

Tony Aspler

Tony Aspler has been writing about wine for 30 years and today he is the most widely respected wine writer in Canada. He was the wine columnist for The Toronto Star for 21 years and has authored eleven books on wine and food, including 'The Wine Lover's Companion', 'The Wine Lover Cooks' and 'Travels With My Corkscrew' and 'Vintage Canada'. Tony's latest book is 'The Wine Atlas of Canada' (published by Random House in October, 2006)

Tony is an accomplished wine educator and lecturer. He averages 40 - 50 personal appearances a year at seminars and lectures.

Tony the creator of the annual Ontario Wine Awards competition, an honorary governor of Cuvée and a director of the Independent Wine & Spirit Trust. He is also a director of The Canadian Wine Library and serves on the wine selection committee for Air Canada. At the Niagara Grape & Wine Festival 2000, Tony was presented with the 'Royal Bank Business Citizen of the Year' Award.

Tony writes for a number of international wine magazines, including Wine Spectator, Wine Business International, Harper's, Tidings, Post City Magazines, Fine Wine & Liquor (China), www.decanter.com and www.appellationamerica.com in Australia. He is the Canadian contributor to Tom Stevenson's annual 'Wine Report'. You can hear Tony on 680News – Friday, Saturday and Sunday - talking about wine.

Tony also writes fiction. He is the author of nine novels. His latest series is a collection of wine murder mysteries featuring the itinerant wine writer/detective Ezra Brant: 'Blood Is Thicker Than Beaujolais', 'The Beast of Barbaresco', and 'Death On The Douro' (published by Warwick Publishing). He is currently working on 'Nightmare In Napa Valley.'

In February 2001, Tony co-founded a charitable foundation with Arlene Willis. 'Grapes for Humanity' raises money through the wine community for the victims of landmines and children with disabilities (www.grapesforhumanity.com).

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