



Newsletter June, 2018

**Australian Wine Society Summer Solstice Celebration
Friday June 22, 2018, Faculty Club Patio.**



The summer solstice is considered to be the longest day of the year because it's when we get the most daylight. The midsummer date is set based on the planet's rotational axis. It's decided based on the sun's tilt towards the sun, which hits its maximum at 23° 26' and falls between June 20 and June 22 in the northern hemisphere. This year, the summer solstice will take place on June 21 and we are celebrating the event on the 22nd on the Faculty Club Patio. The evening will begin with passed appetizers at 6:30 pm, then sit for dinner at 7:00. A fine selection of wines will be offered starting with a lovely Rose from McPherson Wines in Victoria, plus new menu items for you to choose.

2018 Summer Solstice Dinner Menu

A Selection of Hors d'oeuvres Served on the Patio

Californian Chicken Quesdilla

Pear Goat Cheese and Mixed Nuts Skewer

Mini Roasted Grape Tomato Bruschetta with Ricotta Cheese

Served with La Vue 2016 Grenache Rose, McPherson Wines, Victoria

First Course, Two Choices

Chilled Gaspacho Analou

Or

Warm Salmon Souffle on Organic Watercress and Green Apple Salad

Served with d'Arenberg 2016 Money Spider Roussanne, McLaren Vale

Main Course, Two Choices

Miso Glazed Arctic Char, plated with Thai Brown Rice and Ontario Asparagus

Or

Roasted Pork Medallions, Mustard/ Rosemary Provencal Sauce on Duck Fat Roasted Potatoes with French Beans

Served with Tobacco Road 2012 Pinot Noir and Hancock & Hancock 2015 Shiraz/ Grenache.

Dessert Course, Two Choices

Raspberry Charlotte with Freshly Whipped Cream

Or

Almond & Rice Pudding Topped with Dried Fruit Compote

Served with Yellow Glen Pink Sparkling Rose

Coffee and Tea

NOTE: Please choose your courses in advance. If ordering by Eventbrite, choose your courses. If registering by mail, tick the box on the order form for your choices. Member cost, all-inclusive is \$80.00, Guests \$90.00. The Faculty Club is located at 41 Willcocks Street on the U of T Campus, one block south of Harbord and east of Spadina. Dress comfortable summer casual, bright and breezy. Entrance to the patio is on the west side of the building.

The Registration Form is attached for mailing to Australian Wine Society of Toronto, or go online and register at <https://awssummersolstice2018.eventbrite.ca>

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Past Event

May 16 Barossa Valley Shiraz tasting with Steak Frites dinner, had 48 attending, with 18 of those guests and some as their first time at an AWS event. With Joe Gentile, ex LCBO Product Consultant and new AWS Director, leading the tasting, we tasted 8 shiraz including; 2003 E&E Black Pepper, 2005 Explorateur, 2005 Torbreck Woodcutters, 2006 Charles Cimmiky, 2016 Wyndham Bin 555, 2016 Lionheart Dandeloin, 2015 Peter Lehman The Barossa and 2016 Wallace Shiraz/Grenache. While not a formal vote was taken, the winners included the E&E Black Pepper, and at \$98.00 it should be, the Torbreck and the Barossan. Following the tasting, a Steak Frites diner was served and everyone was invited to recharge their glasses to enjoy with the dinner.

Future Events

Another AWS year is closing in July, with the Annual General Meeting coming up on August 19 at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club for the Aussie Barbeque and AGM.

For September, we are in planning stage for a return to the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club for a winemaker dinner.

October will feature a Regional Tasting of McLaren Vale and Clare Valley, possibly looking at four wines from each region.

November will feature Australian Wines available at the LCBO, when you will sample eight wines that you can then purchase at your local LCBO store.

December 9th will be the annual Christmas Holiday dinner at the Faculty Club.

Friday January 25th, we celebrate Australia Day back at the Albany Club.

Membership Renewal

As announced at the Barossa Valley tasting, we are offering a new option for members. For a \$60.00 Membership, you can bring any guest to an event at the member price that typically has a differential of \$10.00 or more.

The Double membership is still \$60.00 and the single is \$35.00. In spite of event price increases, we are not increasing membership fees, You can register at <https://awsmembership2018-19.eventbrite.ca> or mail in the attached form.