

OntarioWineReview

A bi-weekly newsletter dedicated to helping you discover Ontario's best Wines and Wineries. Enjoyment comes from understanding - Passion comes from understanding more.



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OntarioWineReview: *The Brand New OntarioWineReview*

Over the years, many of you have been kind enough to tell me how much you love the OntarioWineReview website - how it looks, it's user friendliness and above all its content - but as we all know, in life, change is inevitable. I myself am never a big fan of change, especially when something is working, in fact I have been resisting my webmaster requests for the last 2 years. But in April he told me the inevitable time had finally arrived, potential security risks, incompatibility issues and lack of IT support from programmers will force OntarioWineReview to revamp itself by June. And so it has come to pass. As of June 1, 2011, OntarioWineReview has a brand new look, which I hope you'll enjoy. Our new look should make things easier to find, easier to read and easier to use.

During our change over and update you might find some broken links and the occasional error might pop-up, this too is inevitable as we fix the site and get all the content back in its rightful place - the most glaring of which will be within the wine review section, all the reviews (1200+) have to be moved over to the newly built database and re-categorized one-by-one ... the good news here is that once done you will be able to search the wine reviews by winery, by varietal, by region and by type.

I trust that you will be patient as we create the brand new OntarioWineReview right before your very eyes ... and if you happen to find any of those previously mentioned broken links as you look around the new site please feel free to drop me an email (michael@ontariowinereview.com) to tell me where so that I can put it on the ever expanding list. Thanks for being a loyal reader of the newsletter and an OntarioWineReview fan, your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.



Weekly Wine Notes and More: *News about the WWN*

The Weekly Wine Note will be turning into the Weekly Wine Blog ... starting this month I will be manning the wine blog for Ottawa Life magazine, I will be writing a weekly post along with an issue-by-issue column (6 times a year), stay tuned to learn more. To see my first column for Ottawa Life, "Thirst Impressions", click here:

<http://www.ottawalife.com/index.php/thirst-impressions/>



Wine Event Spotlight: *Two Very Special Events*

Food and Wine Experience - June 13 at About Thyme Bistro ... Table to Palate, a company that brings wine, people and food together, for a fun interactive experience, is pleased to pair Wine Writer Michael Pinkus (OntarioWineReview.com) with Schott Zwiesel stemware, About Thyme Bistro and 4 of Ontario's Premier wineries (Creekside, Nyarai, Rosewood and Henry of Pelham) for an interactive evening of food, wine and fun ... best of all you walk away with the very glasses you drank from (because we think you'll want to use them every day). Tonight, you'll taste great food and wine, and find out how these two staples of life compliment each other, as well as discover how glassware can make all the difference on how you experience your wine. Co-hosting the evening along with Michael will be Lloyd Thistle of Fortessa of Canada as well as principals from the wineries.

June 13, 2011 - About Thyme Bistro, Beamsville (3457 King Street in Vineland) ... start time is 7:00 pm ... Ticket price: \$55.00 (all taxes and gratuity included)

To order tickets online: <http://guestlistapp.com/events/59250>

To order tickets by phone: 647-822-7283

Please note: The four foods being paired with the wines are Amuse Bouche size portions. In the wine department, we will be getting a special peek at the first 10 year Traditional Method sparkling wine in Canada (Creekside 2000 'X')

For the Love of Larry ... Due to the untimely death of a good friend Larry Paterson, many of us who knew him never got to properly say goodbye to him ... here's your chance to pay your last respects and hoist a glass to the man we called "The Little Fat Wino". A low key affair with simple BBQ fare, and even his wife Barb will be there ... all that we ask is that you bring along \$5 to help cover the cost of food and, as special tribute to the late Mr. Paterson we also ask you to bring along a special bottle of wine keeping the following parameters in mind: your oddest variety, weirdest blend or dodgiest bottle, cause Larry would have liked it that way. This all takes place Sunday June 12, 2011 at Calamus Estate Winery at 4pm and runs till the LCBO privatizes or everyone leaves, whichever comes first. To confirm your attendance please email Larry Horne at horneland@msn.com

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What can the Grape Guy do for you ... Michael Pinkus (Grape Guy) provides a variety of wine related services that you might be interested in taking advantage of: he gives lectures, leads seminars, conducts tastings, sets up tours; consults, selects and judges. He also gives interviews, broadcasts, podcasts and writes. [Contact the Grape Guy if you require any of these services or have any questions.](#)



Psst, Pass It On ... keep the good wine flowing. Forward this newsletter to your mom in Mimico your uncle in Uxbridge, your great aunt in Grand Bend or any other family member or loved one that you know needs good wine advice.



Socially Speaking ...

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"Linked In" folks can find Michael at <http://ca.linkedin.com/pub/michael-pinkus/14/704/4b8>

To contact us with feedback, article ideas, comments, concerns or questions – email michael@ontariowinereview.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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