



A Toast to Ontario's Books

OMDC, Ontario Craft Brewers and Wine Country Ontario invite you to enjoy a pairing of Ontario books, beer and wine this summer. It's a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Trillium Book Award. Enjoy a selection of winning works from the past 24 years of the Ontario government's prestigious award for literature, paired with Ontario's finest craft beer and wine.

Book and Beer Pairings



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Muskoka Mad Tom IPA

Crazy and turbulent times with the clash of civilizations, like in Jean Mohsen Fahmy's *L'Agonie des dieux*, require strength and depth of character. Tradition shows that India Pale Ales (IPA's) were created for such times. Mad Tom IPA's bold piney, herbal aroma invites the reader into the citrus and slightly fruity notes of dry hopping balanced with a backbone of gentle sweet malt and followed up with a robust hop bitterness.



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Amsterdam Framboise

Life's journey can often be full of feelings of solitude and isolation. To make the journey a little easier, a comforting companion would be very welcome. The inviting aroma of fresh raspberries introduces us to our new friend. This light refreshing beer will be an ideal companion as we sit on the patio and dive into *Tant de vie s'égare*.



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Flying Monkey's Optical Illusion Almost Pale Ale

The emotional roller coaster of a journey of four seasons in one day necessitates a beer of complexity and resilience. As with the imagery created by Michèle Matteau's poetry, the Flying Monkey's label creates the expectation of excitement. Optical Illusion highlights the nuances of hops complimented with a variety of malts providing a multi faceted background as the poems take us from joy to pain and certainty to doubt.



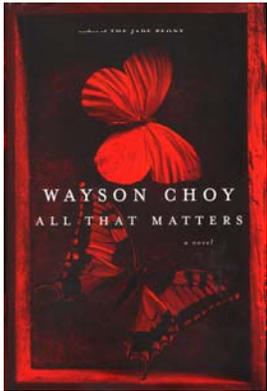


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Wellington County's Imperial Russian Stout

It is generally in the darkness one finds mistaken perceptions, creeping catastrophe and an eros of danger. Strength will be required to match the intensity of *Pigeon* and it will be found in the richness of roasted malts, hints of caramel and molasses, and the imperial, 8% alcohol content, of this amazing smooth Russian Stout.



Wayson Choy: "All That Matters" (2005)

In this sequel to his bestselling first novel, *The Jade Peony*, Wayson Choy again takes us to the Vancouver of the 1930s and 1940s to follow the lives of the Chen family. The experiences of First Son, Kiam-Kim are depicted, whose childhood and adolescence is set in a strict but caring Chinatown. Blending rich historical detail with powerful personal stories, *All That Matters* follows Kiam-Kim as he learns the responsibilities and rewards of family and community, as he approaches adulthood in a city much divided, and faces decisions about what truly matters in life.

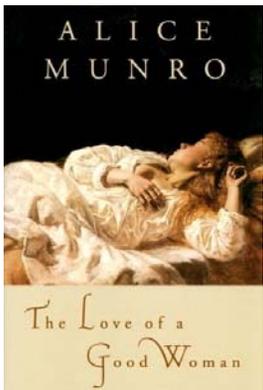
King Pilsner

As with Wayson Choy's novel, the story of pilsner beer is one of rich historical context. In 1842, the brewers of Pilsen confronted their responsibilities to improve the standards of their beer. Their decision to commit to high quality was rewarded in the creation of one of the world's most popular and respected styles of beer. With gentle malts supporting the wonderful hoppy notes of this golden elixir, King Pilsner will be a wonderful compliment to *All That Matters*.



Alice Munro – The Love of a Good Woman (1999)

In these eight stories, Alice Munro, with her uncanny insight and grace, reveals what people will do for love, and the unexpected roads their passions will lead them down. An elderly landlady, who alarms the just-married narrator with her prim advice on married life, is shown to have conspired in a crime of passion years earlier; a young mother's exhilarating secret life leads her to abandon her children for her lover; a farmer's wife has an affair, driving him to commit a murder. Startling in its explorations of the imperfections of marriage, the headiness of our emotional lives, and the impermanence of love, the stories in this collection are at once intimate and humorous, and, as with all of Munro's stories, utterly cut to the bone of truth.



