

VQA - Ontario's Wine Appellation Authority NEWS & TIPS AUGUST 2019

WINEMAKERS FORUM – WORKING WITH HYBRID GRAPES

Please join us for a Winemakers Forum on Working with Hybrid Grape Varieties.
Tuesday August 20, 10 AM – 12 PM with lunch to follow.
Henry of Pelham Estate Winery, 1469 Pelham Rd, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7

The purpose of the forum is to facilitate skills development and quality improvement by encouraging winemakers to share expertise and practical experience in an informal and non-competitive setting. If you're a winemaker who works with hybrid grapes and you want to discuss best practices with a group of your peers – this is the forum for you! Winemakers are encouraged to bring a sample of wine to share with the group for constructive feedback and a discussion on any challenges the wines posed and advice on potential solutions or best practices.

All winemakers are welcome, one per winery, VQA members or not. Participation will be capped at the first 20 reservations. RSVP to katherina.radcliffe@vqaontario.ca.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The VQA Ontario Annual General Meeting was held on July 17th. Thank you to all the members who attended and made it a successful meeting.

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ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 Annual Report is available online now! The report contains a review of activities and is a good resource for statistics about VQA wine production and sales. View or download a copy at

<http://www.vqaontario.ca/AboutVQA/AnnualReports/2019/Overview> or contact Katherina Radcliffe, katherina.radcliffe@vqaontario.ca for a hard copy.

Supplementary Approval

If you purchase a finished wine from a VQA winery that has already received VQA approval, you may be eligible for a Supplementary Approval at no additional cost. To qualify,

- The wine must be unaltered except for aging in stainless steel (inert) tanks from the initial approval submission. No additions, blending, sweetening, acidification, etc. has taken place.
- The initial approval application must have been submitted less than 12 months before the wine is bottled.
- The selling winery must complete the VQA online transfer form.
- The purchasing winery must provide a compliant label under its operating name or brand for review and approval.
- All AGCO requirements must be met for the purchasing winery to meet the “definition of made”.

Please note that no laboratory Certificate of Analysis is provided with a supplementary approval. If you need the CofA or you intend to export the wine transferred and accounted for by the supplementary approval you will need to obtain a CofA directly from the LCBO laboratory or submit a new wine approval application.