



Big Reds Tasting with Steak Frites Dinner

Faculty Club, Wednesday, April 10, 2019



The **red kangaroo** (*Macropus rufus*) is the largest of all kangaroos and the largest terrestrial mammal native to Australia. This species is a very large kangaroo with long, pointed ears and a squared-off muzzle. The males have short, red-brown fur, fading to pale buff below and on the limbs. Females are smaller than males and are blue-grey with a brown tinge. It has two forelimbs with small claws, two muscular hind-limbs, which are used for jumping, and a strong tail which is often used to create a tripod when standing upright. The red kangaroo's legs work much like a rubber band, with the Achilles tendon stretching as the animal comes down, then releasing its energy to propel the animal up and forward, enabling the characteristic bouncing locomotion.

The other Big Reds in Australia are the superb full bodied wines, from regions that include McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, Fleurieu and Langhorne Creek. On April 10th, we will taste eight super reds, followed by a Steak Frites dinner with red wines. Here are the wines we will be tasting.

Grant Burge 2005 Shiraz, Barossa Valley, SA

Mitolo G.A.M. 2005 Shiraz, McLaren Vale, SA

Parri Estates 2005 Shiraz, McLaren Flat, SA

Torbreck 2005 Woodcutters Shiraz, Tanunda, Barossa Valley, SA

Kilikanoon 2005 The Lackey Shiraz, Clare Valley, SA

Wynn's 2016 Coonawarra Shiraz, SA

Xanadu 2005 Secession Merlot, Margaret River, WA

Bremerton Matilda Plains 2005 Cabernet/Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, SA

This is another AWS evening not to be missed, so book early. Event price for tasting and dinner is \$80.00 for AWS Members and \$85.00 for Guests.

We will be in the Main Dining Room for this event, with a reception wine at 6:30, sit at 7:00 for the tasting, followed by the always popular Steak Frites dinner. The Faculty Club is located at 41 Willcocks Street on the U of T Campus, one block south of Harbord and east of Spadina. Reception wine at 6:30 pm. Shiraz Tasting at 7:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Dining Room

Registration Form is attached, complete and mail to Australian Wine Society of Toronto, c/o Malcolm Cocks, 183 Woodholme Place, London, N6G 0H4. Telephone 519-471-0151.

Or register on-line at <https://awssteakfrites.eventbrite.ca>

Past Event

On March 12, 45 members and guests were treated to eight wines all available on the LCBO General List shelves. Joe Gentile led the tasting taking us through each wine, the half way through Sara Macdonald presented a fun session where we all got to list what some of 19 crimes that sent British people to Australia in the late 1700's, this tied in with the last wine tasted, the 19 Crimes Shiraz Durif. Walter Winnik prepared a complete wine list with tasting notes, LCBO product numbers and prices, copies were passed out to everyone, making it simple to go out and buy a few bottles. The favourite rated by all was the Hardy's Brave New World Shiraz Black, an excellent buy at \$16.95.

Future Events

May 8th we have scheduled our Walkabout Tasting, that's when you get to sample a wide range of wines from the cellar we have left over from past events, one or two bottles of various whites and reds that we have not seen for some time. There will be four tables, all with different wines, plus a large food table with hot and cold finger foods.

The Summer Solstice dinner on the Faculty Club Patio is booked for Friday June 21st. We will be featuring wines from Plantagenet in Western Australia represented by Laura Rapuano of Airen Imports, with an opportunity to purchase wines following dinner. The menu, with choices on each course will be outlined in the June Newsletter, stay tuned.

There is no event scheduled for July, the AGM and Aussie barbeque will be in August.

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