



IN THE VINEYARD

Dedicated to the Success of Ontario's Grape Growers

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Ottawa Lobby Day

The Grape Growers of Ontario met with the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, in Ottawa on November 15, 2011 as part of the GGO's efforts to further the interests of Ontario's grape industry. Meetings were also held with Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Rob Nicholson, MP Dean Allison, and MP Rick Dykstra.



Above: Debbie Zimmerman, CEO; Bill George, Chair; Honourable Minister Gerry Ritz; and Matthias Oppenlaender, Vice Chair.

Right: Matthias Oppenlaender and St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra



Above: Honourable Minister Rob Nicholson, Bill George, and Matthias Oppenlaender.



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**Ontario Vineyard Improvement Program (OVIP) Intake 2 begins
December 15, 2011.**

See page 2 for more details



2011 Crop Update

* All 2011 Crush information is up-to-date as of November 24-2011.

	2011 Crush*		2010 Crush		2009 Crush	
	Tonnes	Value (\$)	Tonnes	Value (\$)	Tonnes	Value (\$)
<i>Wine</i>	61,360	\$76,412,376	50,907	\$67,725,361	44,401	\$54,347,243
<i>Jam/Juice</i>	2,021	\$914,687	2,418	\$1,086,545	2,605	\$1,094,494
<i>Home wine</i>	518	\$575,335	394	\$582,856	520	\$543,357
Total	63,900	\$77,902,399	53,719	\$69,394,762	47,526	\$55,985,095

OVIP Intake 2 Grower Information Sessions

The Grape Growers of Ontario and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs invite you to attend an information session to learn more about Intake 2 of the Ontario Vineyard Improvement Program (OVIP). Applications will be accepted beginning December 15, 2011 at 10:00 am.

- Southwestern Ontario is scheduled for November 29, from 2-4 pm, at Smith and Wilson Farms (8368 Water Street, Blenheim)
- Prince Edward County is scheduled for December 1, from 12-2 pm at The Bloomfield Town Hall (289 Main Street, Bloomfield)
- Niagara is scheduled for December 5, between 2-4 pm at Brock University, Lecture Hall Academic South 204 (500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines. Parking is free in Lot D when you mention GGO OVIP meeting)

For more information, please visit www.grapegrowersofontario.com or contact Nick Lemieux at the Grape Growers of Ontario at 905-688-0990 ext 228.

Industry Updates

- The Grape Growers of Ontario congratulate Mark Wales on being elected the President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) at their recent AGM and Convention in Toronto on November 20-21, 2011.
- Self-Directed Risk Management (SDRM) applications have been delayed for some growers due to delays by Canada Revenue Agency in providing data to Agricorp. This will not eliminate anyone from participating in the program but it may delay some payments until March 2012. Agricorp will begin processing SDRM cheques on November 26. The two timeframes for withdrawals will be eliminated for the 2012 program year and farmers should receive their payment within 30 days of request. Farmers will automatically be sent SDRM packages if they enroll and pay their required AgriStability program fee by April 30, 2012.

2011 Legislative Wine Tasting

The Grape Growers of Ontario, along with newly elected Speaker of the Legislature Dave Levac of Brant County, hosted the Annual Wine Tasting event at Queen's Park. Bill George, Chair of the Grape Growers of Ontario, along with Debbie Zimmerman, CEO of the Grape Growers of Ontario, are pleased to announce that the following wines have been chosen as the official wines of Ontario's Legislative Assembly for 2012:

Red Wine: 2010 Strip Room from Burning Kiln Winery, St. Williams

White Wine: 2009 Riesling from Good Earth Food and Wine Co., Beamsville



Scott Fixter, Michael Nazareth and Dave Pond of Burning Kiln Winery with Honourable Dave Levac, Speaker



Amanda McSpadden of The Good Earth Food and Wine Company



Steve Pohorly, Bill George, MPP Jim Bradley, Matthias Oppenlaender, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ted McMeekin, Ed & Caroline Hughes



For Sale	Contact	Telephone
• Used Oak Barrels for sale. Mostly 2007's.	Sara	905-562-4376
• 7' used grape posts in excellent condition	Don	905-682-5648
Wanted		
• Press for Ice Wine	Abdul	289-407-5270

Season's Greetings

*The Board of Directors and staff of the GGO
extend our best wishes to you and your family for a joyous and peaceful
holiday season and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.*



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