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## Visa Infinite and Wine Country Ontario Expand 2015 Program

32 Ontario wineries offer cardholders special experiences featuring VQA wines of Ontario



NIAGARA, ON, June 17, 2015 – Wine Country Ontario and Visa Canada have come together to offer Visa Infinite cardholders unique opportunities that are bound to excite all types of travelers. The 2015 Wine Country Series features the finest flavours, pairings and Canadian wine country experiences. Each of over 32 participating wineries have developed benefits that may include behind-the-cellar-door in-depth vineyard and winery tours, private tastings led by winemakers, barrel room and vintage tastings, food and wine pairings, cooking class discounts and more.

"Wine Country Ontario is thrilled with the 2015 Visa Infinite Wine Country Series," says Magdalena Kaiser, Director of PR for the Wine Marketing Association of Ontario. "This year, wineries from Lake Erie North Shore, the Niagara Peninsula and Prince Edward County have come together within this exciting program to showcase the magic of our own province's wine country and our delicious and food-friendly local VQA wines."

Participating wineries offering exclusive benefits for cardholders include:

13<sup>th</sup> Street Winery **Cave Spring Cellars** Covote's Run Good Earth Food & Wines Co. Flat Rock Cellars Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery Norman Hardie Winery and Vineyard Pelee Island Winery Pillitteri Estates Winery Red Stone Winery Riverview Cellars Estate Winery Strewn Winery The Grange of Prince Edward Vineyards & Estate Winery Thirty Bench Wine Makers Vineland Estate Winery

Cattail Creek Estate Winery **Colio Estate Wines** Creekside Estate Winery Fielding Estate Winery Henry of Pelham Inniskillin Niagara Malivoire Wine Company Pearl Morissette Estate Winery Peller Estates **Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery Reif Estate Winery** Rosewood Estates Winery Tawse Winery The Old Third Vineyard The Ice House Winery Trius Winery at Hillebrand

In addition to taking advantage of marvelous perks, Visa Infinite and Visa Infinite Privilege cardholders are invited to participate in a series of dinners at some of the most picturesque winery estates. These events will feature the finest flavours, pairings and Canadian wine country experiences.

Each of these events has been hand-crafted to offer guests the ultimate VIP experience—with seasonal menus prepared by Canada's most sought after chefs, along with wines from some of Ontario's top wineries. And, for those looking for a getaway, the program offers a winery-focused culinary weekend in the Niagara Peninsula.

Events include:

- Jamie Kennedy with Tobey Nemeth and Michael Caballo of Edulis and Albert Ponzo of Le Sélect at the Old Third Winery: July 4 [SOLD OUT]
- The Ultimate i4C Experience with Winemaker J-L Groux, Chef Stephen Treadwell and Wine Spectator's Matt Kramer: July 18
- Women and Wines: A Collaborative Wine Dinner with Top Women Chefs at The Good Earth Vineyard and Winery: August 8
- Wines of Niagara Gourmet Weekend Escape: September 18 to 20

Cardholders wishing to book the experiences are encouraged to call 1-888-711-9399 or visit <u>www.visainfinite.ca</u>. For more information about Wine Country Ontario, visit <u>www.winecountryontario.ca</u>. Consumers are encouraged to share their experiences on social media referencing hasthag #visadining.

The Wine Marketing Association of Ontario is dedicated to promoting the VQA wines of Ontario - both the vintners and the unique qualities of our authentic VQA wines that are made exclusively from 100% Ontario-grown grapes. Wine Country Ontario is dedicated to promoting Ontario's wine-growing regions - from the wines and wineries themselves to the complete experience of each destination: local cuisine, year-round activities and warm hospitality. Wine Country Ontario is a brand trademark of the Wine Marketing Association of Ontario.

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