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Le Clos Jordanne Returns
Original winemaker Thomas Bachelder spearheading the
rebirth of esteemed Niagara wines

June 13, 2019 - [Toronto, ON] - From 2007 to 2016, Jordan, Ontario's Le Clos Jordanne® produced some of the world's most-esteemed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Today, Arterra Wines Canada announced the rebirth of these internationally-acclaimed wines, in partnership with Le Clos Jordanne's original winemaker, Thomas Bachelder. Single-vineyard, Burgundian-style Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines will be released by Le Clos Jordanne in November 2019.

Le Clos Jordanne was originally founded with the goal of producing ultra-premium, Burgundian-style wines expressive of the unique terroir of the Jordan Bench. The vineyards were planted with rootstock imported directly from Burgundy and low-yield vines were harvested using an unhurried approach - hand-picked, hand-sorted and moved using a gravity flow system that ensured careful handling. These techniques, combined with Bachelder's personal expertise in cool-climate winemaking, helped create wines that truly raised the bar on quality for the Canadian wine industry and put the Niagara region's terroir on the map.

"As a Canadian company, it is so important for us to rebirth Le Clos Jordanne wines. to bring the well-deserved prominence of this vineyard back into the Canadian spotlight," said Jay Wright, president and CEO, Arterra Wines Canada "Our goal is to re-introduce wines expressive of this very special place - and there is no better person to bring this vision to life than Thomas Bachelder, with his unparalleled passion for this region and this vineyard."

The 'clos', or enclosed vineyard, of Le Clos Jordanne is surrounded and sheltered by the Carolinian forests and their glacial ravines. The limestone-laced, silt and clay glacial soils are known for bringing intensely-focused fruit, minerality and age-ability to the wines produced there.

"Le Clos Jordanne holds what is arguably one of the top-sites in Canada for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay," said Thomas Bachelder, winemaker, Le Clos Jordanne Vineyards. "I'm incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to return to this vineyard and reignite what I've always considered to be my passion project, with the goal of producing the highest quality wines from this region."

Le Clos Jordanne's limited-edition Le Grand Clos Pinot Noir and Chardonnay will be released in late November and will be available for purchase in Ontario via LCBO Vintages and in Quebec via the SAQ. Both varietals will also be available for purchase online at www.leclosjordanne.com.

About Arterra Wines Canada

Arterra Wines Canada, Inc. (Arterra) is the country's leading producer and marketer of award-winning, globally recognized Canadian and imported wines.

Arterra has grown and evolved to owning and distributing 100+ wine brands, including seven of the top 20 brands in Canada: *Jackson-Triggs*, *Inniskillin*, *Sawmill Creek*, *Wallaroo Trail*, *Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi*, *Ruffino* and *Kim Crawford*. In the last five years, the company's wines have received over 1,500 accolades and awards in national and international wine competitions.

Headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, Arterra operates eight wineries across the country, with over 1,700 acres of premium vineyards in Canada's wine regions. The company owns and operates 164 Wine Rack retail wine stores in Ontario and sells wine kits and products for winemaking through its RJS Craft Winemaking brand. Arterra employs approximately 2,000 full-time and part-time staff across the country.

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