

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

VQA Ontario wishes you and your families a happy and safe holiday and all the best for the new year!

Please note that the VQA office will be closed from noon on December 24, 2015 until 7:30 am on January 4, 2016. Normal operations at the tasting panel and laboratory will also resume on January 4.

If you wish to have your wine samples in the queue for the week of January 4, please get them to the LCBO no later than December 29. Samples will be processed on a first-come, first served basis.

## **LATE HARVEST AND ICEWINE GRAPE REGISTRATION – ENTER YOUR HARVEST INFORMATION**

Don't forget to record all your harvest data when you harvest grapes for Icewine and late harvest and enter this information into VQA Ontario's online Icewine monitoring registry at <https://office.vqaontario.ca/vqaservices>. For each harvest batch, you will need to record the date, time, ambient temperature at harvest, actual (weighed) tonnes and the volume of the juice. You will also need the brix reading as tested by McKibbin and Associates. More information can be found at <http://www.vqaontario.ca/Regulations/Processes> under the Late Harvest/Icewine tab.

## **ONTARIO WINE INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING SURVEY**

Thank you to everyone who participated! The survey closes today, December 11. We look forward to sharing the first report with you, in the Spring of 2016.