



Township 7

Vineyards & Winery

***Wilde at the Winery: Township 7 Winery & Twisted Tree Theatre Present***  
*"An Ideal Husband" this Summer in the Okanagan & Fraser Valleys*

NARAMATA, BC – JULY 6, 2011 – Township 7 Vineyards & Winery and Twisted Tree Theatre/Bare Bones Production have partnered for their second year to produce one of Oscar Wilde's most enduringly popular plays, *An Ideal Husband*. Performances run from the end of July to mid August for only \$20 per ticket with partial proceeds from ticket sales in support of the Rotary Okanagan International Children's Festival and Blacklock Fine Arts School in Vancouver. Guests are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy a picnic along with Township 7 wines. A highly acclaimed boutique British Columbia winery, Township 7 produces wines of character, grace and passion from the finest vineyards in the Okanagan and Fraser Valleys.



First produced over a century ago in London January 1895, Wilde was arrested a few months after the premiere due to his notoriously unconventional lifestyle, with his name publicly removed from the play. Set in late Victorian England, the comedy centers around sex, blackmail and political corruption. Set over the course of 24 hours, the play is a brilliant mix of farce and morality, infused with pithy witticisms, satirizing the conventions and social hypocrisy of the time.

Performances at Township 7 will be held amongst the vines in their picturesque Naramata winery at 1450 McMillan Avenue on July 29, 30 and August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and for the first time in their Langley winery at 21152 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue on August 12-13. Open seating commences at 6:00 pm, with the play beginning at 7:00 pm. Alfresco picnics and wines by the glass will be available for purchase. *Wilde at the Winery* tickets are available through Twisted Tree Theatre Company at 604-803-1166 [jen@twistedtreetheatre.com](mailto:jen@twistedtreetheatre.com) or Township 7 at 250-770-1743, 604.532.1766 or [wine@township7.com](http://wine@township7.com).

"Wine and the arts are truly a perfect pairing. We're proud to support the marriage of the two with one of our own winery employees, Jen Viens, and her up-and-coming Twisted Tree theatre company," said Mike Raffan, Proprietor Township 7. "We encourage theatre enthusiasts from across the Pacific Northwest to join us at our two wineries and be entertained by one of Oscar Wilde's outstandingly funny plays, who's biting political satire is as relevant today as it was in over a century ago."

"Twisted Tree is so excited to partner with Township 7 Vineyards and Winery for another year of *Wilde at the Winery*. Their support of the arts in these challenging economic times is greatly appreciated," said Jen Viens, Producer, Twisted Tree Theatre Company. "Last year was a rousing success, and such a true reflection of what Twisted Tree Theatre stands for; real, accessible, and entertaining theatre in a laid back and welcoming atmosphere. We are looking forward to the adventure that this year will bring!"

#### ABOUT TWISTED TREE



Twisted Tree Theatre is a vibrant young theatre company whose members are dedicated to sharing their passion for theatre and the stage with their community. The company's energetic staff focuses on producing high-quality, entertaining and accessible live theatre; drama programming and instruction; and community support to foundations and organizations with a focus on children and the arts. Twisted Tree Theatre has produced such shows as *The Santaland Diaries*, *My Cup Ranneth Over*, and *The Vagina Monologues* to name a few. Aside from its focus on live theatre, Twisted Tree Theatre provides programming and instruction in performance arts to kids of all ages; anywhere from 3 to 93! Classes and courses run the gamut of topics, from improv and clowning, to script writing and film. Whether you are learning about the craft, or relaxing at a performance, we want you to feel at ease, enriched, and in-the-moment. [www.twistedtreetheatre.com](http://www.twistedtreetheatre.com)

## **ABOUT TOWNSHIP 7 VINEYARDS & WINERY**

Old World inspired. Artisan winemaking. Handcrafted with a minimalist philosophy. BC's only urban and rural wineries, Township 7 has two locations -- the charming, south Langley countryside and Okanagan Valley's picturesque Naramata Bench. Open year round, with tours and wine tastings daily, we offer cultural and culinary experiences, community fundraisers, wine seminars and winemaker dinners. At Township 7 we focus on the production of small lot, high quality wines crafted with carefully chosen, sustainably grown grapes from our estate vineyards and partner growers. All fruit is hand-harvested, followed by gentle pressing to preserve fruit integrity. These minimally intrusive winemaking techniques create balanced, naturally complex, flavourful wines. Our premium approach to crafting distinctive wines authentic to their varietal character has garnered Township 7 numerous 90+ ratings and over 100 awards. These wines are available at both our wineries, and in limited quantities at select restaurants and wine shops across Canada. [www.township7.com](http://www.township7.com)

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High resolution Wilde at the Winery images available upon request.

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