



# BC Wine Grape Council

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## **2017 B.C. Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program**

**JANUARY 30:** Notification deadline for participation

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**FEBRUARY 6-10:** Participants pick up wines at designated locations.

**FEBRUARY 20-24:** analysis of wines.

**MARCH 1-3:** re-analysis if necessary.

**MARCH 15:** Summerland Research Centre results & seminars meeting.

The B.C. Wine Grape Council (BCWGC) is offering industry the opportunity to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual laboratory proficiency testing. We invite all wineries, growers and commercial laboratories to participate in this voluntary program which tests and compares 8 common winemaking measurements while maintaining laboratory anonymity. The cost is \$40 per laboratory which includes a 750 ml bottle of red and a 750 ml bottle of white wine for analysis. The BCWGC Lab Proficiency committee will co-ordinate and assist with wine distribution with the Summerland Research Centre compiling the results.

Laboratory proficiency testing is used by the wine industry to verify and monitor accuracy of their laboratory test results. The results are coded, compiled, statistically analysed, graphed and sent to each participant so they can see how accurate their results are within the group of participants. This program generates results that clearly show the precision and accuracy of your lab analysis. Your individual lab profile will indicate if your analysis falls outside the norm and if so you will have an opportunity to re-test your results. If the individual lab results deviate significantly from the consensus values labs they are encouraged to review their reagents and procedures. Once the final report is completed there will be an opportunity to meet and discuss the results, analytical methods and any concerns a laboratory may want to raise with qualified technicians. The presentation of results and laboratory-based seminars will be held at the Summerland Research Centre on **March 15, 2017**.

**New this year, all labs certified with the B.C. Wine Authority (BCWA) will be required to participate annually in the laboratory proficiency testing program.** Due to our strict confidentiality policy, identification of individual laboratories results to the BCWA will be the responsibility of the certified laboratory. Confirmation of the results by the BCWGC to the BCWA will only be provided upon written permission from each laboratory.

We will be gathering data on the following analysis but please note **analyzing all parameters is not required to participate**. Choose only those you wish to analyze in order to compare your results to other laboratories:

- Residual sugar (in grams/litre)
- pH
- Titratable Acidity (in grams/litre tartaric acid & 8.2 endpoint)
- Volatile Acidity (in grams/litre acetic acid)

- Free SO<sub>2</sub> (in ppm or mg/l)
- Total SO<sub>2</sub> (in ppm or mg/l)
- Alcohol (% by volume)
- Malic Acid (in grams/litre)

**The \$40 participation fee will be due when picking up your samples.** Payment is in cash or a cheque made out to the 'B.C. Wine Grape Council'. Receipts will be issued by the BC Wine Grape Council. If you want to arrange payment directly with the BCWGC prior to pick up please communicate with Kate Durisek at the contact information above. The wine samples will be ready for pick up at the following locations from **February 6-10:**

**NORTH OKANAGAN:**

- Sandhill Winery, 1125 Richter Street (corner of Richter & Vaughan), Kelowna.  
Phone: 250-979-4211. See tasting room staff.  
Hours: Monday to Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm / Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**CENTRAL OKANAGAN:**

- Okanagan Wine Lab, 204 Moorpark Drive, Penticton.  
Phone: 250-717-0788. Contact: Nik Durisek [results@okwinelab.com](mailto:results@okwinelab.com)  
Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**OKANAGAN FALLS:**

- Liquidity Winery, 4720 Allendale Road, Okanagan Falls.  
Phone: 250-487-9891. Contact: Alison Moyes [Alison@liquiditywines.com](mailto:Alison@liquiditywines.com)  
Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**SOUTH OKANAGAN/SIMILKAMEEN:**

- Dry Creek Vineyard, 4816 Highway 97, Oliver.  
Phone: 250-498-4781. Contact: Lynn Bremmer [Bremmer@MtKobau.bc.ca](mailto:Bremmer@MtKobau.bc.ca)  
Hours: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.

**FRASER VALLEY / ISLAND WINERIES / OTHER AREAS:**

- Contact Lynn Bremmer at 250-498-4781 or [Bremmer@mtkobau.bc.ca](mailto:Bremmer@mtkobau.bc.ca) for shipping details.

This year we will attempt online data entry and will advise you on this when wine samples are picked up. Please analyze wines during the week of **February 20-24** and submit results online to Kevin Usher at the Summerland Research Centre: [Kevin.usher@agr.gc.ca](mailto:Kevin.usher@agr.gc.ca)  
If you have analysis questions please contact Kevin at his email or 250-404-3336.  
Re-checks, if necessary (Kevin will let you know), should be analyzed **March 1-3:**

Please let Lynn Bremmer know by **January 30** if you would like to participate and where you would like to pick up your samples:

[Bremmer@MtKobau.bc.ca](mailto:Bremmer@MtKobau.bc.ca) or Phone: 250-498-4781

We look forward to your participation in this important industry initiative.  
Regards,

Lynn Bremmer,  
Chair, B.C. Wine Grape Council



