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### **Lieutenant Governor attending Cuvée**

Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell will be a special guest this weekend when hundreds gather in Niagara Falls for Cuvée, the annual mid-winter celebration of Ontario's grape and wine industry.

At the invitation of Brock University, Her Honour will join the festivities for the Cuvée Grand Tasting on Friday Feb. 27.

Organized by Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), the event held at Fallsview Casino Resort is one of the largest celebrations of Ontario wine.

The Cuvée Grand Tasting will feature more than 52 Ontario winemakers, each showcasing their favourite wine as well as 13 of the province's top chefs serving signature dishes at live cooking stations.

Proceeds from the Cuvée wine weekend will fund student scholarships and support research needs that are identified by the industry.

Debbie Inglis, CCOVI Director said the Lieutenant Governor's attendance at Cuvée demonstrates her commitment to celebrating and continuing to grow the grape and wine industry, which contributes \$3.3 billion annually to the Ontario economy.

The Lieutenant Governor's office has a history of celebrating excellence in Ontario viticulture and winemaking, and has presented the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines since 2011.

Some tickets are still available for the weekend events. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [cuvée.ca](http://cuvée.ca)

## **About CCOVI**

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) at Brock University was developed in partnership with the Grape Growers of Ontario and the Wine Council of Ontario. Established in 1996, CCOVI is an internationally recognized research institute focused on research priorities of the Canadian grape and wine industry, and on the education and outreach service needs of that community.

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