



## VQA News & Tips – September 2018

### NEW! ONLINE PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE

VQA Services introduced the following new features and enhancements:

- Online payment now available
- Enhanced invoicing and single payment feature
- VQA Monthly Sales Reports – directly upload your sales reports

Going forward, please login and upload your VQA Monthly Sales Reports (Form 3003) as an Excel or PDF file. Our intention is to cease accepting emailed sales reports by the end of the year.

#### **Please inform your Accounting Department!**

Note that these are significant enhancements that will greatly improve your ability to work with our system. If you would like to preview the user guides, here is the [Sales Reporting User Guide](#) and the [Invoicing User Guide](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office, or [susan.piovesan@vqaontario.ca](mailto:susan.piovesan@vqaontario.ca).

### INDEPENDENT TASTING PANEL

VQA Ontario is recruiting for our Independent Tasting Panel (Appeal Panel). This is a volunteer position to be part of a roster used to staff panels that meet a few times per year. If you are a winemaker, sommelier, certified wine professional or wine educator interested and willing to sit and pass the required exam, please don't hesitate to get in touch with [katherina.radcliffe@vqaontario.ca](mailto:katherina.radcliffe@vqaontario.ca)

### ICEWINE

Icewine can only be made under specific conditions. Make sure you are familiar with the rules and procedures for Late Harvest and Icewine before the season starts. Failure to register grapes or provide the required information when due can mean the difference between your juice/wine being eligible to be labelled or sold as Icewine or not.

Protect yourself – make sure the VQA requirements are met and you have the documents you need before you take delivery of grapes or juice that you purchase. Wineries and growers: make sure one of you, but only one of you, registers the grapes!

For more information please visit <http://www.vqaontario.ca/Regulations/Processes> or call the VQA Ontario office at 416-367-2002.

## PRE-REGISTRATION – SKIN FERMENTED WHITE WINES and ICEWINE

VQA Ontario rules require you to pre-register your intention to make skin-fermented white wines at the time of harvest. Proof of pre-registration will be required when you submit these wines for approval.

All pressed juice destined for Skin Fermented White wines must be registered with VQA Ontario at crush and not later than November 15. Grapes left on the vine beyond November 15 that are destined for Late Harvest Wines or Icewines must also be registered by November 15. In addition, you must ensure that these grapes are entered in the GGO eGrape system and have a weigh slip associated with them. All entries will be reconciled with GGO to identify reporting discrepancies. More detailed information about Icewine and Late Harvest registration can be found at <http://www.vqaontario.ca/Regulations/Processes> under the Late Harvest/Icewine tab.

**All registrations are due on November 15, 2018 and no registrations will be accepted after midnight on that date.**

Registration is done online via VQA Ontario's secure website at <https://office.vqaontario.ca/vqaservices>. If you do not have an online account or cannot access your account, please contact us as soon as possible. Please forward this information to growers who are registering grapes on your behalf!