



The Toronto Chapter of  
**The Ontario Wine Society**  
presents

*A Tribute to Donald Ziraldo*

at  
Grano Restaurant

*Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 6:30 P.M.*

Among Donald's many accomplishments (see over for a summary of these) was the idea of a society for the promotion of Ontario Wine. 17 years ago several volunteers helped put this idea into reality, backed by the Wine Council of Ontario. On this night we will celebrate Donald's contribution to the wine industry and have the first official industry recognition of his retirement as President of Inniskillin, now part of Vincor Canada. Debi Pratt at Inniskillin has sourced outstanding wines for this event.

With the help of Robert and Lucia Martella of Grano, a menu has been selected to represent Donald's northern Italian Heritage.

To start, stuzzichini (appetizers) paired with Prosecco.

The first course is a mixed seafood platter matched with Inniskillin 2004 Riesling Reserve.

Next, pumpkin ravioli accompanied by 2004 Montague Vineyard Chardonnay.

The main course will be grilled quail and Ontario organic sausages with polenta. The sausages are a creation of Angelo Bean, a consultant with the LCBO in his day job. He uses only a special pork and Inniskillin Marechel Foch. The accompanying wine will be the 2004 Montague Vineyard Pinot Noir (2004 was a great year for Pinot Noir).

Dessert is an apricot flan to match the 1997 Vidal Icewine.

A presentation will follow.

Service will be family style at tables of 8. **There is a limit on this event of 80 people.**

**Member and one guest - \$79.00 each. Additional guests and non-members- \$85.00 each.**

**Grano Restaurant** - 2035 Yonge St . (east side, between Davisville & Eglinton, 416 440 1986)

Please mail the form below with a cheque, **payable to the Ontario Wine Society, by Tuesday, October 23, 2007, to Bob Moore, 1207-7 Jackes Ave, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1E3.** Your cheque is your reservation. Unless you hear from an OWS representative, you are confirmed. Refunds will not be made for cancellations received on or after Tuesday, October 23, 2007. For confirmation that your cheque has been received, you may call the Wine Line at 416 921 9798. Reservations will not be taken over the phone and payment **cannot** be made at the door. Please call Bob Moore at 416 964 3341 if you have any questions about the event.



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for the Toronto OWS - *A Tribute to Donald Ziraldo*. Tuesday, October 30, 2007. Members and one guest \$79 each. Extra guests and non-members \$85 each. Enclosed is my cheque for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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## **Donald J. P. Ziraldo**

Thirty-three years ago Donald Ziraldo co-founded Inniskillin Wines (which license was the first granted by the government since the prohibition days of 1929) in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, with Karl Kaiser, eventually creating award winning wines, particularly, Icewines.

He has become Canada's premier ambassador of our burgeoning wine industry, as well as the most vociferous defender of Niagara region's scarce and precious agricultural land.

Ziraldo pioneered the estate winery movement in Canada and was Founding Chairman of the Vintners Quality Alliance and instrumental in creating the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticultural Institute at Canada's Brock University.

Currently, he is Campaign Chairman for an \$8.5 million fund-raising effort to build the Culinary Institute at Niagara College and he is on the board of the Canadian Culinary Alliance.

In 1993, he was appointed the Order of Ontario, and in 1994, he was granted an honorary Doctor of Laws from St. Catharines Brock University in recognition of his service to the community.

In 1998 Donald was awarded the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement. In 1999 he was chosen as one of the top 25 Canadian CEOs of the Century by the National Post Business Magazine and in 2002 received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award.

### **Other Selected Highlights.**

- Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Brock University, 1994 (in recognition of the achievement in areas including the arts, community service and contributions to the University) (LLD)
- Honorary Citizenship (Friuli Venezia Giulia), Italy
- Author 'Anatomy of a Winery' (1995); 'Anatomy of a Winery: Millennium Addition' (2000); 'Anatomy of a Winery: Icewine Edition' (2007)
- Member Greenbelt Advisory Task Force
- Chair, Grape & Wine Coordination Research Committee, 2004
- Chair, Vineland Renaissance Advisory Panel, 2006
- Entrepreneurial Leadership Award, Institute for Enterprise Education, 1994
- Grindley Medal, Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC), 1995
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Enterprise '98, Entrepreneur of the Year Awards