



January 2010 Newsletter

Next Event

The Australian Wine Society of Toronto and the Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce, invite you to the Australia Day Celebration Reception and Dinner, Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Australia Day is the official national day of Australia, which commemorates Captain Arthur Philip's landing of the first fleet at Port Jackson on January 26th in 1788. Australia Day is celebrated in all states and territories of Australia, and is to be celebrated here in Toronto, on Tuesday, January 26th at The Albany Club.

The evening will begin at 6:30 with a reception on the Fourth Floor, for bubbly, beer and finger foods. At 7:30, we head down to the main dining room for dinner. The Club's Executive Chef Jay has prepared a special menu for the occasion. John Macdonald is finalizing the wines to go with each course. As always, wines are included with dinner.

First Course

Prawn Salad and Assorted Greens in a Lemon Myrtle Dressing

Second Course

Char Grilled Barramundi with a Black Currant Risotto,
A Saute of Field Mushrooms, finished with a Balsamic Reduction.

Third Course

Rosemary Braised Australian Lamb Shanks in a Shiraz Reduction with
Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Lamingtons, the "Down Under Delight"

Tea and Coffee

There will be door prizes, with a very special prize of, **two tickets to Australia**, that will be drawn right after dinner. We want to thank Pacesetter/ Goway Travel and Qantas, who have provided the two return tickets to Sydney or Melbourne or Brisbane from Los Angeles or San Francisco. Everyone registering will have a chance at this super prize.

Please note that we are limited to 120 seats for this event, so reserve early. Tickets are \$110.00 for AWS Members and Guests, CACC Members and Guests, including a draw ticket for the trip. Business suit is appropriate with, Black Tie optional and always welcomed.

The link to on line registration is <http://aday2010.eventbrite.com>

Or download the attached Registration Form and mail to AWS, c/o Barbara Barde, 900 Yonge Street, Suite 503, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3P5



Past Events

.AWS Holiday Dinner, Tuesday December 8th

Many of our members said this was one of our best dinners and the owner & staff at Coco Lezzone did us proud. The food was superb and needless to say the wine selection was just the right pairing. For those of you that missed this event, you now know what you could have enjoyed.

Our last newsletter didn't have space to include the following review:

Shiraz/Syrah Joint Tasting with Society of American Wines, Oct. 15

A very interesting comparison between styles led by our cellar master John Macdonald and SAWS Chris Bee. About a 50/50 attendance from each Society voted the 1999 Leasingham Classic Clare as the best wine, closely followed by the 2001 Charles Melton. Besides our photographer taking pictures (the last two years or so events can be seen on line at our web site www.aws.ca and go to the Photo Gallery), SNAP newspaper was there and photos appeared in their November Downtown issue

Future Events

March 9th 2010, Best of Cellar Walk Around Tasting.

We'll be gathering at the Faculty Club to stroll, sip and schmooze while tasting some fine bottles from the cellar.

April will be surprise event, it's in the planning stage. Something Special!

With all the wine centric events in and around Toronto, we are working on something special for AWS Members. Details will be revealed in the next Newsletter.

May 11th will be the ever popular Agent's Night, at the Faculty Club.