



**The Ontario Wine Society Presents
Niagara Chapter's**

Annual Social Event

**Social * Annual General Meeting * Iron Sommelier Competition
at Palatine Hills Estate Winery**

Saturday, March 28, 2009

\$ 25 Members

\$ 35 Non-Members

Palatine Hills Estate Winery

911 Lakeshore Rd , Niagara on the Lake

1:00pm – Reception, **1:30pm** – Social

Come out and enjoy this year's Social and Iron Sommelier Competition at Palatine Hills Estate Winery! At this interactive Iron Sommelier Competition, you will be put into teams of 4-6 people to collectively identify each wine sample. Each team will then elect a representative to participate in the final round. Those finalists will have fun competing for the coveted title of Iron Sommelier, and win prizes for their teammates. It promises to be an exciting afternoon!

Our guest speaker for this event will be **Mr. John Neufeld**, co-owner of **Palatine Hills Estate Winery**. John began his farming career in 1972 after graduating from Guelph University. He has been growing grapes since then and has changed production to approximately 85% Vitis Vinifera and 15% Hybrid varieties. He sold grapes to other Ontario wineries until 1998 when he produced his first Icewine which went on to win Wine of the Year in 2003. Since he and his wife Barbara Neufeld opened the winery, production has increased from 3000 cases in 2003 to 35,000 cases in 2008. In John's career, he has been heavily involved in some of the political issues regarding the grape and wine industry, including being chair of the Ontario Grape Growers for 7 years.

Afterwards, we will mingle, eat tasty nibblies, and sample a variety of wines from the OWS Niagara Chapter cellars! In addition, this is the day of our Annual General Meeting and **election**, so if you're interested in helping out on the executive, email or call Yvonne to inform her (yvonnehalliday@yahoo.com or 905-685-7623).

Directions: Palatine Hills Estate Winery - **Take the QEW to exit 38 - Niagara Stone Road or Regional Road 55. Turn North and follow to the end of the street and turn right on York Road. Stay on York Road to the second lights at Regional Road 55 and turn right. Follow Regional Road 55 a short bit and turn left at Stewart Rd. Follow the road until it ends at Lakeshore and turn right. Continue on Lakeshore for a few kilometers, the winery is on the right hand side.** For a map or local directions, see <http://www.palatinehillsestatewinery.com/cgi-bin/contact.pl>

To register for this event, fill out and mail in the form provided.

Registration Form

For information call the **Niagara Wine Line at 905-685-7623** or visit www.ontariowinesociety.com.
Members \$25, Non-Members \$35. Members may bring one guest at member price. Your cheque must be **received** by Monday, March 23, 2009. Cancellations will be accepted up to Monday, March 23, 2009. Please do not mail cash. Seats will not be sold at the door. **Please Note: Vouchers will not be accepted for this event.** *Although we appreciate knowing your intentions, receipt of your cheque is the only way to guarantee a reservation, so please be sure to mail in your registration forms early as reservations are not accepted by phone or email.*

Please reserve _____ space(s) for the *Annual Social Event - at Palatine Hills Estate Winery* – Saturday, March 28, 2009. Enclosed is my cheque for \$_____. (Please make cheque payable to "The Ontario Wine Society - Niagara Chapter" - **Vouchers will not be accepted for this event**). Please contact me at _____ to confirm your receipt of this cheque.

Please print:

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

INDUSTRY MEMBER AFFILIATION?: _____

GUEST NAME (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE:(DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

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.

**Please mail to: The Ontario Wine Society - Niagara Chapter.
c/o S. Couch, 4850 Cherrywood Dr., Beamsville, ON., L0R 1B9**

