



January 24, 2022

Dear Winemaker,

We're back!

For the 28th annual Ontario Wine Awards competition we are once again partnering with George Brown College Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts.

As in 2018 – the last time we were able to hold a full event - Ontario Wine Award winners will be unveiled at an afternoon presentation ceremony to be held at Niagara College on Thursday, June 16th.

Sponsors, media, trade and industry representatives alike will be in attendance to help celebrate the successes of Ontario's VQA wines. During the presentations, guests will be treated to a reception of local appetizers paired with some of the Gold Medal wines. Additional details about this event will be announced in the near future.

By entering The Ontario Wine Awards, your VQA wines are automatically enrolled in the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines. Top wines from the OWA will be evaluated by a separate panel of distinguished Master Sommeliers and Masters of Wine for the Lieutenant Governor's Awards.

The consumer event for the Ontario Wine Awards will be held at George Brown College in Toronto at a date TBA.

How to Enter – All entries must be completed on-line at: <https://bit.ly/OWA2022>

(Please fill in all fields even if you have to put N/A (as in: not available.)

All the information pertaining to the awards is listed within the on-line entry site. The conditions & categories are also attached here for your reference.

Deadline for completing on-line entry forms is: Friday, April 8.

Consolidation points: The **deadline** for your wines to be at the following consolidation points is Friday, April 13th

Venues: Niagara Wineries: Borderline Systems, 140 Cushman Road, St. Catharines.

SW West Ontario wineries: Colio Estate.

Prince Edward County: Huff Estate.

North of Toronto wineries, call Sadie Darby, 647-801-0010.

Please **DO NOT** include your **cheque payable to OWA Awards** and **two labels for each entry** in the wine shipment, but kindly mail or courier them to the address below. (Entry fee per wine, as in the past, is: \$79.10 (\$70.00 plus 13% HST)

* Please do not package your wines using Styrofoam peanuts. This procedure is not necessary and hinders the process of unpacking the hundreds of bottles received.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 416-801-0477, or if I'm not available you can speak to Deborah at 416-948-1823. I look forward to working with you on the 'Olympics of Ontario Wine'.

Cheers,



Tony Aspler

Founder & Head Judge, Ontario Wine Awards

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Ontario Wine Awards 2022 Celebrating Our 28th Year

All Entries to be Completed On-Line at: <https://bit.ly/OWA2022>

Conditions of Entry:

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

1. Deadline for ALL entries **AND** arrival of wine at ALL consolidation points is:
FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2022
Each entry costs, as in previous years, \$79.10 (\$70.00 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:
**Ontario Wine Awards
31 Oarsman Crescent
St. Catharines, ON. L2N 7S7
Attn: Tony Aspler**
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.
4. 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.
5. Entrants must be willing to provide wines for the Awards Presentation being held on June 16, 2022, at Niagara College.
6. By entering the Ontario Wine awards you are automatically enrolled in the Lieutenant Governor's Award program for Excellence in Ontario Wines. Top wines from the OWA judging will be evaluated by a separate panel of distinguished Master Sommeliers and Masters of Wine for the Lieutenant Governor's Awards.
7. A wine may be entered in one category only.
8. 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.
9. Please do not package your wines using Styrofoam peanuts. 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 (<7 gm/L Sugar)
- 05-Riesling Semi-Dry (>7 gm/L Sugar)
- 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-Appassimento White (full or partial blend) (*)
- 16-Other Dry Whites
- 17-Rose/Blanc de Noir
- 18-Gamay
- 19-Cabernet Sauvignon
- 20-Cabernet Franc
- 21-Merlot
- 22-Meritage and Cabernet/Merlot blends
- 23-Pinot Noir
- 24-Syrah/Shiraz
- 25-Appassimento Red (full or partial blend) (*)
- 26-Other Reds (*)
- 27-Hybrid Reds (Marechal Foch, Baco Noir, ...) (*)
- 28-Sparkling Wine - Traditional method
- 29-Sparkling Wine - Cuve Close
- 30-Sparkling Icewine
- 31-Orange wine

(*) 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 is Friday, April 7th at 4:00 pm

Borderline Systems

140 Cushman Road

St. Catharines, ON L2M 6T6

Contact at Borderline: Erin Shepard - 905-687-4014 / eshepard@borderlinesystems.ca

Delivery to be between April 9 and April 13, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

See attached form for additional details & shipping label. This form must be completed and sent to **Joanna Muratori** for all shipments **no later than April 6th**. Niagara location option is open to all Ontario wineries. **Contact at VQA Wines of Ontario:** Joanna Muratori, 905-562-8070 Ext 223, Joanna.Muratori@wmao.ca

South West Ontario: Deadline is Friday, April 13

Colio Estate Wines

1 Colio Drive

Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

Contact: Kathy Gomes: 519-738-2241 / cheers@coliowinery.com

Warehouse Hours – Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm (closed between 12:00 - 12:30 pm)

NOTE: Shipments will only be accepted between April 9 and April 13. All cases must be clearly labeled "Ontario Wine Awards" along with your winery's name.

Prince Edward County: Deadline is Friday, April 13

Huff Estates

Retail Store

2274 County Road 1

Bloomfield, ON K0K 1G0

Contact: Jason Sharpe, General Manager: 613-970-2001 / jason@huffestates.com

Retail Store Hours – Monday-Sunday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (7 days a week)

NOTE: Shipments will only be accepted between April 9 and April 13. All cases must be clearly labeled "Ontario Wine Awards" along with your winery's name.

Wineries north of Toronto:

IMPORTANT: Shipments will only be accepted on **THURSDAY, APRIL 19 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Please contact Sadie Darby to pre-arrange shipping details at 647-801-0010. Email: sdarby@rogers.com.

Transportation to Toronto is to be at your expense. Sadie will provide you with delivery location and instructions.