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Leading Ontario Wineries Partner with some of Toronto's Hottest Restaurants, Retailers and Tourism Ambassadors to celebrate local food, wine and shops in RiversideTO for 7 days in April

Toronto, Ontario - March, 30 2015 - After months of meetings and negotiations with leading Ontario wineries, local celebrity chefs and Toronto's east end entrepreneur's, the inaugural Riverside WineFEST, sponsored by Culinary Adventure Company, 747 Wine Bar, The Ralph Thornton Center and Il Ponte Cucina Italiana, has been announced by Perry Lupyrypa, Executive Director of the Riverside Business Improvement Area. Ms Lupyrypa advised that this celebration of award winning Ontario wineries, local food and community, which takes place April 13 - 19, 2015 will showcase 10 wineries, that will pour over 200 wines at 16 events at venues in Riverside along Queen St East from the DVP to Degrossi. Participating venues will host wine dinners, BYOW evenings, Culinary seminars, FREE Wine tastings and pairings, Try & Buy events, and more during the weeklong ode to the grape.

"Riverside has been one of my most popular Toronto food tours - even though it's close to downtown Toronto, there is a small town feel. It's a perfect mix of local eclectic shops, historic buildings with so many terrific restaurants and pubs. For quite some time, I have wanted to bring the wineries and growers from Prince Edward County and the Niagara Wine Region to Riverside " exclaimed Chef Scott Savoie of Culinary Adventure Company, Toronto's leading culinary tour Company, and a Riverside WineFEST sponsor. From April 13 - 19th experience an Ontario Wine Tour in your backyard when award winning wineries and growers from Prince Edward County and Niagara Wine Region come to Toronto for Riverside Wine Week. Sip and savour your way through Ontario's finest wineries while dining in one of Toronto's hottest restaurants or partaking in tastings and talks in Riverside's local retailers. The Riverside Wine Week finale is a guided wine crawl featuring the highlights of the entire week. From April 13 - 19, 2015, it's a Vine time to be in Riverside.

Riverside Wine Week Hilites

Monday April 13

- FREE Wine & Wellness Seminar with Wine Pairing and Tasting at OMA Chiropractic – 1 Munro St
- BYOW and \$35 Prix Fix Table d’Hôte menu at Table 17. For reservations call 416 519 1851
- BYOW – Tabule at 810 Queen St E - 2 750 mL bottles/group

Tuesday April 14

- FREE Wine Tasting and “Discover Bouquets” Sensory Event at Quince Flowers at 660 Queen St E
- Malivoire Wine Makers Dinner and Wine Pairings at 747 Wine Bar (\$100 per person) – call 416 778 9988 to book your table.

Wednesday April 15th

- Wine & Chocolate Pairing and Workshop with Chocolate Tales at 747 Wine Bar at 747 Queen St E. Please register for the workshop with 747 Wine Bar at 416 778 9988 to reserve a table.
- Vintage Finds and FREE Wine Tastings at Guff Vintage and Custom Furniture at 1 Davies Ave.

Thursday April 16th

- Rose Hill Run Wine Makers Dinner and Wine Pairings at Il Ponte Cucina Italiana at 630 Queen St East. To reserve contact Giancarlo at 416.778.0404 or info@ilponte.ca
- FREE Wine Tastings and Notions Exhibit at macFAB Sews at 734 Queen St E.
- FREE Wine Tastings and Art at Dimensions Custom Framing and Gallery at 733 Queen St E.

Friday April 17th 4- 6 pm

- FREE Wine Tastings and Spring Fashion at Bergstrom Originals at 781 Queen St E
- Prix Fix Dinner and Wine Pairings at participating Riverside Restaurants:
 - Il Ponte Cucina Italiana at 630 Queen St East. Reserve your space for this wonderful evening now – please contact Giancarlo at 416.778.0404 or info@ilponte.ca 747 •
 - Wine Bar at 747 Queen St E.call 416 778 9988 to book your table.

Saturday April 18th

- FREE Wine Expo and More at the Ralph Thornton Centre – 765 Queen St E.

Sunday April 19th

- Cheese & Cheers at Ralph Thornton Centre – 765 Queen St E. \$30/person pre-registration required

Riverside WineFEST Finale – Wine Crawl with expert tour guide Chef Scott Savoie from Culinary Adventure Company - \$50 per person - pre-registration required.

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Although known for its heritage buildings, award-winning restaurants, and the street that inspired the cult classic Degrassi TV series, Riverside’s secret also lies in its artisans and community builders of many sorts in Toronto’s east end. The Historic Riverside District is located on Queen Street East from the DVP to Empire Ave is a well-established contemporary commercial district with strong historical ties.

#RiversideWINE April 13th - 19th

MONDAY 13TH BYOW - TABLE 6/ TABLE 17 * Wine & Wellness at OMA Chiropractic 7:35 - 8 PM	TUESDAY 14TH WINE DINNER - 747 WINE BAR BYOW - TABLE 17 *Discover Bouquets at Quince Flowers 5 - 7 PM	WEDNESDAY 15TH WINE & CHOCOLATE 747 WINE BAR *Wine & Vintage Finds at Guff Vintage and Custom Furniture 4 - 6 PM
THURSDAY 16TH WINE DINNER - IL PONTE *Wine & Art at Dimensions Custom Framing *Wine & Notions at macFAB Sews 5 - 7 PM	FRIDAY 17TH PRIX FIXE DINNER & WINE PAIRING IL PONTE, 747 WINE BAR *Wine & Fashion at Bergstroms Originals 4 - 6 PM	SATURDAY 18TH *WINE EXPO RALPH THORNTON CENTRE *Tasting from 10+ Wineries Culinary Demos Entertainment and more... 3 - 5 PM
SUNDAY 19TH CHEESE & CHEERS 3 - 3 PM WINE CRAWL - CULINARY ADVENTURE CO 4 PM		

FOR PRE-REGISTRATION AND DETAILS VISIT: RIVERSIDE-TO.COM

