

SUSTAINABLE WINEMAKING ONTARIO



An Environmental Charter  
for the Wine Industry



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# Sustainable Winemaking Ontario

**Town Hall Update**  
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Wine Council of Ontario

# BLOOM - Profiling Wastewater Solution Opportunities for Ontario Wineries

- Report is completed and available on the members' site
- Workshops held in Niagara and PEC
- Wineries want information on practical solutions they can implement:
  - What are the available and “approved” options or technologies?
  - What options are applicable to a particular winery’s size, situation and growth plans?
  - What are the expected costs?
  - What vendors or contractors can provide the solution?
  - What information does the winery need before engaging the solution provider?
  - What processes and practices need to be in place to ensure the solution performs as expected?



# 2 Opportunities

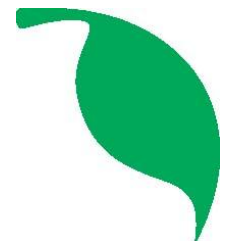
- 2 Opportunities to continue the momentum
  - Ontario Best Practices Guide – focusing on the workshop discussions to dive deeper into what the regulations are, how to measure your output, what are the options and solutions available
  - PEC focused on water availability – they identified one significant risk identified for the wineries in Prince Edward County relates to future security of water supply since many of the wineries depend on wells.
    - Based on the surveys and site visits, it appears that many wineries in the County may not have a good understanding of the amount of water they use, the capacity of their wells, or potential alternative sources of water (as a contingency plan).
    - the number of wineries in the county has increased to 40+ from about 2 properties in the early 2000s.
    - Addressing this water security risk in Prince Edward County is essential in order to allow the wine industry to continue to expand and grow. Improving understanding of available water supply, combined with responsible water usage will allow the wine sector in Prince Edward County to grow and expand in a sustainable manner that mitigates potential future water risks.

# 2014 Winery Sustainability Self-Assessment

- Participate NOW - Survey is OPEN

- Deadline of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Wineries that have completed the survey will be identified with a leaf icon in the 2014 Wine Country Ontario Travel Guide



# Lightweight Glass Standard

- New Lightweight Glass Standard for 1.5L and 1 Litre glass bottles
- Weights:
  - ☐ 1 Litre: 550g (+20g tolerance)
  - ☐ 1.5 Litre: 700g (+25g tolerance)
- Retail price:
  - ☐ 1 Litre: ?
  - ☐ 1.5 Litre: <\$30
- Exemptions:
  - ☐ Pressure Cap/Sparkling
  - ☐ Vintage 2013 or earlier
- Implementation Date:
  - ☐ Orders arriving after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 or vintage date of 2014 or younger.