

## Prince Edward County Wine Tour Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> 2015

Meet in Port Hope for 9:30 and after a drivers meeting, we depart at 10:00 am. Make sure your gas tank is full as you arrive at the Comfort Inn – there is a gas station and a Tim Horton's right there in the Comfort Inn parking lot. From here we are off to the county where we will be treated the sights like Lake on the Mountain as we make our way to our first vineyard (approximately 1:40) Devils Wishbone where we are treated to a peering of wine and a selection of snacks. Next we drive around the county's peninsula and make our way to Waupoos Estate where we will stop for lunch and another wine tasting. After lunch we are off again on some of the county's best roads where we make our way to winery road which consists of seven winery's, Closson Chase, Lacey Estates, Grange of Prince Edward, Hinterland Wine Company, Trail Estate, Hubbs Creek and Karlo Estates. Here drivers are given 90 minutes to explore the different vineyards and regroup at Karlo Estates where we will all meet for the final and best tasting. Please note that there is a \$5.00 per person for each tasting which consists of 3-4 different wines and peering snacks (eg cheese, crackers ect.) The tasting cost will be collected when we meet at Port Hope for those who will be tasting throughout the day at the three main stops Devils Wishbone, Waupoos Estate and Karlo Estates.

***Lake on the Mountain*** One of Ontario's natural wonders. Lake on the Mountain is a freshwater lake located 62m above the Bay of Quinte and has no visible water source. This memorable location offers a magnificent view overlooking the lake and surrounding countryside.



### ***Devils Wishbone Winery and Vineyard***

The picturesque landscape near Lake On The Mountain frames Devils Wishbone's family winery. Fifteen acres of rolling vineyards overlook the Bay of Quinte. Our century barn houses the winery and tasting room where our handcrafted wines are made. The Devils Wishbone was the name the earliest settlers used for our location due to poor soil conditions for farming. Soil poor for farming can be great for grapes. Enjoy a glass or a bottle of wine with friends and family while enjoying your own picnic on one of our patios or a nearby picnic table.



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**Waupoos Estates Grand** Opening June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001, was featured on CBC news coast to coast. Full steam ahead with the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the winery features wines for all tastes, from crisp dry and semi dry whites to fuller bodied lightly oaked reds, leading to the famous Baco Noir. A new Chocolatier/Gelato Store, featuring specially crafted chocolates made by Donini Chocolates and serving Gelato during the summer months. The Gazebo Restaurant overlooking Prince Edward Bay has undergone spectacular renovations and is the perfect spot to enjoy the award winning wines by the glass, indulge in a light lunch or reserve for a fine dining experience. The venue can be intimate as you wish or a “Special Event” happening!



**Karlo Estates**, owned and operated by husband and wife team Richard Karlo and Sherry Martin, is housed in an 1845 post and beam barn, exuding rustic charm. Artisanal wines are paired with nuts, cheese, and other foods. Knowledgeable staff explains each of the selections. After our tasting, we walked through the vineyard to the largest dry stone bridge in North America. It is a mortarless structure built using 45 tonnes of locally quarried chocolate limestone. Guests are invited to picnic at the bridge and enjoy a glass of wine and the view. The walk through the vineyard allowed us to see the vines first-hand and ask a million questions along the way. The vines are tended to by hand, including picking of the grapes. At Karlo Estates, the wines are wild-fermented (a riskier process that yields glorious results!) with minimal filtration. I like a sweet wine and found my favourite in their Reisling. My husband likes a full-bodied red and fell in love with Quintus, a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec (an unusual grape for the region). The port-like wines were the biggest surprise, particularly the uncommon white variety, the VanAlstine White. Be sure to add Karlo Estates to your list if you are visiting the area. Schedule enough time to enjoy a glass of wine in their screened-in porch, complete with cozy blankets for cuddling up in chillier weather.