



“100% Canadian Juice but NOT VQA”

Niagara Chapter presents *Jim Warren* at *Rosewood Winery*

Thursday, February 25, 2010

\$ 35 Members

\$ 45 Non-Members

Rosewood Estates Winery

4352 Mountainview Road, Beamsville

6:30pm – Reception 7:00pm – Tasting

What is required for a wine to be given a VQA designation? Why are some wines not VQA? Join us with Jim Warren at the beautiful new Rosewood Estates Winery and Meadery to explore the world of completely Canadian non-VQA wines. The wines we will be tasting are not CIC wines which are blends of Canadian and imported grapes but products of 100% Canadian juice. Jim Warren is the President of the Ontario Viniculture Association, which calls these “orphan wines.”

Rosewood is a fitting venue for this tasting. The winery produces both VQA wines and mead. Mead is a wine made from fermented honey and Rosewood’s Meadery makes some of the best. Winemaker Natalie Spytzkowsky also produces a honey and grape wine blend. We’ll get a chance to tour the winery and learn a bit about bee keeping. The reception wine will be a Rosewood VQA Semillon, a rare grape variety in Niagara. We’ll also experience a mead and a mead/grape wine blend during the tasting.

Jim Warren is the general manager and founder of Stoney Ridge Estate Winery. Jim will explain the process a wine must go through to receive a VQA designation. He will lead us in a tasting of unique fruit and grape wines that are made from 100% Canadian juice but are not labeled VQA. One of the wines on our list will be the acclaimed Stoney Ridge Cranberry wine.

Among the 8 wines we’ll be tasting will be a product made from Ontario and British Columbia grapes that was not able to receive a VQA designation. It’s a 2002 Unity Cabernet Merlot from the Jackson-Triggs Niagara and Okanagan cellars.

The Ontario Wine Society attempts to expose members to products that are peripheral to the wine industry. At this tasting we are pleased to be able to include a product called Ice Syrup. Ice Syrup is a new product made from unfermented icewine juice. It is sweet, delicious and thick like maple syrup but made from Vidal and Cabernet Franc grapes. Chef David House will be using Ice Syrup in some of his delicious hors d’oeuvres at this event.

Directions: Take the QEW to Exit 64 (Ontario St., Beamsville.) Go south (away from lake) along Ontario Street to King. (Old Highway 8). Turn right and drive to Mountainview Road. Turn left and drive up Mountainview. The winery is on the right just before Angel’s Gate.

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

Registration Form

For information call the **Wine Line at 416-921-9798** or visit www.ontariowinesociety.com.

Members \$35, Non-Members \$45. Members may bring one guest at member price. Your cheque must be **received** by Thursday, February 18, 2010. Cancellations will be accepted up to Thursday, February 18, 2010. Please do not mail cash. Seats will not be sold at the door. *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 100% Canadian Juice But Not VQA – Thursday, February 25, 2010. Enclosed is my cheque for \$_____. (Please make cheque payable to "The Ontario Wine Society - Niagara Chapter"). Please contact me at _____ to confirm your receipt of this cheque.

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SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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