



February/March 2010 Newsletter

Second Annual “Best of the Cellar” Walkabout



Faculty Club Dining Room, Tuesday March 9, 2010



The huge positive feedback from the Member's about the last Best of the Cellar

evening (with photos above from October, 2008), has prompted us to hold another one, with more great wines from the cellar. John Macdonald, and Nick Kammer have looked through the inventory and selected some of the finest wines Australia produces for you to sample. In some cases we have single bottles and some twos and threes. Here are some of the wines you will get to try on your March 9th walkabout;

Leasingham Classic Clare 1999
Henschke Henry's Drive Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvedre, 2004
Yalumba "The Menzies" 2004
Yalumba Hand Picked Shiraz Voignier 2004
Colonial Estates "Explorator" Shiraz 2005
Fermoy Estates Shiraz 1992
Charles Melton Shiraz 2001
Brangayne Sauvignon Blanc 2006
Evans & Tate Merlot 1996
Mornington Estate Pinot Noir 2006,
and many more on the tasting tables.

Note: The evening starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. and goes until 8:30 p.m. The Faculty Club will provide a table of fine finger foods so you don't go hungry. If you have not joined us at this venue, the Faculty Club, located at 41 Wilcocks Street on the U of T Campus, one block south of Harbord and east of Spadina. Members \$58.00 Guests \$68.00

An evening not to be missed. Great wines, great people, great conversations.

Past Events

Australia Day Dinner, January 26, 2010

Sold out once again, this was an outstanding success enjoyed by members of our Society, the Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce and guests. Congratulations to Janet Harrison for winning the trip for two to Australia prize, courtesy of Goway Travel and Qantas. Go to our web site www.aws.ca and to the Photo Gallery to see many photos of this event.

Save these Dates

Thursday April 8, 2010 Elderton Wines Exclusive Tasting

We have pulled out all the stops for a unique evening of only Elderton Wines from the Barossa Valley. Elderton Wines is a small, family owned and operated winery, situated in the heart of the Barossa Valley. The Elderton vineyard which was planted in 1904 by Samuel Elderton Tolley, was purchased by the Ashmead family in the late 1970's and started producing labelled bottled estate wine from the 1982 harvest.

It was well after a decade of hard work and toil that the winery shot to prominence in the early 1990's, after winning the prestigious Jimmy Watson Trophy at the 1993 Melbourne Wine Show. There has been an amazing amount of further wine show success including the World's Best Shiraz Trophy at the 2000 London International Wine & Spirits Competition. Elderton has also enjoyed being the darling of the worlds wine press, with great endorsements given by James Halliday, Robert Parker, The Wine Spectator Magazine as well as countless others. Furthermore, in 2005, Elderton was named in the Top 100 Wineries in the World by Wine & Spirit Magazine.

Leading this evening tasting will be Alex Patinios, Agent for Elderton Wines in Ontario. Alex, who has known the Ashmead family for many years, will be take us through this exclusive AWS event. Details will follow in the next Newsletter. For now save the date.

Tuesday May 11, 2010 Wine Agents Evening

16 of Toronto's Wine Agents, will present wines that are not on LCBO shelves, but are Private Order and Consignment wines. This is your opportunity to meet the Agent, try the wines and order for your own cellar or near term consumption. We will be at the Faculty Club for food and wine, stroll, sip and chat with AWS Members and Guests.

For now, save the date.

Tuesday June 22, 2010 Summer Solstice at the Boulevard Club.

Once again we are celebrating this "Midsummer's Day" at the Boulevard Club on Toronto's waterfront. John Macdonald will select the wines, the Executive Chef will line up a wonderful dinner. We always meet at 6:30 outside on the deck overlooking Lake Ontario, for bubbly and munchies, then inside in the Solarium for a full four course dinner with wines. Wines will be matched with each course and if we are lucky a "sticky" with dessert, to top off the evening. Last year we sold out very quickly, so save the date.