

December 12, 2011

Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season and all the best for the coming New Year. Please be advised that the Wine Council of Ontario office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

*****IMPORTANT REMINDER*****

Ontario Vineyard Improvement Program

The program will begin accepting applications for the **second intake starting Thursday, December 15th at 10:00a.m.** We understand from OMAFRA that they are expecting a large number of applications for this second intake – as the funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, remember to get your application in as soon as possible after the 10:00a.m. opening.

You may submit your application in person, by fax, or by email as described in the program guidelines at http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/ovip/program_guidlines.pdf (see page 8). Submissions received before 10:00 a.m. will be rejected.

If the program is fully subscribed before you get your application in, you will not lose the funds applied for; rather, they will be delayed until the third intake (you will be placed first in queue for the program funds for the 3rd intake).

If you have any questions on the program, please call Nick Lemieux at the GGO (905-688-0990), or OMAFRA at 1-888-588-4111. You may also call D. Gibson at the WCO office (ext. 222).

Friends of the Ontario Hostelry Institute:

As the holiday season approaches and the demands on our time are increased, a reminder regarding the 2012 TOP 30 under 30 nominations is very much in order.

The closing of nominations for this important accolade, December 31st, is fast upon us.

Please take a moment now to access the OHI site and make that nomination by clicking on www.theohi.ca

CBC Television is looking for more participants for the show “The Big Decision”.

Please see attached document for full details. Please feel free to call or email Katie Cumby with any questions.

Also, if you like, follow them on Twitter @thebigdecision or check them out on Facebook.

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Bulk Wine for Sale

Harbour Estates Winery has the following bulk for sale from the 2011 vintage, at \$3.75 / litre:

- Merlot: 10,000 L 13.4%
- Cabernet Sauvignon 5,000 L 13.2%

Please contact Fraser Mowat at 905-984-0288 if interested.