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**SONORA ROOM**  
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THE SONORA ROOM EXECUTIVE CHEF WILL BE IN KELOWNA AND VANCOUVER  
THIS FALL

Chef Chris Van Hooydonk has a busy fall schedule showcasing his winning talents.

The Sonora Room Restaurant at Burrowing Owl Estate Winery's executive chef Chris Van Hooydonk will be participating in three more events this fall. If you have not had an opportunity to taste some of his award winning dishes now is your chance, as he will be making appearances outside of his kitchen in Kelowna and Vancouver. Chef Van Hooydonk has proven to work well under pressure this year by winning The Iron Chef title both at the Watermark Resort's Banee Event in Osoyoos and at The Festival of the Tomato in Oliver; The Similkameen BBQ King at Grist Mill and Gardens in Keromeos and honorable mentions from Feast of Fields in Naramata.

Chef Van Hooydonk will start his busy schedule by participating in two events for the Okanagan Wine Festival Society. His first event will be Fortis BC Salute to Food and Wine at Kelowna's Manteo Resort on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event will showcase a live cooking demonstration with some of the top Okanagan chef's as they prepare local cuisine paired with Okanagan wine while sharing their private recipes.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Chef Van Hooydonk will prepare the annual Burrowing Owl Estate Winery's Winemaker Dinners at The Sonora Room Restaurant. These dinners, prepared from his own kitchen, will feature an amazing five-course meal paired with Burrowing Owl's library wines and hosted by special guest Nathan Fong. Tickets and further information for the Fortis BC Salute to Food and Wine and the Burrowing Owl Winemaker Dinners can be found on the Okanagan Wine Festival website [www.thewinefestivals.com](http://www.thewinefestivals.com)

Finally Chef Van Hooydonk will wrap up his busy schedule with Toast to the Coast at the Vancouver Aquarium on November 4, 2011. This is an elegant celebration of conservation as one Vancouver Aquarium's top fundraising events with 500 people savoring top food and wine of BC. More information for Toast to the Coast can be found at [www.vanaqua.org/fundraising](http://www.vanaqua.org/fundraising)

Chef Van Hooydonk has been the executive chef at The Sonora Room Restaurant at Burrowing Owl Estate Winery since January 2010.

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If you would like more information about any of the above events or to schedule an interview with Chef Van Hooydonk call Dave Keeler 250-809-1155 or [dkeeler@burrowingowlwine.ca](mailto:dkeeler@burrowingowlwine.ca)