



The Ontario Wine Society Presents

Niagara Chapter's

Vertical Styled Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting At Chateau des Charmes Winery

Thursday, December 6, 2007

\$ 35 Members

\$ 45 Non-Members

Chateau des Charmes Winery

1025 York Rd. Niagara on the Lake

Reception: 6:30 p.m. **Tasting:** 7:00 p.m.

Cabernet Sauvignon!! Some would say it's the most noble of grapes. Its mother is Sauvignon Blanc, its father Cabernet Franc - its heritage: regal. This grape is one of the most sought after in the world and for good reason. It makes a delicious full-bodied wine with deep and rich characteristics.

Ontario has been growing and making Cabernet Sauvignon since 1978 when *Brights* produced its first commercial offering. By the early nineties, many Cabernet Sauvignon vines had been planted. By the end of that decade, it was a staple in Niagara tasting rooms. **Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the hardest grapes to ripen and is vintage sensitive.**

We will taste Cabernet Sauvignon from 8 different years ranging from 1994 to 2005. This a unique opportunity to taste how this renowned wine ages and the pleasant results that eight Niagara winemakers achieved.

Our speaker, *Christopher Waters*, is co-founder and editor of *Vines*, a national wine and food publication. He is the wine appreciation coordinator at the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) at Brock University. His weekly wine column, *Waters and Wine* runs in the St. Catharines Standard, Niagara Falls Review, North Bay Nugget and Timmins Daily Press. Christopher's wine writing also appears frequently in Niagara Magazine, Hamilton Magazine, Kingston Life and Simcoe Life. (Read more at www.watersandwine.com)

Our tasting will be held at *Chateau des Charmes Winery*, the domain of the Bosc family. In 1978 Paul Bosc became the first to plant a wholly *Vinifera* vineyard in Niagara. He planted Cabernet Sauvignon in 1982. The Chateau opened in 1994 and the winery now produces Award winning VQA estate wines including Icewine, Late Harvest Riesling, an impressive range of both white and red varietals, as well as Méthode Traditionnelle sparkling wines.

As usual, stay afterwards for delicious hors d'ouerves and nibbles. Hope to see you there!

Directions: *Chateau des Charmes Winery* (1025 York Rd., Niagara on the Lake). Take the **QEW** to the Hwy 55/Niagara on the Lake **Exit (38B)**. Follow the ramp and signs to York Rd. and turn right towards St. David's and Queenston. *Chateau des Charmes* will be about 3 km down on the right. **For a map** or local directions, go to <http://www.chateaudescharmes.com/experience/directions.html>

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

Registration Form

Please note: In order that all of our members are fully able to appreciate the wines, we kindly request your cooperation in not wearing *perfumes* or scented *after-shaves* – Thank you.

For information call the **Niagara Wine Line at 905-685-7623** 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, November 29, 2007. Cancellations will be accepted up to Thursday, November 29, 2007. 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 *Vertical Styled Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting* – Thursday, December 6, 2007. 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.

Please print:

NAME: _____ GUEST NAME (S): _____

CORPORATE WINERY AFFILIATION?: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

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