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Blasted Church Vineyards welcomes chef John Burke

[Okanagan Falls, BC] The team at Blast Church Vineyards is excited to announce the hiring of a chef, John Burke, who will be responsible for the winery's new food program for The House, the tasting room, and special events.

Burke, who began his career in Vancouver at the prestigious Wedgewood Hotel, has been working in the industry for more than 20 years. He has worked in the kitchens of Vancouver restaurants and several kitchens in the Okanagan including Hillside Bistro and The Bench Market, as well as honed his butchery skills at A&K Grimm's Sausage. Most recently, Burke has been showcasing his style of cooking to the wonderful customers of Front Street Brasserie, of which he was co-owner and executive chef for the past six years.

He now brings that dedication, enthusiasm, and culinary ability to Blast Church Vineyards, where he is excited to showcase the style of cooking that suits the perfectly balanced, award-winning wines that Evan Saunders creates in the cellar and John Bayley nurtures in the vineyards. Burke will be working alongside his wife, and former Front Street Brasserie business partner Lisa Baxter-Burke, who is the new experience manager at Blast Church Vineyards.

As announced last week, The House, a new tasting space at the Okanagan Falls winery, will be the venue for bespoke food and wine pairings and will showcase chef Burke's cooking demos. This space will also be an ideal corporate party event area. Guests will also be able to enjoy BBQ snacks by the winery's poolside while they sip on a glass of their favourite award-winning wine and soak up some sunshine.



To receive updates on Blast Church's new food and wine experiences, [sign up to the newsletter here](#).



ABOUT BLASTED CHURCH VINEYARDS

Located in the Heart of Wine Country TM, and in the heart of the revered Skaha Bench Sub GI is Blasted Church Vineyards.

Named for the Okanagan Falls-based house of prayer that was dismantled and rebuilt in 1929, Blasted Church, with its gently blasphemous stance, has become one of BC's most notable and awarded BC wineries. While showcasing a wit and often irreverent sensibility, the team at Blasted Church is all about the production of serious wine.

The team applies progressive farming practices to produce handcrafted, small-lot wines that have gathered accolades from the most respected wine critics in Canada and beyond. Landing the accolade of #2 ranked winery in BC and #3 in Canada by WineAlign's National Wine Awards is a win the winery team is very proud of.

Visitors to the winery can experience a taste of the sublime, taking in their choice of heavenly wine and food experiences while enjoying the incredible Skaha Lake views from the tasting room or pool area.

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