



# Grape Growers of ONTARIO

## Newsletter - Volume 3 - March 2009

*...Dedicated to the Success of Ontario's Grape Growers*

### 2009 Annual General Meeting Voting Procedures

- A. Each producer is entitled to be registered as a qualified producer to vote and hold office on the Growers' Committee if he or she produces grapes in the District, or sold to a licensed Ontario processor within 2 years.
- B. A producer producing grapes in more than one district is only eligible to vote and stand for election as a member of the Growers' Committee in one district.
- C. A producer described in point B. shall elect in which district he or she wishes to register as a producer qualified to vote and stand for election as a member.
- D. No producer shall have more than one vote or stand for election to more than one District for the Growers' Committee.
- E. A producer which is other than an individual (i.e. a corporation, partnership or in group ownership) shall designate in writing to the election officer the name of the individual man or woman to be that producer's designated representative for purposes of voting and/or standing for election as a member of the Growers' Committee.
- F. No mail-in voting is permitted.
- G. A producer who is nominated for election as a member of the Growers' Committee who is not in attendance at the election meeting shall have filed with the election officer a consent to allow his or her name to stand for that election.
- H. Appointment of an election officer who is not a grower or processor will oversee the voting process at the Annual General Meeting.

### 2009 GGO Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday, April 8,**  
**2009 at 7 p.m.**

**Important!**  
**Voting Registration**  
**from 6 to 7pm**

**Club Roma, St. Catharines**  
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#### GGO Services

- Grape Research, Pricing & Promotion
- Grape Inspection
- Government & Industry Relations
- Government Lobbying
- Government Policies & Regulations
- Farm Labour Legislation & Program
- Chemical Registration
- Nutrient Management
- Crop Insurance Requirements
- KCMS Code-A-Phone
- Business Risk Management (CAIS & SDRM)
- Weather INnovations Incorporated (WIN)

## Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of growers who sold grapes for processing in 2008 will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, Ontario, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Registration for voting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Members will be elected at the above meeting to the Growers' Committee in order to form the local board for the coming year as per Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 415, Grapes for Processing - Plan.

District	Number of Representatives Eligible for 2008-2009	Number of Board Members
1: Town of N-O-T-L	8	3
2: City of St. Catharines	3	1
3: Town of Lincoln	6	2
4a: Town of Grimsby, Township of West Lincoln and City of Hamilton	2	1
4b: Southwestern Ontario	1	
4c: Prince Edward County	1	
		1 (at large)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>

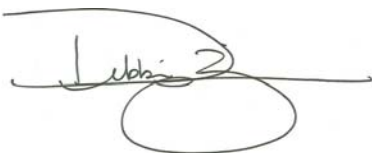
A producer in an area of Ontario not included in a district mentioned may become a member of the district group or producers nearest to his/her place of production.

Only persons who sold grapes through the Board in their own name for 2007 and 2008 are entitled to vote and hold office during the 2009-2010 year of the Board's operation.

**BY ORDER** of the Grape Growers of Ontario.

**DATED AT** the City of St. Catharines, Ontario, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

Yours truly,



Debbie Zimmerman, CEO

## Up Coming Events:

### NIAGARA'S WATER -- OUR RIGHTS AND OUR OBLIGATIONS

An open forum organized by the Niagara Branch of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists will examine environmental issues related to securing sufficient water of adequate quality for agriculture and for society. The forum will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m at the Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation (3292 Sixth Ave, Jordan). No pre-registration required. For more information please contact Neil Miles at 905-687-6964 or [miles.neil@sympatico.ca](mailto:miles.neil@sympatico.ca).

### VINTNERS CLASSIC - GOLF TOURNAMENT

In Support of The St. Catharines General Hospital Foundation

The golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 29th, 2009 at the Grand Niagara Resort. For more information please contact Michelle Dubois at 289-868-9624. Please see the enclosed registration form.

## President Obama drinks the best of Canada's Wines



Grape Growers of Ontario would like to extend our congratulations to Stratus Vineyards on showcasing their 2002 Stratus Red at the luncheon for President Obama on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Ottawa.

Stratus Vineyards was established in 2000 and is a sustainable, innovative winery located in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Stratus is dedicated to growing and producing limited quantities of premium wine in the VQA Niagara Lakeshore appellation. Winemaking at Stratus is led by J-L Groux.

