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2008 Wine Grape Prices - Arbitrator Rules in Favour of the Grape Growers of Ontario!

Following the arbitration between the Grape Growers of Ontario and the Wine Council of Ontario on October 27-28, 2008, Grape Growers of Ontario Board Chair, Bill George Jr., and CEO, Debbie Zimmerman, are pleased to announce that prices for 2008 wine grapes (Classes 5-10f, late harvest and icewine) have been determined by the arbitrator.

Grape Growers of Ontario Chair, Bill George Jr., comments, "We are pleased that the arbitrator ruled in favour of the wine grape prices presented by the Grape Growers of Ontario. This year, growers will receive an increase in some grape varieties consistent with what the Grape Growers of Ontario had requested."

Debbie Zimmerman, CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario, is "delighted with the decision of the arbitrator especially following a three-year wine grape Memorandum of Understanding that included a 3-year price arrangement which was in effect until the end of harvest 2007."



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)

IMPORTANT CHEQUE PICK-UP DAYS GGO BOARD OFFICE

All growers who have harvested grapes as of November 7, 2008, will be paid by cheque on Monday, November 17, 2008. Cheques can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All growers who have grapes harvested after November 7, 2008 and before November 21, 2008, will be paid by cheque on Friday, November 28, 2008. Cheques can be picked up from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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NOTE: For those growers who do not pick-up their cheques by 2:00 p.m. on November 17 and 28, 2008, they will be put in the mail immediately following the scheduled pick-up time.

If you wish to have your cheques held at the office after 2:00 p.m. on November 17 and 28, 2008, please call the office at (905) 688-0990 by noon on November 17 and 28, 2008 and we will hold your cheques for you.

Identification will be required in order to pick up your cheque. If you are unable to pick up your cheque and you appoint an individual, please notify the Board office, in writing, with the name of the individual picking up your cheque on your behalf.

Vine Import Monitoring Program - CFIA Post Entry Conditions

The post entry growing restrictions placed on the Vitis material imported from France in 2006 will be lifted as of October 31st, 2008. These restrictions were put in place in 2006 for a period of three years and were specified, along with the expiry date of the conditions, on the Import Permit obtained by growers within the program.

In cases where growers did not obtain an Import Permit, a Notice of Prohibition or Restriction of an Activity was issued specifying the post entry growing restrictions. For those growers, a letter will be issued by CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) to advise them that the notice will be released as of October 31st, 2008.

In Memoriam:

Mr. Ken Damude

The Grape Growers of Ontario express sadness at the loss of Mr. Ken Damude who passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Mr. Damude was proud to have been recognized by the Grape Growers of Ontario with a 50-year award in 2006. Our sympathies are extended to the Damude family.

Mr. Paul Eppler

Our sincere condolences are extended to the Eppler Family in the loss of Paul Eppler on September 18, 2008. Paul was a grape grower for many years.

Mr. John Ghetti

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. John Ghetti, who passed away on October 15, 2008. Mr. Ghetti worked at Brights Wines, for 38 years, as viticulture manager. He is also remembered for his extensive volunteer work in the Niagara community. Our condolences are extended to the Ghetti family.

Up-Coming Events:

• The Wine Tasting Challenge

Monday, November 24, 2008 at Toronto Four Seasons Hotel

This year's prize purse is expected to be worth more than \$100,000. For registration, please visit: www.winetastingchallenge.com

• Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association 150th Anniversary Celebration



January 12, 13 & 14, 2009 at Niagara Falls Crown Plaza Hotel

The Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association Annual General Meeting and Convention will be held January 12-14, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For more information, visit www.ofvga.org or call 1-866-898-8488.



• Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention

Wednesday, and Thursday, February 18-19, 2009 at Brock University.

For more information please contact: www.ofvc.ca



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For Sale	Contact	Telephone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Icewine juice; Wilmes grape press, 3-4 tonnes. 	Jim	(519) 676-5512
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Brown tractor, Model 885N includes grape hoe hydraulics, new rubber, good condition. \$3,400 or ONO 	Michael	(905) 563-1974 Cell (905) 980-1940
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wine Bottle Filler • Weighing Scale - floor model • Manure spreader - max. 6 feet. 	Fred	(416) 283-0320
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crivellor 6 spout stainless steel bottle filler that has been modified so that there are 12 spouts (6 on each side). \$2,400 • Pneumatic corker; does 1 bottle at a time. \$4,900. • Labeller. \$3,200. • Heat shrink tunnel for capsules. \$500. • Two bird bangers, old fashioned style. \$100 each • Rotophase converter: 3 horsepower, 220 single phase in, 220 3 phase out. \$750.00 • Karsher pressure washer, 110 plug in, diesel heated. \$1,500. • Ice Machine. \$2,000. 	Dave or Louise at Featherstone Winery	(905) 562-1949
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18.86 acres of vacant land for possible vineyard, 901 feet on north shore of Lake Erie, located 1 mile east of the village of Colchester. Asking price \$749,000. 	William	(734) 261-9393
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willms 1500 Bladder press with juice tray. Good condition, stainless steel basket with epoxy rings. \$10,000 or best offer. 	Bert	(905) 327-9340
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 - 1 1/2" Liverani juice pumps, single phase, 220 V motor, EP minor reversible flow, c/w stainless cart. New condition. • Refractometers 0-32° brix, 28-62° brix. \$80 - new condition. • Vario-capacity stainless wire tanks 100 L to 1,000 L, stands available. \$260 - \$985. New condition. 	Kevin	(905) 468-9833
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 inch Howard Rotovator - totally rebuilt. \$2,000 • V plow. \$250 • 1,000 L Gamberini Vineyard Sprayer, excellent condition. \$2,000 	Barb	(905) 468-1951
Wanted		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distressed grapes for distilling. 	Dave	(416) 580-4967
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tonne bins 	Randy	(905) 751-0819
Looking to buy or sell grapes.	Julie at the GGO Office	(905) 688-0990 X228