



**Australian Wine Society of Toronto
April Newsletter 2015**

COMING UP: Walkabout Wine Agents' Night – May 21, 2015



Back by popular demand, we are pleased to announce the Australian Wine Society of Toronto Agent's Night on May 21st. Toronto wine Agents will be showcasing their Australian wines, to our members and guests and the Faculty Club, and their invited guests. It is a mini wine-fair that allows you to meet the Agents in person, taste and place an order for your personal consumption, or try wines in or coming into Vintages.

There will be finger foods, cheeses and crackers, so you will not go hungry. Bring your friends, your pen or pencil and enjoy. The cost for this event is \$40.00 all in for both members and guests and includes your tasting booklet.

The Faculty Club is located at 41 Wilcocks on the U of T campus (Located near Spadina & Harbord)

TTC: Spadina streetcar stops at Wilcocks

Parking: on the street and nearby

Date: Thursday May 21st, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Registration Form is attached, please complete and mail to:

Australian Wine Society of Toronto
c/o Richard Ayllon
563 Lynd Avenue
Mississauga, Ontario, L5G 2M1

Or register on-line at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/aws-walkabout-wine-agents-night-tasting-tickets-16357368329>

Past Event

On March 24th, 44 of us sat down to a marvelous dinner with wines at Destingo on Queen Street West. Our hostess and Destingo owner, Monika Vacca provided a fine three course meal in the contemporary ambience of her establishment. The reception wine was Bundeena Bay Pinot Grigio, available at the LCBO, followed by Jacob's Creek Classic Chardonnay, then Katnook Coonawarra Shiraz and Sandleford Cabernet Sauvignon from Margaret River. We had such a good time, we all agreed to return later this year.

Future Events

We will celebrate the Summer Solstice on Thursday June 18th on the patio at the Faculty Club, a time to don those light summer dresses, no not you men, but the ladies, guys can dig out your Tommy Bahama shirts and yes shorts are acceptable.

On Sunday August 16, we will assemble on the outdoor deck at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club for the Annual General Meeting and Aussie barbeque.

Departing Member

Bernard received a message from John West to say that as his wife "la petite June" has been appointed as Ambassador to Jordan, and that they moved to Amman two weeks ago. John said in his message "Thank you very much for your "accueil chaleureux" in the Australian Wine Society. Au Plaisir". We look forward to their return to Toronto and AWS.

Down Under Wine News

ATLANTA, US: Those people you see in the Yellowtail commercials on TV—they look like they're having so much fun, don't they? As far as I know, Yellowtail is the only commercial for wine on network television. They've certainly got the money for it: In 2005 they sold 7.5 million cases of wine globally and sold more wine to the US than all of the French producers combined. But popularity has its price, and many consumers have come to view all Australian wine as some type of cheap party fuel. Australian labelling hasn't exactly helped.

With over 2500 wine producers in Australia, the wine industry has a significant role to play in our economy. Being particularly vulnerable to water shortages, it is crucial for the wine industry to realize the importance of implementing long-term water management strategies. Research into the long-term implications associated with water management on Australian wine supply chains has been recently completed by Accounting and Sustainability Expert at Macquarie University, Professor Roger Burritt.

There's no longer any debate about it: South Australian wines are among the best in the world. From regions like the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale to the little natural winemakers' utopia that is Basket Range), the variety and flavours of SA wine simply can't be beat. That said – as great as it is – wine has always been somewhat of the mysterious older sibling of the alcohol world. Luckily, there are a heap of younger, energetic South Australian winemakers whose focus is on producing wines that are delicious, drinkable – and, above all else, accessible.