## The Cuvée Award of Excellence in Viticulture for Best White Vinifera goes to... Martin Schuele

The Grape Growers of Ontario would like to congratulate Martin Schuele for winning the inaugural Cuvée Award of Excellence in Viticulture for Best White Vinifera, presented at the Cuvée Awards on Friday, February 27th, 2009.

Martin produces grapes on a 120-acre vineyard located in Beamsville and grows 13 grape varieties for Inniskillin Wines and Jackson Triggs Niagara Estates.



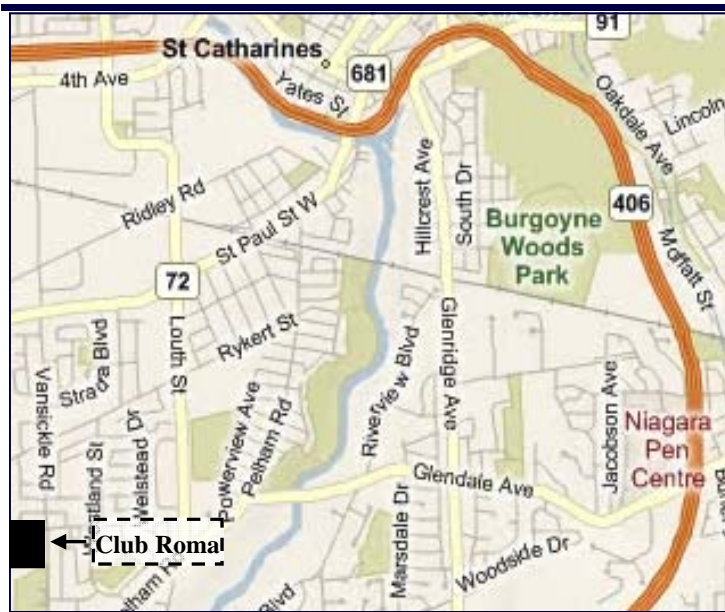
<b>For Sale</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vineyard - 5 acres (with drainage) within a beautiful 16 acres estate, located in the famous 1000 Island Tourist Region, Ontario, the Augusta Township, 20 minutes east from Brockville. View at <a href="http://lepetitvignoble.spaces.live.com/">http://lepetitvignoble.spaces.live.com/</a></li> </ul>	Bob	(613) 345-0903
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Deere 1830, good condition</li> <li>John Deere, 1030 loader</li> </ul>	Lilo	(905) 468-3092
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Willibald Shredder, excellent condition, \$800.00</li> </ul>	Thomas	(905) 327-3167
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chambourcin, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Vidal grapes</li> </ul>	Greg/Gabi	(905) 262-0289
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spodoni SPD 3 - Rotary Vacuum Filter</li> <li>3 Phase/10 HP/220V - Pulper Finisher</li> <li>Beer/Cider Bottling Line, complete with bottle washer, 24 head filler, capper, labeler and packing carousel.</li> </ul> <p>Items can be viewed at <a href="http://www.halfmoonbayvineyardsandwinery.ca">www.halfmoonbayvineyardsandwinery.ca</a></p>	Brian	(613) 476-4785

To place an ad, please contact  
 Sylvana Lagrotteria at 905-688-0990 x231 or  
[slagrotteria@grapeandtenderfruitontario.com](mailto:slagrotteria@grapeandtenderfruitontario.com)

**Grapes for Sale?**  
 Please call Julie Dixon at  
**905-688-0990 x228**

**- Mr. Gib Parent -**  
*It is with sadness that the Grape Growers of Ontario announces the passing of Gib Parent, former Speaker of the House and St. Catharines Liberal MP on Tuesday, March 2, 2009. Our condolences are extended to the Parent family.*

## 2009 Annual General Meeting - Directions



**When:** Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Club Roma  
 125 Vansickle Rd.,  
 St. Catharines, ON, L2S 3X5

**Directions from Toronto & Hamilton:**

- Exit QEW onto HWY-406 South toward Welland/Port Colborne/Thorold.
- Take the 4th Ave. exit, turn slight right onto 4th Ave.
- Turn left on Vansickle Rd. to Club Roma.