

A New Kind of New Year's at One of the Four Corners of the Earth

Welcome in the New Year with the sounds of acclaimed Newfoundland folk musician Ron Kelly and the vintages of Niagara winemaker Stratus Vineyards

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Fogo Island, NL, November 17, 2016— Half an hour ahead of the rest of North America, Newfoundlanders will be the first North Americans to welcome 2017. Fogo Island Inn will be celebrating with Island traditions of music and poetry, fireworks and shotgun salutes, and a Seven-Seasons supper paired with wines by Canadian craft vintner, [Stratus Vineyards](#).

This New Year's Eve (NYE) at Fogo Island Inn, revelers will clink glasses with guest host J-L (Jean-Laurent) Groux, a critically acclaimed winemaker from Niagara wine country, in Ontario. Guests will enjoy a special selection of wines and the evocative music of iconic folk musician Ron Kelly.

At the early evening reception on December 31, guests of the Inn get acquainted with one another in the intimate and atmospheric setting of the lounge, sharing cocktails and small bites. Afterwards they'll rejoin their new friends—dressed in their best—for a festive Seven Seasons supper of regionally sourced fare and wild edibles. Local musicians will tell stirring musical stories of life on this remote outpost island with a 400-year tradition of fishing.

Special musical guest, Ron Kelly, will take guests through the last hour of 2016. Just before midnight, we will step outside, to witness an unforgettable farewell of fireworks and multi-gun salutes from the nearby community of Joe Batt's Arm. The first hours of 2017 will be spent in company with each other, immersed in the poetic and powerful evocation of people and place through the soulful, musical art of Ron Kelly.

Start New Year's morning in quiet reflection: read by the fire in the library, hike frosty trails or relax under a hand-stitched quilt. A special brunch, punctuated with stories and recitations, will be served from 10 am. Ease into an afternoon of rooftop hot tubs, screenings in the cinema or go forth to the welcoming wilderness at your doorstep for an afternoon of pond skating or snowshoeing. To cap off the first day of 2017, a special New Year's Day wine tasting will be presented by J-L, featuring Stratus' signature varietals, a perfect lead in to supper overlooking the wild North Atlantic Ocean.

After Supper catch a late review of Fogo Island Inn's favourite films, screened in the Cinema in 2016.

On January 2, set off toward home after breakfast – feeling rested and ready for the year ahead.

[A New Kind of New Year's Eve](#) is available **December 31, 2016 through to January 1, 2017**. Rates include all meals, a New Year's Eve Supper with wine pairings, a concert with special guest Ron Kelly and planned excursions. The two night stay begins at CAD \$1,975 per night for two. Solo travellers deduct \$200. Family suites available.

To book:

International Reservations: +1 709 658 3444 US & Canada Reservations: +1 855 268 9277 Or
email reservations@fogoislandinn.ca

Ground transfer rates between Gander, Newfoundland Airport and the Farewell ferry to Fogo Island are available upon request.

ABOUT RON KELLY

Ron and his band Middle Tickle's runaway hit "The Joe Batt's Arm Longliners," based on a heartfelt poem by the late Frank Dwyer, has forged a place in the canon of Newfoundland folk classics. Having released two albums with the band, Ron is currently working on his first solo album, [Home](#).

ABOUT J-L GROUX & STRATUS VINEYARDS

J-L (Jean-Laurent) Groux is a native of France's Loire Valley who learned his craft in the vineyards of Burgundy and Bordeaux. And while he venerates the traditions of winemaking, he won't be bound by them.

Known as one of Niagara's winemaking pioneers, J-L brought his vision of creating premium New World wines through the Old World art of *assemblage* to Stratus. Using the vineyard as his palette, he creates complexity through diversity by blending several grape varieties into one layered and richly textured wine.

Since inception, Stratus has embraced sustainable practices in winemaking. From the way it was built to the way it operates every day, Stratus Vineyards' goal was to become one of the world's most sustainable wineries. In 2005 Stratus became the first fully LEED-certified winery in the world

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN

Fogo Island Inn was named to [Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List](#)—a list of editors' choices spanning six continents and 47 countries. This recognition from the US publication comes on the heels of a place on the 2015 Gold List of its British sister publication, *Condé Nast Traveller*.

Fogo Island Inn sits on an Island, off an Island, at one of the four corners of the Earth. Every one of the Inn's 29 one-of-a-kind guest suites has dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet, located less than 100 feet from an organic natural-fibre dream bed. Most suites have a wood-burning fireplace stove; all are furnished with quiet luxuries and handmade furniture and quilts - a stimulating relief from the numbing uniformity of modern times. Built on the principles of sustainability and respect for nature and culture, the award-winning Inn was designed by architect Todd Saunders. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses from the operation are reinvested in the community to help secure a long-lasting resilience for Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#).

ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travelers to Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land-and-ferry house-car pick-up and return service to Gander for \$800 (1–4 person capacity). Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter.

All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn's reservations team at:

855-268-9277

More information on Fogo Island Inn's [A New Kind of New Year's Eve](#) can be found [here](#) or by calling

855-268-9277 (toll free) or direct at: **709-658-3444**.

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