



# Grape Growers of ONTARIO

## Newsletter - Volume 3 - March 2010

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

### 2010 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.

### 2010 GGO Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday, April 7,  
2010 at 7 p.m.**

**Important!  
Voter Registration  
from 6 to 6:45pm**

**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 and 2009 will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 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 2010-2011 Growers' Committee	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
4: Town of Grimsby, Township of West Lincoln and City of Hamilton	2	1
5: Southwestern Ontario	1	1
6: Prince Edward County	1	1
Director at Large		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>

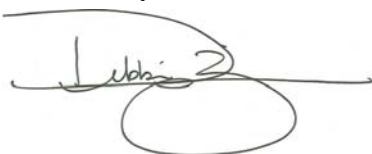
A producer in an area of Ontario not included in a district mentioned may become a member of the district group or producers nearest to his/her place of production.

Only persons who sold grapes through the Board in their own name for 2008 and 2009 are entitled to vote and hold office during the 2010-2011 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010.

Yours truly,



Debbie Zimmerman, CEO

## Changes to the 2010 Elections - New Terms

At the first Grower Committee Meeting following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors will be elected. To begin the staggered terms, in 2010 directors will be elected for 1, 2 or 3-year terms. Following the 2010 election, all Directors will be elected for 3-year terms at the time that their initial term expires.

This year, the Grower Committee will elect:

District 1 - 3 Directors serving 3, 2 and 1-year terms based on the number of votes

District 2 - 1 Director for a 3-year term

District 3 - 2 Directors for 3 and 1-year terms based on the number of votes

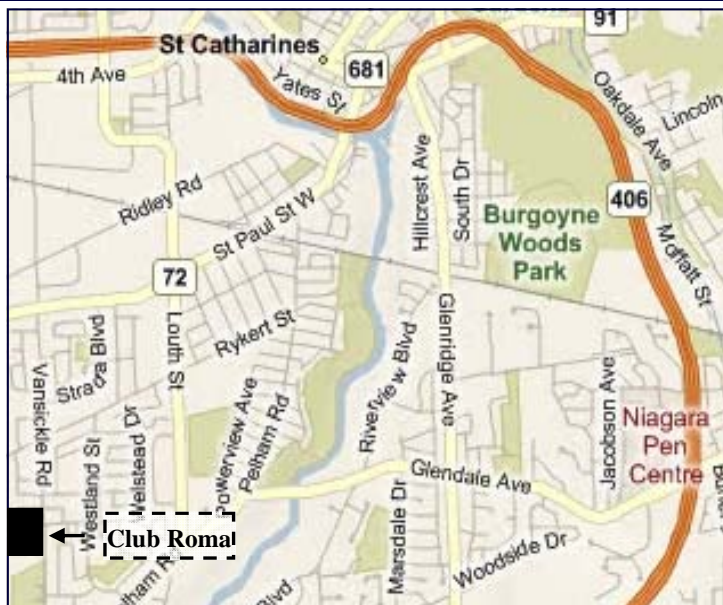
District 4 - 1 Director for a 2-year term

District 5 - 1 Director for a 2-year term

District 6 - 1 Director for a 1-year term

Director at Large - 1 Director from any district for a 3-year term

## 2010 Annual General Meeting - Directions



**When:** Wednesday, April 7, 2010 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.

## IMPORTANT AGM REMINDER

### Voter Registration Requirements:

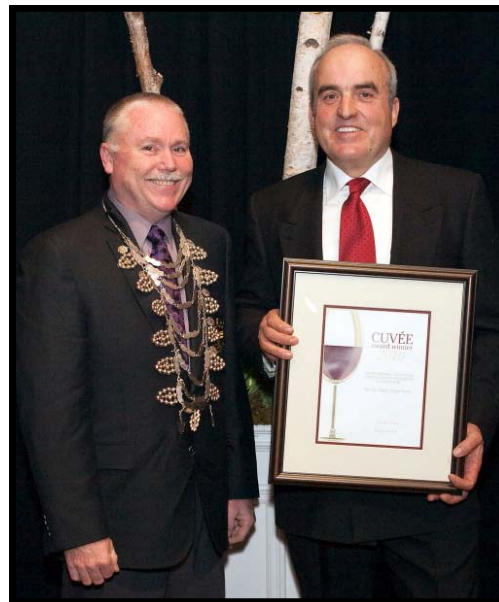
- ◆ Photo ID
- ◆ Grape Grower Voter Election Card/GGO number
- ◆ Have sold grapes either in 2008 and/or 2009

**\*Note** - If you are unable to attend the AGM, but would like to vote, please ensure that your proxy has written confirmation present at the time of registration.

