



Winners of the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines announced

Toronto, July 19, 2016. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Wine Awards, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines. The Lieutenant Governor will present the awards at a ceremony and wine-tasting reception in the viceregal suite at Queen's Park on a date to be announced in due course.

Winners of the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Award

- 2012 **Creekside Estate** Broken Press Syrah Reserve
- 2013 **Exultet Estates** Chardonnay "The Blessed"
- **Henry of Pelham** Cuvée Catharine Brut Rosé Sparkling Wine (NV)
- 2014 **Inniskillin** Vidal Sparkling Icewine
- 2012 **Jackson-Triggs** Grand Reserve Meritage
- 2014 **Jackson-Triggs** Reserve Gewürztraminer Icewine
- 2012 **Peller Estates** AP Signature Series Cabernet Franc
- 2013 **Southbrook Vineyards Estate** Grown Small Lot Cabernet Franc
- 2013 **Tawse** Riesling Icewine
- 2013 **Tawse** Tintern Road Pinot Noir
- 2014 **Thirty Bench** Small Lot Riesling Wood Post Vineyard
- 2014 **Trius** Showcase Riesling Ghost Creek Vineyard

These 12 wines have been recognized for their overall excellence, regardless of vintage or varietal, from an intake of 473 wines from 71 Ontario wineries.

Changes to the Lieutenant Governor's Award

In partnership with the Ontario Wine Awards, the Lieutenant Governor's Office is pleased to announce the following changes to the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines:

- The Lieutenant Governor's Award has been incorporated into the annual Ontario Wine Awards as a "top-tier" award, with the highest-scoring wines in each year's varietal categories competing against each other. The 12 winners of the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Award have been selected from among the Ontario Wine Awards' 27 varietal winners.
- Drawing upon its expertise, the Ontario Wine Awards selects the judging panel, which includes student judges from Canadian Food and Wine Institute at Niagara College.

- The Lieutenant Governor's Award continues to receive the support of the Grape Growers of Ontario, the Wine Council of Ontario, and the Winery and Grower Alliance of Ontario.

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