

VQA ONTARIO
Ontario's Wine Appellation Authority
NEWS & TIPS DECEMBER 2020

DECEMBER WINE APPROVALS TIMING

Keep in mind the last lab intake date is **December 2** for results before January!

The VQA tasting panels will continue to operate until mid December if weekly submission volumes are more than 15 samples. **The last tasting date will be Wednesday, December 16, 2020** and tastings will resume in the first week of January. Please continue to send your samples to the LCBO. Samples are picked up at the LCBO on Tuesday morning for the Wednesday VQA tastings so the last pickup will be December 15 at 9 am.

Label reviews will continue up until December 24. If you have outstanding applications waiting for just the label upload or payment, please give us a holiday gift by completing the files so we can clear up the queue.

Please contact Katherina at Katherina.radcliffe@vqaontario.ca with any questions or if you require assistance.

ICEWINE REPORTING - NEW PROCEDURE!

The notification procedure for reporting the start of your Icewine harvest has changed. This year, you **must text EDM Associates (Errol McKibbon) at 289-219-3065**.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

VQA Services, our online business platform for wine approvals, transfers, registrations and e-commerce will be down for planned maintenance on December 30 and 31. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The office will be closed at 12 noon on December 24 and reopen at 8:00 am January 4, 2021. We wish you and your families a Happy Holiday!