## The Cuvée Award of Excellence in Viticulture for Best Red Vinifera goes to... Albrecht Seeger

The Grape Growers of Ontario would like to congratulate Albrecht Seeger for winning the Cuvée Award of Excellence in Viticulture for Best Red Vinifera, presented at the Cuvée Awards on Friday, February 26th, 2010.

Albrecht produces grapes on a 115-acre vineyard located in Niagara-on-the-Lake and grows 13 grape varieties for Inniskillin Wines and Jackson Triggs Niagara Estates. Albrecht is a current member of the Grape Growers of Ontario Growers' Committee and was Grape King in 1998.



### Orchard and Vineyard Transition Program (OVTP) - Deadline Approaching -

The Canada-Ontario Orchards and Vineyards Transition Program is a joint federal and provincial program to help grape, apple, and tender fruit producers adapt to industry pressures and changing markets. Under the program, eligible participants will receive \$1,618.74 per eligible acre towards their orchard and/or vineyard stock removal and disposal costs, up to a maximum of \$800,000 over the lifetime of the program.

To apply, you may submit an application form any time and no later than **March 31, 2010**. To be eligible for funding, you must complete your removal by the date shown on your Notice of Acceptance. If your application is accepted after November 30, 2009, you must complete your removal and contact Agricornp by November 30, 2010.

For program details and applications please contact:

Agricornp: 1-888-247-4999  
www.agricorp.com

Grape Growers of Ontario: 1-905-688-0990

**Funding is still available!**  
**First-come, First-serve Basis**  
**Apply Now!**



## AGRICORP UPDATE

<b>AgriStability and AgriInvest deadlines</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Pay 2010 AgriStability fee	April 30, 2010
Send 2010 New Participant Form to Agricorp (new participants only)	April 30, 2010
Send 2009 T1163 to Canada Revenue Agency for AgriStability and AgriInvest (individuals only)	June 15, 2010
Send 2009 Statement A to Agricorp for AgriStability and AgriInvest (corporations, trusts, and special individuals only)	June 30, 2010
Submit your 2009 AgriStability application to Agricorp	June 30, 2010

### Submit your 2009 AgriStability application early

2009 AgriStability applications have now been mailed to all participants. Complete and return your application by June 30, 2010.

You can save time by completing your application online at [www.myagricorp.com](http://www.myagricorp.com). To get started, you need your "W" number we recently sent you and the access code printed on page 1 of your application.

### Submit one tax form for AgriStability and AgriInvest

Your tax form is automatically used for both AgriStability and AgriInvest.

- Individuals: Send your 2009 T1163 to Canada Revenue Agency by June 15, 2010
- Corporations, trusts, and special individuals: Send your 2009 Statement A to Agricorp by June 30, 2010

If you participate in AgriInvest only, submit your 2009 tax form by September 30, 2010.

### Become a new participant in 2010 AgriStability

Send us your completed 2010 New Participant Form by April 30, 2010. The New Participant Form is available at [www.agricorp.com](http://www.agricorp.com).

### Contact us

1-888-247-4999 (Mon. to Fri., 7 to 5)  
 Fax: 519-826-4334  
[agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com)  
[contact@agricorp.com](mailto:contact@agricorp.com)



## Agricorp - Vitis Enhancements (New Reports)

1. **New Weigh Bill Status in Vitis Summary:** A new link called "Weigh Bill Status in Vitis" (off the Grape Commodity Summary Screen) has been added. A new pop-up table will allow you to view the current status of weigh bills and yield records for the current 2009 crop year in the following sections:

**Section 1: Weigh Bills From Wine and Juice Processing**

**Section 2: Weigh Bills From Fresh and Farm Gate Sales**

**Section 3: Weigh Bills Representing Rejections in the Field and Winery**

**Section 4: Electronic Weigh Bills From Setgo Not Imported into Vitis**

**Note:** Rejections in the Field and Fresh Farm Gate Sales are new yield records that will have been entered by Fruit Adjusters for Production Insurance clients only. "Electronic weigh bills from Setgo Not Imported into Vitis" are those weigh bills from GGO that were not successfully uploaded into Vitis (the main rejection reason for the unsuccessful upload is in the far right column).

2. **New Historic Reports on displaying Yield, Vine Age, Inventory and Area:** These 3 new reports (By Block, By Vineyard and By Enterprise) are available off the report menu on the top green tool bar. The data is exported to excel and allows you to see trends in yield and vine inventory over time (from 2007 onwards). The accuracy of the data will depend on growers regularly updating changes to blocks and reporting yield to each block accurately. This report will also assist in the analytical and verification activities of both Production Insurance and AgriStability.

### Report New Plantings and Removals

- ◆ Check your Vitis Inventory Report to check for errors and omissions
- ◆ Report New Plantings (in 2008, 2009 or new ones scheduled for 2010) not listed
- ◆ Report Vine removals and replacements in active blocks for 2009.

