



**Newsletter June, 2019**

**Australian Wine Society Summer Solstice Celebration.  
Featuring Omrah and Plantagenet Wines, Mount Barker, WA**

**Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2019, Faculty Club Patio.**



In Australia the summer solstice occurs once a year in December when the Sun's track across the Australian sky reaches its highest point. It is the day that has the most daylight hours of any in the year. Their summer solstice usually occurs on 22 December, but can occur between 21 and 23 December. The winter solstice is the day of the year that has the least daylight hours of any in the year and it can occur between 21 and 23 June, this year it is on June 22.

So to celebrate our longest day, and Australia's shortest day, our Solstice dinner will start with a reception wine at 6:30 then we will sit for a three course meal, matched with Omrah and Plantagenet wines from Mount Barker in Western Australia. Laura Rapuano, of Airen Imports, the winery agent in Ontario, will talk about the winery and the wines, and there will be an opportunity to order the wines during the evening.

## **2019 Summer Solstice Dinner Menu**

### **A Selection of Hors d'oeuvres Served on the Patio.**

Ahi Tuna Avocado Rolls, Ratatouille Provencal with Goat Cheese Crumble on a Spoon,  
Grilled Chicken Madras Skewers  
*Served with La Vue, Grenache Rose*

### **First Course, Two Choices**

Sweet Green Pea and Cashew Mint Soup with Crème Fraiche  
OR  
Black Fig, Prosciutto and Baby Arugula Salad with Lemon Za'atar Vinaigrette  
*Served with Omrah Crossing 2017 Chardonnay*

### **Main Course, Two Choices**

Slow Braised Spring Lamb Shank with Vegetable Medley  
on Celeriac Mashed Potatoes topped with Gremolata  
OR  
Baked Herb Crusted Grouper Filet, Almond Butter Sauce  
Thai Whole Grain Rice and Asparagus Spears  
*Served with Omrah Crossing 2015 Shiraz  
and  
Plantagenet Normand 2017 Pinot Noir*

### **Dessert Course, Two Choices**

Lemon Coconut Gelee Dacquoise  
OR  
Blood Orange Sorbet topped with Exotic Fruit Salad

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 \$85.00, Guests \$95.00. 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, c/o Bernard Nottage, 71 Old Mill Road, Suite 310, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 1G9, or go on-line to reserve. The link to on line registration is <https://awssummersolstice19.eventbrite.ca>

### **Past Event**

An enthusiastic gathering of 31 members and guests, chatted, sipped and feasted at the Aussie Walkabout tasting on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Faculty Club. The fact that Pay Pal was out of commission for the event, may have been the reason for the lower than usual turnout. However, for those who did attend, they sampled over 2 dozen wines, including an E & E 2003 Black Pepper Shiraz and a 2004 Hickenbotham Clarendon Vineyard Grenache.

### **Future Events**

Mark Sunday August 18 in your calendars and Smart Phones for the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club on the Deck. We have been advised the Club has a new chef, and as we experienced a less than satisfactory level of service last year this has been addressed by the Food and Beverage Manager.

As mentioned in earlier communications, we are looking for members to join the Board of Directors to fill the slate with Chairman Malcolm Cocks and Cellar Master John Macdonald stepping down from the Board at the AGM. Please forward your interest and experience to Malcolm at [malcolmc@sentex.ca](mailto:malcolmc@sentex.ca). All responses will be brought to the next Board meeting on May 29, 2019.

### **Membership Renewal**

A reminder, we are offering an 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. Many thanks if you have renewed your annual membership, however, if you have not done so, you can register at <https://awsmembership2019-20.eventbrite.ca> or mail in the attached form.

Your AWS Board.