



# Grape Growers of ONTARIO

Host of Amazing Race Canada, Canadian Olympic Gold Medal Athlete Jon Montgomery, to speak at Grape Growers 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Luncheon

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: St. Catharines, ON (July 2024):** The Grape Growers of Ontario's Celebrity Luncheon marks the opening of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival by showcasing Canadian personalities and celebrating the annual grape harvest. This year, in partnership with Meridian, Ontario's largest credit union and the third largest in Canada, we welcome the host of Amazing Race Canada, Jon Montgomery.

Jon Montgomery's life has been a whirlwind since his Olympic win in skeleton racing at the Vancouver Whistler Olympics in 2010. His big-time podium moment and his now-famous victory "beer-walk" through Whistler Village have paved the way for Montgomery to continue to find himself on Canadian TV.

Today, as the host of The Amazing Race Canada, Jon travels across the country, and all over the world, filming and sharing insights with audiences of all stripes on what makes Canada great and why the goals we set for ourselves are only as achievable as we believe they are.

Jon embraces any opportunity to engage with live and virtual audiences, auctioneering something sentimental for your charity or inspiring your attendees with a parade-of-stories, chronicling a young man's journey from the flatlands of the prairies to the top of the Olympic podium - reminding us all that it's alright to be proudly Canadian and celebrate the good times along the way!

"We are honored to renew our partnership with the Grape Growers of Ontario, reinforcing our commitment to the thriving grape and wine industry in Ontario," said Stephen Otten, Regional Vice President, Business Banking, Meridian. "Supporting the Grape Growers of Ontario's Celebrity Luncheon is a privilege, and we eagerly anticipate celebrating the remarkable achievements and advancements within the industry."

"We are delighted to welcome "The Amazing Race" host Jon Montgomery to the Grape Growers of Ontario Celebrity Luncheon on September 18<sup>th</sup> as the kickoff event to the 2024 Grape and Wine Festival." Debbie Zimmerman, CEO, Grape Growers of Ontario.

The Grape Growers of Ontario's Celebrity Luncheon is on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at Club Roma in St. Catharines. Ticket order forms are available at [www.grapegrowersofontario.com](http://www.grapegrowersofontario.com) or by contacting the GGO Board office at (905) 688-0990 or [info@grapegrowersofontario.com](mailto:info@grapegrowersofontario.com).



### **About the Grape Growers of Ontario**

GGO is the official organization that represents over 500 actively producing grape growing families who are rooted in Ontario. 18,000 acres of vineyards are planted across the province's three designated viticulture areas: Niagara Peninsula, Lake Erie North Shore, Prince Edward County, and emerging regions.

### **About Meridian**

Meridian is Ontario's largest credit union, and one of the largest in Canada. Guided by our purpose, "helping you achieve your best life," Meridian delivers personal, business and wealth financial solutions to over 380,000 Members. Our bold Meridian for Good strategy is aimed at helping people get access to the money and advice they need; plan for a better future that is clean, resilient, and diverse; and be financially confident. Meridian has two operating subsidiaries: Meridian OneCap Credit Corp ("MOCC") and motusbank. For more information, please visit: [meridiancu.ca](http://meridiancu.ca).

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