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## Okanagan Wine Discovery

WITH HOWARD SOON

September 21 - 24, 2017

Join Sandhill winemaker Howard Soon for an enlightening and enthusiastic discovery of his favourite Okanagan wines. Start each day with Howard's informative presentation, then enjoy VIP tastings and exclusive access at wineries in the Kelowna, Naramata Bench, and Osoyoos wine regions. We'll be visiting magnificent estates and boutique family-run vineyards and dining in some of the region's most interesting restaurants. This is a unique occasion to enjoy the place, the people, and the wines of the Okanagan in the company of one its most exuberant and dedicated champions.

### YOUR HOST



#### **Howard Soon, BSc'74 - Master Winemaker, Sandhill Single Vineyard Wine**

Howard has been the head winemaker at Sandhill since 1997 where his collaborative relationships with growers and non-interventionist approach have consistently led to award-winning, single vineyard wines. A pioneer in the British Columbia Wine Industry, Howard Soon was the first winemaker in B.C. to receive a Gold Medal at the Chardonnay du Monde in France, release a series of single vineyard designated wines, produce a Super Tuscan blend, and receive Red Wine of the Year, White Wine of the Year and Winery of the Year Canadian Wine Awards. Most recently, Soon was recognized at the 2015 Vancouver International Wine Festival's Celebrating Excellence Awards with the highly coveted Spirited Industry Professional Award.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY:

**WorldwideQuest**  
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Lake Osoyoos



## OUR ITINERARY

### Thursday, Sep. 21: Meet in Kelowna

Plan to arrive at our hotel by 3PM today. Howard kicks off the long weekend with an introduction and reception at Sandhill, catered by students at Okanagan College's Culinary Arts program.

*Overnight: Manteo Resort, Kelowna*

*Meals: Evening wine tasting reception*

### Friday, Sep. 22: Wine tasting in Naramata Bench

The day starts off with Howard's introductory presentation about the area. Then we're off for a full day of touring in the Naramata Bench. Today we're visiting Lake Breeze, awarded 'Best Small Winery in Canada' by Wine Align and a gold medal for their 2014 Syrah at the Fall Wine Fest. Terra Vista Vineyards specializes in small-lot white wines - we'll learn from the winemaker about the varietals in their home vineyard. At Laughing Stock we'll see and taste the well-regarded Bordeaux blend "Portfolio" and barrel fermented Syrah. La Frenz Winery was a Gold Medal winner at the Six Nations Wine Challenge in 2016 and won three Golds at Intervin 2015/2016. We'll stop for lunch, complete with wine pairings, at Red Rooster Winery's The Coop. The end of the day brings us to Spirit Ridge Resort for a two-night stay. Dinner this evening is at the Patio Restaurant of the N'kmip Winery with wine pairings from the estate. Spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills enhance the evening.

*Overnight: Spirit Ridge Resort*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Saturday, Sep. 23: Wine tasting in Osoyoos and Oliver

Following Howard's morning presentation, we're off for another full day of touring. We'll be exploring Osoyoos, Canada's hottest spot and Oliver where the combination of hot days and cool nights produces fruit with the perfect B.C. balance. At Le Vieux Pin, we'll see how winemaker Severine Pinte is producing Rhone-style wines that are lush and delicate. At Culmina Family Estate Winery we'll be hosted by family members for a walk through the vineyards, a tour of the gravity-flow winemaking facility and a tasting of a flight of wines including the flagship Bordeaux-style "Hypothesis" and winery-only options. Check in with us for other visits planned for today. Dinner this evening is at **Chef Chris Van Hooydonk's Backyard Farm Chef's Table** with a menu inspired by seasonal bounty.

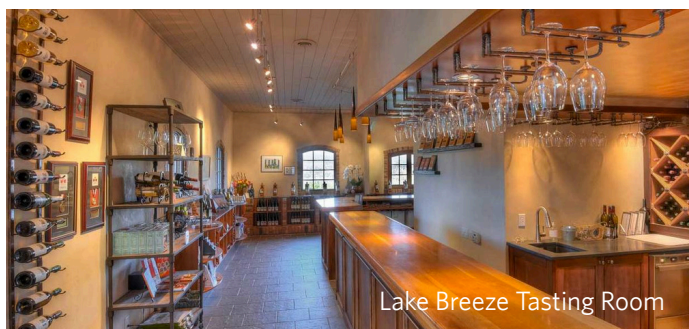
*Overnight: Spirit Ridge Resort*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Sunday, Sep 24: Wine tasting on the way back to Kelowna

After Howard's presentation, we head back towards Kelowna where B.C.'s first wines were planted in 1859. Visit the **Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards**, for a very special sommelier guided tasting of their whites and sparkling wines. We are lunching at **Quail's Gate**, one of the top 100 restaurants in Canada featuring farm-to-table cuisine, suitably paired with award-winning wines. After lunch, we return to Kelowna, dropping off at a central location.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*



Lake Breeze Tasting Room

*Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in this tour brochure are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events and winery availability.*

Osoyoos



## TOUR DETAILS

**Tour Cost (per person):** C\$2495 +GST

**Group Size:**

Limited to 18 participants.

**What's Included:**

- Accommodation based on double occupancy in hotels listed or similar
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Wine with meals
- All transportation by private coach
- Bottled water on the coach
- Full program of wine tastings
- Gratuities for hotels, winery visits, restaurants, and coach driver

**Not Included:**

- Roundtrip airfare from your home to join the tour
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Additional arrangements required due to any emergency or other situation
- Any item not mentioned in "included features" above

**Payment Details:**

A non-refundable deposit of C\$500 per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

### How to Book

Please contact Amanda  
at the Worldwide  
Quest Office.

1-800-387-1483

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

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### Joining Instructions

This tour begins with our briefing and welcome reception at 6PM on September 21st. Please ensure that you arrive Kelowna by 3PM to join the group. The tour concludes in Kelowna at approximately 3PM. Please verify timings before making any onward arrangements.

### Accommodation

The elegant, modern Manteo Resort is located in downtown Kelowna with views of the lake and mountains. The Spirit Ridge Resort is an adobe-style resort hotel surrounded by desert, mountains, vineyards, and Osoyoos Lake.

### Transportation

We will travel by private coach driven by a professional driver.

### Weather

We expect mainly sunny skies with daytime temperatures ranging from 18 - 23° C and overnight lows of 7 - 10° C.

## ADDITIONAL INFO

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