

# IWFS OAKVILLE

June 21st, 2014

## NORTH INDIAN DINNER



### TONIGHT'S WINES

reviews and information

### HIGHLANDER BREW COMPANY



Highlander Brew Co. is located in South River, Ontario, in the Almaguin Highlands from which Highlander takes its name. The brewery is on the Northern

edge of Algonquin Park, making Highlander one of the most northerly craft breweries in Ontario.

Highlander began operations in 2009 when Brewmaster Brian Wilson made the brewery's first beer, a traditional Scottish Ale. Using four varieties each of malt and hops, and cracking barley on site to ensure freshness, Highlander was soon a favourite of the region.

Highlander has expanded its line to four products with the addition of Twisted Spruce, Blacksmith Smoked Porter and Lion Grass Ale.

Not sure what tonight's selection will be... here are some reviews of the Scottish ale:

Highlander Scottish Ale has a bright red almond colour with toasted malt, a hint of caramel, and a touch of fruit aromas. It has medium body, with coffee and chocolate flavours, nice hop balance and nutty finish.



3.3 AROMA 5/10 APPEARANCE 4/5  
TASTE 7/10 PALATE 4/5 OVERALL 13/20

lux.edwards (94) - - MAY 10, 2014

675 ml. Aroma of toffee and roasted malts. Taste of bitter hops. Appearance is amber with white head. Overall: great ale from a small town.

3.1 AROMA 6/10 APPEARANCE 3/5  
TASTE 6/10 PALATE 3/5 OVERALL 13/20

reebtogi (3982) - Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA - MAY 1, 2014

650ml bottle pours amber in color with a finger and a half of white head that leaves

some spotted lacing on the glass. Aroma is caramel with some light smoke. Taste is a caramel malty sweetness with a herbal bitterness and a light smoky finish. Light to medium bodied with moderate carbonation. A decent brew for the style, but there are better ones out there.

3.5 AROMA 6/10 APPEARANCE 4/5 TASTE 7/10  
PALATE 3/5 OVERALL 15/20

Canmoore (221) - Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA - APR 26, 2014

Pours a rich amber with a thin tan head, aroma includes smoke, nuts, toffee, fruits and tannins. Taste includes rich toasty malts, fruity, hoppy, and a nutty finish. Not bad at all!

3.7 AROMA 7/10 APPEARANCE 3/5 TASTE 8/10  
PALATE 3/5 OVERALL 16/20

torontojay (24) - Ontario, CANADA - NOV 16, 2013

650 ml bottle from LCBO. Nice enough, drinkable beer. Nothing extraordinary, however. Nice dark brown ale, with very little head and light carbonation. Very watery mouthfeel, and malty in flavour. I liked it, but no more or less than many other examples of ales out there.

## VINELAND ESTATES SEMI-DRY RIESLING VQA

LCBO 232033 | 750 mL bottle

Price \$ 13.95

This is a VQA wine

Made in: Ontario, Canada By: Vineland Estate Wines Limited

9.0% Alcohol/Vol.

David Lawrason

This is a very well made, bright and fresh riesling that is actually not as sweet as the "semi-dry" designation might indicate. Look for youthful grapefruit/lemon, green pear and petrol aromas and flavours, but they are not very intense. It's light to medium bodied, crisp, tart and lemony on the finish. Good to very good length. Tasted October 2013

Ben MacPhee-Sigurdson

Always a great value, the Vineland Semi-Dry Riesling offers crunchy apple, melon, floral and pear notes on the nose. While off-dry, this Riesling has a tart lemon candy and green apple edge that brings acidity and, as a result, some length while never becoming cloying in the residual sugar department.

Michael Pinkus

I find myself to be a waffler when it comes to Vineland Rieslings: sometimes I'm a fan of the Dry version and in other years I find myself drawn to the Semi-Dry ... the 2010 is definitely a Semi-Dry kinda year ... but don't get all hung to on the semi-dry name because here's it really is just a name. There is a nice sweet entry but it's after the initial taste that this wine shines it's brightest and best. The acidity is so well balanced that you'll forget all about that sweet entry the moment it hits the mid-to-back palate ... there's a Country Time Lemonade tartness in the middle before it finishes with big acid and green apple ... sweet entry, tart finish and delicious length ... this is

summertime in a glass - now buy a bottle and find yourself a patio. Price: \$13.95 - Rating: \*\*\*\*

## ADRIANO RAMOS PINTO DUAS QUINTAS 2011

VINTAGES 359893 | 750 mL bottle



Price \$ 19.95

Made in: Douro, Portugal

By: Adriano Ramos Pinto - Vinhos S.A.

Release Date: Jun 7, 2014

Wine, Red Wine

13.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Style: Full-bodied & Firm

Quinta de Ervamoira is located in the heart of the Douro, in schist soil and at low altitude.

The grapes are grown in a hot, dry climate, allowing for deep maturation.

In granite soil, at a higher altitude, we find Quinta dos Bons Ares where the grapes mature in fresh, windy weather that gives them freshness and vivacity.

It was careful tasting that made it possible to join "Duas Quintas" in a unique, fruity, strong and complex wine.

Grapes varieties: Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional.

Conservation: Store the bottle on its side in a cool, dark place

Temperature: 18° to 20°C

Food pairing and serving suggestions: Meat. Italian pasta.

Asian fusion cuisine.

Prémios:

- Silver Medal, DQ Red 2008, Decanter World Wine Awards 2010, UK
- - 90+/100 - DQ Red 2007, For the love of Porto, Roy Hersh, USA
- 89/100 - DQ Red 2009, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 2011, USA

Displays a deep red colour with purplish hues. The powerful nose offers aromas of blackberry jam and scents of violet. You will love to discover this pleasantly fresh red offers substantial tannins. In retro-olefaction, flavours of wild fruit, flint and sweet

spices. With a texture that is almost creamy, it features a persistent finish.

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## BOUGRIER VOUVRAY CHENIN BLANC AOC

LCBO 253229 | bottle de 750 mL

Price \$ 14.75

Made in: Loire, France

By: Bougrier

Wine, White Wine

12.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Style: Off-dry & Fruity

Varietal: Chenin Blanc

DJ Kearney

I've enjoyed previous vintages of this solid Vouvray much more, and the tricky 2012 vintage has shaped a lighter, less ripe version. A hint of quince and apple peeks through wooly, medicinal notes. Mushroom, celery salt and green fruit flavours dominate a slightly off-dry honeyed finish. Tasted September 2013. Rhys Pender, MW

Chenin Blanc is underrated and can come across in many different styles from steely dry to honeyed sweet. This is of the slightly off-dry style with honey, tropical fruits, cantaloupe, pineapple and hints of bees wax and damp straw. The hint of sugar on the palate is more than balanced by the high acidity and then honey, pineapple, lemon, peach, hay and baking spice notes linger on the finish. Great value, only 11.5% alcohol but feels rich yet refreshing at the same time. (Tasted Mar 2014)

Classic Vouvray from the Loire, with sweetly gentle flavours. Aromas of white peach, chalk, yellow apple and acacia lead into flavours of ripe cling peach, melon and a hint of tangerine on the finish. Absolutely delicious!

The Bougrier has myriad mineral notes (calcaire, chalk, limestone, wet crushed gravel) in the aromas and flavours, with a slightly sweet mouth feel very characteristic of Vouvray. It's seductive and charming and would also chime with a big bird — but lobster, king crab or shellfish are even better dishes to play with as main-dish alternatives on Thanksgiving.