



April 2012 Newsletter

**D'Arenberg Wine Dinner, Tuesday April 24,
at Coco Lezzone Restaurant.**



This will be our third excursion to Coco Lezzone, located on College Street, in the heart of little Italy. Our previous dinners were simply perfect for wining and dining, where the atmosphere is lively and the room buzzes with conversation. The staff are always attentive, friendly and exceptionally professional. Our host, Steve Salari, has created a menu to match the d'Arenberg wines, all selected from the cellar by John Macdonald.

d'Arenberg is one of the most significant wineries in McLaren Vale. In 1912 Joseph Osborn, a teetotaler and director of Thomas Hardy and Sons, purchased the well established Milton Vineyards of 25 hectares in the hills just north of the townships of Gloucester and Bellevue, now known as McLaren Vale.

In June 2004, Chester's father, d'Arry, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his contributions to the wine industry and to the McLaren Vale region. After more than 65 consecutive vintages d'Arry is very proud of his achievements in creating an internationally recognised wine brand commonly known as the 'Red Stripe' due to the distinctive diagonal red stripe that adorns the label.

D'Arenberg Wines Menu

First Course

Roasted Beet and Arugula Salad, with Walnuts, Gorgonzola, Champagne Vinaigrette

Served with 2009 Money Spider Rousanne

Second Course

Warm Crabcake on bed of Red Radicchio

Served with 2005 Feral Fox Pinot Noir

Main Course

Rack of Australian Lamb, mint demi-glaze, Roasted Potato and Spring Vegetables.

Served with 2002 Ironstone Pressings GSM

Fourth Course

Coco Lezzone's Cheese Platter

Served with 2005 Footbolt Shiraz

Coffee and Tea

Dinner all inclusive, tips and taxes, with all wines, \$79.00 for AWS Members and \$94.00 for Guests.

There will be a cash bar at 6:30 pm, then we sit for dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Coco Lezzone is located at 602 College Street, Toronto, ON, M6G1B4. Telephone 416-535-1489.

The TTC Carlton 506 Street Car stop is on College at Clinton Street.

The link to on line registration is <http://darenberg2012.eventbrite.com>

By mail, send Registration Form with your cheque to;

Australian Wine Society of Toronto, c/o Barbara Barde, Suite 503, 900 Yonge Street, Toronto, M4W 3P5

Past Events

Coonawarra Cabernets, March 22

With our Cellar Master Emeritus, Ron Stagg leading the tasting, 57 members and guests enjoyed a glass of bubbly in the Faculty Club lounge, then sat and tasted through eight truly outstanding Cabernets. The winner was clearly the 2001 Katnook The Riddoch. After the formal tasting assorted sliders were served to accompany a few of the remaining wines. Great wines, good company, what more can one ask for on a fine Toronto evening.

Future Events

Annual Shiraz Tasting, Faculty Club, May 23, 2012.

Summer Solstice Dinner, June 20, 2012, Location TBA

Cellar Treasures Wine Walkabout, The Vintage Conservatory, July 24, 2012.

Annual General Meeting and Barbeque, August 19, 2012, Location TBA

We look forward to sharing great wines and fine food with many of you on April 24, 2012.

Your AWS Board of Directors; Malcolm Cocks, Bernard Nottage, Barbara Barde, Daniel Halliday, Tonia Price-Halliday, Nick Kammer, Ellen Powers and our Cellar Master, John Macdonald.