



## **THE AWO FESTIVAL RETURNS**

### **June 24, 2023 – Save the Date**

#### **Fellow AWO Members**

- Are you tired of social distancing and Zoom meetings?
- Do you miss the social interaction with your fellow winemakers – getting together to discuss winemaking and taste each other's wines?

It's time to get back together in person, to re-connect with fellow winemakers and learn about new tools, techniques and supplies available to home winemakers. It is also the time to attract new winemakers to the AWO and home winemaking and share the vast wealth of winemaking knowledge that AWO members hold.

One of the key messages coming out of the survey of AWO clubs last year is that members want to see a renewed emphasis on AWO educational activities and especially a return to regular AWO Festivals.

We've responded by putting together a team of volunteers from a number of AWO clubs to plan a one-day Festival on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Mohawk College.

Our plan is to provide three streams of seminars to have something that will interest all home winemakers from the novice to the veteran:

- For the novice we are looking at such topics as how to decide what yeast to use or understanding pH and acidity
- For the experienced winemaker topics such as ensuring a successful malolactic fermentation or producing an aperitif wine are being considered
- The final stream focuses on wine tasting including a wine judging contest which could identify potential candidates to train to become a member of the Wine Judges of Canada (WJC)

We'll be providing more details as our planning progresses so please stay tuned, set aside June 24<sup>th</sup> and encourage your fellow club members and anyone you know who might be interested in getting into winemaking to join us in Hamilton.