### For updates please contact:

Non-Production Insurance growers – Nick Hubbard at 905-688-0990 x229

Production Insurance growers – your assigned fruit adjuster

### Reminder:

#### How to Print Vineyard Maps

To print the map on "letter" size paper and landscape view: Select print at top right tool bar when viewing the vineyard map → fill in desired title and comment notes → select "create printout" button → on this pop-up screen of the map, select the file menu in upper left hand corner of the tool bar → then select the "page set-up" in drop down → select letter for size of paper and select landscape under orientation → then again select file from top file menu and print.

#### How to Print a Vitis Grower Inventory Report

The Vitis Grower Inventory Report is a good reference to accompany the maps of your vineyard. It provides the following information: Vineyard # and Name, Block ID (assigned by Agricorp during mapping), and Alternate Block ID (your corresponding name or number of the block), Variety Name and Clone, Reported # of Vines, Rootstock, Planting Year, # of Rows, Growing area, and Row and Vine Spacing. To generate a current Vitis Grower Inventory Report: Click on "Report" on the main tool bar of Vitis Screen → select Vitis Grower Inventory Report → click on "Run Report" button → click on "Export to PDF" button.

## Federal government invests in St. Catharines winery

By Monique Beech

A St. Catharines winery got an interest-free loan from the federal government Wednesday to buy a piece of cutting-edge wine-filtering equipment.

Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery received \$125,565 from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to purchase the cross-flow filtration system.

The gentle system is said to enhance flavours in wine and is faster than other types of filtration machines.

To qualify for the government program, the winery had to put up \$125,000 of its own to match the government dollars and promise to pay back the loan within five years.

Winery president Paul Speck, who owns the business with his two brothers, said the extra cash will allow him to take the new equipment off the company's wish list.

"This helps us buy a piece of technology that we wouldn't (have immediately bought otherwise), Speck said.

"This allows us to do it. The government gets paid back and then they can reinvest in another company." Minister of State and Cambridge MP Gary Goodyear announced the federal investments to both Henry of Pelham and Springer's Meats Inc. in Hamilton on Wednesday.

Goodyear said the loan "will help put Henry of Pelham literally at the forefront for grape juices and wines in southern Ontario."

The goal is also to help the winery export its goods outside Canada and "improve its competitiveness in a global market," Goodyear said.

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario was set up in 2009 as part of the federal government's Economic Action Plan. Last year's budget allocated \$1 billion over five years for the new agency. Of that, \$20 million is pledged to the food and beverage industry.

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<http://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2436696>

## Get Your Grape Grower Sign!

Please contact Julie Dixon at:

**905-688-0990 x228 or [jdixon@grapegrowersofontario.com](mailto:jdixon@grapegrowersofontario.com)**

**for a application and tax exemption form.**

<b>For Sale</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clemens Radius right side, good condition. Asking \$2,599.00</li> </ul>	George	905-371-4068
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectacular lakefront property in the heart of Essex County wine country. 18.86 acres with 901 feet of frontage on beautiful Lake Erie. Listed at \$529,000. Email: mike@tomekrealty.com.</li> </ul>	Mike Tomek	519-738-2562
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sprayer, 1,000 L, excellent condition.</li> <li>Hoover Roto Terra, 54", very good condition.</li> <li>V ditcher, best offer.</li> <li>Wooden cedar posts.</li> </ul>	Anton	905-643-2423
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10,000 L Vidal Icewine Juice (VQA), Brix levels from 35.5 to 37</li> <li>1,000 L Cab Franc Icewine Juice (non VQA)</li> </ul>	Eva/Abdul	905-397-7568
<b>Wanted</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wine Maker in 20 Valley Area of Niagara's Wine Country. Duties: Coordinating with vineyard manager on care for 22 acres of planted vinifera; supervision &amp; expertise in high quality, premium wine production, participation in PR and sales. Email resume to rpaul@greenlanewinery.com or fax 905-562-4561.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used weeds sprayer, 50-100 gallons for orchard/vineyard.</li> </ul>	Mike/Sandra	905-684-6218

To place an ad, please contact  
 Sylvana Lagrotteria at 905-688-0990 x231 or  
 slagrotteria@grapeandtenderfruitontario.com

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

## Up Coming Events:

### Local Food Connection: Farmer/Food Buyer Networking Event

**March 29, 2010, London Hunt and Country Club, London, Ontario (9:00 a.m. – 12 noon)**

This event provides opportunities for farmers and food buyers to meet one-on-one and to explore opportunities to do business together.

Who should attend? Farmers who are interested in finding out more about selling into local food marketing opportunities.

Pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$20.00.

For complete details and to register, visit the <http://www.ledc.com/newsevents/events/event.php?event=147>. You can also contact Karen Eatwell, National Farmers Union office at: 1-888-832-9638 or [kareneatwell@execulink.com](mailto:kareneatwell@execulink.com).