

## Media Advisory

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### **Cave Spring Cellars and Pillitteri Estate Winery/Vittoria Trattoria Sponsors Sommelier Award for Algonquin Student**

**Who:** Cave Spring Cellars and Pillitteri Estate Winery/Vittoria Trattoria will present 2 Algonquin College Sommelier Program graduates with Sommelier Awards of Excellence at the C.A. Paradis Gala Award Dinner.

Andre Morgenthaler, widely-published wine writer and educator from South Africa, will be on hand to give the keynote address.

**What:** The Sommelier Award of Excellence is given to the Algonquin College Sommelier Program's most outstanding student of each graduating class. The award includes a commemorative plaque and trophy, an all-inclusive trip for two to the Niagara wine region, and a V.I.P. winery tours.

**When:** Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Restaurant International, Algonquin College's Woodroffe Campus.

**Why:** The Sommelier Certificate Program is a two-year program at Algonquin College's Woodroffe Campus that boasts the region's only dedicated wine-tasting room, the C.A. Paradis Wine Lab, as well as the region's only Ministry of Education certification for Sommeliers.

There are over 350 students registered annually in Algonquin College's Sommelier Certificate Program. Past graduates have gained positions as sommeliers, restaurateurs, and marketing and sales executives in the food, wine, and beverage industry across Canada and the United States.