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CANADIAN WINES SELECTED FOR EAITC OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

The Honourable Shirley Martin, Minister of State (Indian Affairs and Northern Development), representing the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie, today announced the names of Canadian wines recommended by an independent panel of experts for use at External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) functions in Canada and at diplomatic missions abroad.

Mrs. Martin made the announcement at a second wine selection being organized by EAITC. Twenty-five wineries participated, entering 171 different wines produced from Canadian grapes.

"Our country is producing fine wines - wines that we can be proud to serve anywhere in the world," said Mrs. Martin. She added that Canadian wineries have been attracting attention recently by winning awards at international wine competitions.

EAITC organized again this year the wine selection to raise awareness, in Canada and abroad, of the quality of many Canadian fine wines.

As in 1988, this function was supervised by Mr. Andrew Sharp, a recognized wine authority and expert on Canadian wines. Eight leading wine writers from across Canada were chosen as judges for the event.

A list of the selected wines is attached.

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