



The Ontario Wine Society

(Toronto)

Proudly Presents

Ontario Chardonnay - Seriously Cool

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 6:30pm, Toronto Lawn Tennis Club

Take Part in an Historical Ontario Wine Event!



Chardonnay bottles lined up for judging – photo Elena Galey-Pride

Cool climate VQA Chardonnays from Ontario will be showcased in England when British wine writers gather at Canada House in Trafalgar Square on May 17th to taste 34 of Ontario's top VQA Chardonnays selected by a group of Ontario wine critics.

This Ontario Wine Society event will be a dress rehearsal for the Canada House tasting.

“Britain is the largest market in the world with a very small domestic wine industry,” notes Bill Redelmeier, owner of Southbrook Vineyards. “The opportunity to showcase Ontario wines in London can provide a real boost for our product. A generation ago, the New Zealand wine industry launched Sauvignon Blanc in Britain, and it put New Zealand wines on the map.”

“Most people think Icewine is Ontario's signature wine, but actually it's Chardonnay,” says Tony Aspler, who will also be in England for the tasting with Bill Redelmeier and winery principals. “The London tasting will give the British press the opportunity to discover wines that are food-friendly and reminiscent of fine white Burgundies.”

Redelmeier conceived the idea for the British media tasting after Niagara's Le Clos Jordanne won a prestigious competition last year in Montreal pitting French wines against wines from the United States. Le Clos Jordanne's Chardonnay served as the “ringer” in the contest and emerged victorious in the category. Hearing Le Clos winemaker Thomas Bachelder say in a radio interview that any number of wineries in Ontario could have won the contest, Redelmeier came up with the idea of promoting Ontario Chardonnays as a group effort.

The wineries that will be going to London and pouring the wines for us that they will be showcasing there are:

Cave Spring Cellars
Chateau des Charmes
Closson Chase Vineyards
Colio Estate Wines
Coyote's Run Estate Winery
Creekside Estate Winery
Flat Rock Cellars

Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery
Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery
Hillebrand
Huff Estates Winery
Lailey Vineyard Winery
Le Clos Jordanne
Malivoire Wine Company

Norman Hardie
Peller Estates Winery
Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery
Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery
Rosehall Run Vineyards
Southbrook Vineyards
Tawse Winery



Photo - Fred Couch

For a detailed list of the wines that each will be pouring, please go to <http://www.ontariowinesociety.com/flyers/seriouslycool-winelist.htm>

\$39 each for a member and one guest, \$49 each for additional guests and non-members.

The price of the event includes passed hors d'oeuvres.

Dress is business casual, no jeans or running shoes, please.

Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, 44 Price St., 416 922 1105

You can register on-line until Sunday, March 21, 2010 at [OntarioWineSociety.com/Upcoming Events/Toronto Chapter](http://OntarioWineSociety.com/Upcoming%20Events/Toronto%20Chapter) or, by cheque payable to the **Ontario Wine Society** enclosed with the registration form below and postmarked no later than Wednesday March 17, 2010.



Cancellations will be accepted until Sunday March 21, 2010, by calling the wine line at 416 921 9798.

Reservations will not be taken over the phone and payment cannot be made at the door.

Please reserve ____ space(s) for *Ontario Chardonnay - Seriously Cool*, 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Enclosed is a cheque for \$_____. (\$39 each for a member and one guest, \$49 each for additional guests and non-members.)

Please print: Name of Person Making the Reservation: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (Evening): _____

So that we may e-mail you a confirmation, please provide your e-mail address:

Guest's Name: _____ Guest's Name: _____

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If you do not have an e-mail address, please make sure that you have provided a telephone number.

WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY - I, for myself, my heirs or assigns, and my guests for whom I accept complete responsibility, hereby release and forever discharge and indemnify the Ontario Wine Society (OWS), its executive, all members and their guests, from any and all damages, claims and actions relating to OWS activities, at Society functions or on Society grounds. I certify that I, and my guests, are 19 years of age or older.

Signed _____

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