

Vintage's View

Now that another winter is finished, we can get on with life as it should be... enjoying a few wines on a patio with friends and family. As you've probably noticed, all of us at the Executive Hotel Vintage Park have a thing for BC wine: we've partnered with many of the province's wineries and named rooms after them; we've hung wine-themed art hither and yon; BC wines are stocked in each guest room refreshment centre; and in case you hadn't noticed, we offer complimentary evening wine tastings on the second floor from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Got a little time to spare? We can arrange wine tours to all of our major wine regions.

We strive to have as much fun with BC's great wines as we can, and that means tasting widely, increasing our partnerships with the wineries, and sharing our finds with our guests. You'll see what we mean and why as we profile some of our partner wineries, their winemakers and best bottles.

Cool Stuff: Wine Expert Jancis Robinson Visits Canada

On a recent visit to Toronto, Britain's best wine writer, Jancis Robinson, lit into the Canadian wine industry saying, "In my experience no nation is more defensive about their wines than the Canadians, perhaps because they have so little vineyard, less than, say, Slovenia or Japan. Every time I go there to launch a book, usually a reference book about the wines of the world, I am berated for not having devoted more space to the land of maple syrup." Things perked up when she noted that 17 of the 70 wines tasted on her visit were "world class wines from any point of view." Those included mostly BC wines that she found "arguably a more mainstream style of wine -- much more obviously fruity, pungent and New World."

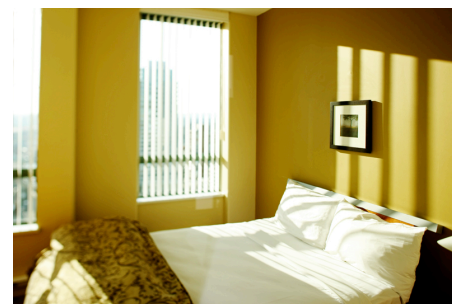


WINE BUYS:

Want to take a bottle or two home?

Marquis Wine Cellars has a stellar selection of BC's best bottles. Ask for resident BC wine guru, David. Open 11 AM – 9 PM daily. 1034 Davie Street.

Taylorwood Wines sells only BC wines at winery-direct prices. Ask for a taste - there's usually something open. Open 10 AM – 9 PM daily. 1185 Mainland Street.



JUST THE FACTS:

Here's the dirt on BC wine:

- A Jesuit missionary first made BC wine in the Okanagan in 1859; the first commercial wines were made in the 1920s; and BC's focus on quality wine stepped up in 1990 when old grape varieties were pulled and replanted with premium varieties.
- There are 411 grape growers in BC growing 60 grape varieties (48% are white, 52% are red).
- The most popular white grapes are Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Gewürztraminer; top reds include Merlot, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon.
- In 2006, 6,632 acres of land were under vine.

NEW SPRING DINNER MENU:

Join us at La Vallée Restaurant for our new Spring dinner menu.

Some examples...

Linguine Vongole

fresh local clams sautéed in pomodoro sauce, shaved parmesan and reduced balsamic drizzle
\$18

Grilled Vegetable Risotto

local organic vegetables, fresh basil, white truffle oil
\$16

Pan Seared Sable Fish

braised bok choy, truffled wild mushroom ragout, peruvian purple potatoes
\$26

Citrus Herb Crusted 10 oz Pork Chop

twice baked sweet potato, crispy pancetta, corn ragoût
\$27

Grilled 14 oz Bone-In Black Angus Beef Rib Eye

braised swiss chard new potato medley
lemon oregano infused roasted garlic
\$32

WHAT'S ON?

If you're around or you'll be back soon, put this on your calendar:

April 14th: Naramata Bench Spring Wine Release

The 5th Annual Naramata Bench Spring Release is rolling into town on Monday, April 14th from 6-9pm. Held in Vancouver, at the Roundhouse Community Centre, the wineries of the Naramata Bench are offering the first taste of their new releases. Purchase your tickets by phone at 1-800-663-

WEDDINGS AT THE EXECUTIVE HOTEL:



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- Double Executive Rewards Meeting Planner Points
- Wine Reception in La Vallée Lounge \$150 Cdn. Value

Promotion available for bookings of 30 people or more until December 31, 2008. Applies to new bookings only.
Based on availability.

Seating Capacity:

La Vallée Restaurant - 60 people
9th Floor Banquet rooms - 120 people
9th Floor Patio - 50 people

LA VALLÉE IN THE COMMUNITY:

Dining Out For Life (March 27, 2008)

On Thursday, March 27th, 25 percent of La Vallée's food revenue from meals sold during this important event will be donated to **A Loving Spoonful** and **Friends For Life**, Lower Mainland charities supporting local people living with AIDS.