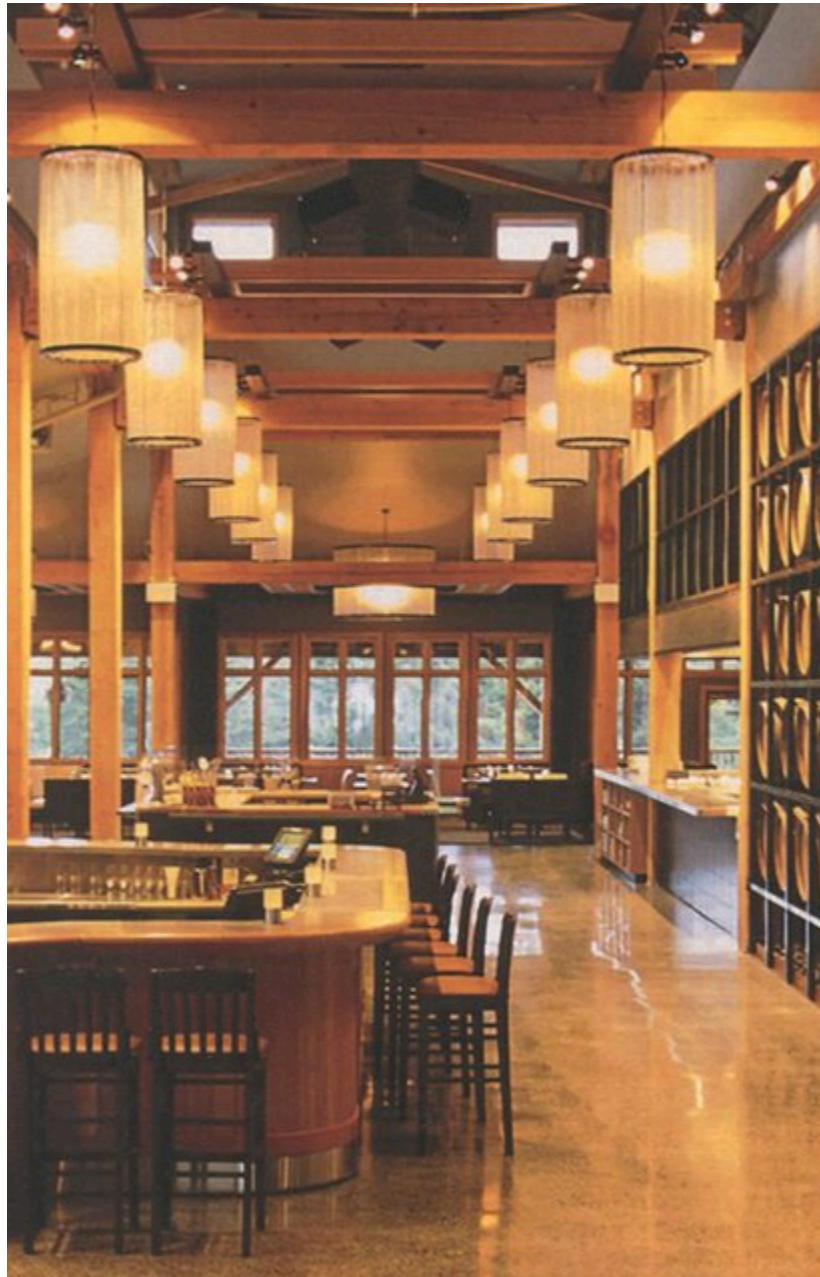


## CHURCH AND STATE WINERY TOUR

On Saturday, May 30, 2015, one of the tours offered will be to the Church and State Winery on Saanich Peninsula, north of Victoria for a wine tasting.

A growing wine industry on the peninsula has been achieving some noteworthy recognition. Church and State has produced some fine wines both red and white. In 2009, 2011, 2013 it produced the best red wine in Canada in competition with the many vineyards of the Okanagan in B.C., and those in Ontario and the Maritimes. It is also ranked as the third best winery in British Columbia.

### TASTING ROOM & BISTRO



A bus will leave the hotel at 1:00 PM to make the trip to the winery where we will taste at least four different wines. There will be an opportunity to buy bottles of any of the wines you particularly like, to take back home and sample with your friends. We will return to the hotel around 3:30 PM to prepare for the night's Gala festivities.

Along the way to and from the winery you will see a little of the countryside surrounding Victoria. On returning to the hotel, don't forget that 5:00PM is a meet and greet in the hotel bar mezzanine and the veranda off of the bar, before the Gala dinner at 6:00PM and musical entertainment by the internationally famous Greater Victoria Police Chorus. Don't forget that the dress code is business attire unless you are fortunate enough to have period dress from the 1780's.

### **CARL'S WINE CORNER**

***“Loyalists Come West 2015”*** Carl Stymiest, Co-Chair for the 2015 UELAC Annual Conference is a wine connoisseur. At the 2015 Conference, one of the two Friday afternoon tours is to ***Church & State Winery*** near Victoria, B.C.

The Church and State 'Viognier' wine he sampled is rich in colour. This lovely *Viognier* has aromas of honeysuckle, white peaches, acacia flowers and nectarines. On the palate, the wine is soft, delicate, and beautifully balanced. The above-mentioned aromas carry through in the mouth and mingle with notes of vanilla and toast from the barrel fermentation.

Carl rates this *Viognier* wine as a four out of five stars!

Church & State Winery's ***“Trebella-2012”*** is a Winner to say the least. ***“Trebella-2012”*** won the ***GOLD Award from the National Wine Awards of Canada***. The Vancouver Sun, quoting Gismondi on Wine writes, ***“Marsanne, roussanne and viognier is a blend that works in B.C. TreBella has been nailing it for a while and the 2012 may be the best yet. A little less exotic and a little more fresh, it is a juicy mix of nectarine fruit and skin with peachy, succulent apricot flavours and textures. The grapes for this wine were picked from the Bella and Second Chapter vineyards in late October. Aged in French oak and acacia barrels and lees stirred regularly for six months. Impressive.”***

Carl Rates this ***“Trebella-2012”*** a 5 out of 5 Stars!

Visit the Victoria Branch website to keep up-to-date on the planning for 2015.  
[www.uelac.org/uelvictoria/UELAC-Conference-2015-Victoria-BC.htm](http://www.uelac.org/uelvictoria/UELAC-Conference-2015-Victoria-BC.htm)

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