Mill Street Belgian-Style Wit Beer

As with Alice Munro's work, Wit beer exhibits grace and its cloudy straw like colour leads to unexpected experiences. Its secret ingredients of orange peel and coriander provide refreshing spicy citrus notes which provide intimacy and joy. But, as often with love stories, it possesses a tart finish.





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Creekside Estate Winery, 2010 Sauvignon Blanc

Jean Mohsen Fahmy's *L'Agonie des dieux* is a story of the struggles of ruling empires of the fourth century. A story of complex characters and a reflection of the resilience of the human spirit. We suggest sipping Creekside's 2010 Sauvignon Blanc while enjoying this book. The palate is complex and the bright flavors and crisp acidity will engage your palate in the same way the descriptive narrative will engage your imagination.

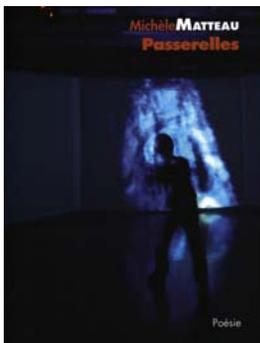


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Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery, 2010 Pinot Noir

Much like the theme in Andrée Lacelle's *Tant de vie s'égare*, of how man's solitude in the world favours his beginnings with childlike innocence and amazement, when the winemaker confronts Pinot Noir (the 'heartbreak' grape) he must start each season with childlike optimism. But this grape is a fickle one – it can be perfect in the vineyard one day, then rot the next. Each vintage is a saga of love or loss – when he succeeds with Pinot Noir, the winemaker hits the highest highs, and when he fails, he hits the lowest lows. The winemaker is in love with this grape and it is this love that compels him despite the regular adversity it brings.



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Black Prince Winery, Chardonnay 2010 VQA Prince Edward County

Like the poetry of Michèle Matteau's *Passerelles*, wine is also part of the human journey. The elegance of this un-oaked Chardonnay, like a summer breeze with hints of pear and apple on the nose, unfolds as one sips it waiting for the last light of dusk while recalling the vivid imagery of the day, or as in *Passerelles* - the passing of the seasons all within one day. Fruit forward, crisp and clean with a well-balanced acidity and a long smooth finish, it is a wonderful companion to the stories found in her collection - this delightfully full-bodied wine is like poetry for the pallet.



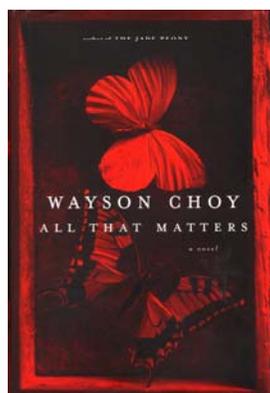


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Reif Estates Winery, 2010 Cabernet Merlot

The 2010 vintage was a fantastic one for red wines in Ontario, as summer-like weather in spring and fall extended the growing season and allowed the grapes to reach ripeness not seen in a couple of years. As a result, this wine has a complexity of flavours that will be the perfect balance to the collection of dynamic poems in *Pigeon*. As you delve into Karen Solie's verses of fate, love, catastrophe and danger, this wine will take your palate on a journey of black cherry, raspberry, leather and earthy spice notes. The layers of the flavours in this wine will be in harmony with the rollercoaster of emotions evoked by the author's poetic intelligence and razor-sharp wit.



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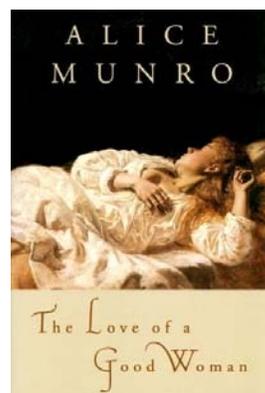
GreenLane Estate Winery - 2010 GreenLane Estate Pinot Gris- Riesling

A powerful novel about values and the good things in life paired with a wine crafted with similar ideals and passion. Aromatic and vibrant with a strong acid backbone, this refreshing blend is a perfect summer sipper. Enjoy it with friends or in the quieter moments with book in hand.



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Aure Wines, 2011 Rosé

Aure Wines' Rosé, with its strawberry colour and crisp, exciting taste will pair with Alice Munro's "The Love of a Good Woman". Through numerous short stories, Munro reveals hidden secrets and sensational adventures that women encounter; much like the hidden secrets and sensational adventures you and your girlfriends may discover over the many glasses of our 2011 Rosé.

