15)
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The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines

- The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines is incorporated into the annual Ontario Wine Awards as a "top-tier" award, with the highest-scoring wines in each year's varietal categories competing against each other. The 2019 award recipients have been selected from among the Ontario Wine Awards' 26 varietal winners.
- The Ontario Wine Awards selects the judging panel.
- 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the Ontario Wine Awards and the 9th year of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines.
- The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines is supported by Wine Marketing Association of Ontario (VQA Wines of Ontario), the Grape Growers of Ontario, Ontario Craft Wineries, and the Winery and Grower Alliance of Ontario.

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