



January 2016 Newsletter

Australia Day Dinner, Tuesday January 26th at the Albany Club



Australia Day is celebrated on January 26 each year and commemorates the first landing in Australia by Captain Arthur Phillip. Most Australians consider January 26 with national pride, flying the Australian flag from businesses, homes, cars and even their babies. They attend festivals, fireworks, community and sporting events or gather for family barbecues at homes, parks or on the beach.

AWS will celebrate in our traditional way with a superb dinner, at the Albany Club, accompanied by fine wines from the cellar.

The name "Australia" was first suggested by Captain Matthew Flinders, an English navigator and surveyor. He was the first explorer to sail entirely around Australia and identify it as a continent. "Australia" means "southern" in Latin. The continent was officially christened "Australia" in 1824.

Peter Shaw, our strolling Aussie balladeer will lead us in song, including the always popular "Waltzing Matilda". So come out and join us on the 26th as we celebrate another warm and friendly Australia Day. We start the evening at 6:30 p.m. with our traditional Aussie bubbly and Canapés.

Here's the menu for the evening;

Australia Day Dinner Menu

Canapes

Crispy Fried Prawns with Sweet Chili Dip
Venison & Pork Pie
Smoked Barramundi Tartlet

Served with Assortment of Aussie Sparkling Wines

First Course

Roast Root Vegetable Puree & Herb Foam

Served with 2014 Haycutters Shingleback Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

Second Course

Beetroot, Riverina Feta Cheese, Walnut & Mint Salad in Lemon Myrtle Dressing

Served with the Haycutters Shingleback

Third Course

Shiraz Braised Wiltidam Australian Lamb Shanks, Garlic Smashed Potatoes

With Seasonal Vegetable Bundles

Served with 2004 Yalumba Barossa Shiraz

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Roast Angus Beef Striploin with Grainy Mustard Crust and Horseradish Jus

Wattleseed Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable Bundles

Served with 2004 Rocky Gully Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon

Dessert Course

Classic Aussie Sticky Date Pudding with Toffee Sauce

Coffee and Tea

The Albany Club is located at 91 King Street East, Toronto, 416-364-5471. Metered parking is available and parking lots are adjacent to the Club. The King streetcar stops at the door, east of the Yonge Subway station.

Please note that we are limited to 120 seats for this event, so reserve early. Tickets are \$125.00 for AWS Members and Guests, CACC Members and Guests, including all taxes and gratuities. Business suits are appropriate, with Black Tie optional and always welcomed, Ladies cocktail dresses please.

Or download the attached Registration Form and mail to AWS, 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 <http://awsaustraliaday2016.eventbrite.ca>

Future Events

March will feature a very special d'Arenberg night with a vertical tasting of earlier vintages, not to be missed by d'Arenberg fans. It can help you learn about a particular wine producer, their wines and their style, in depth. This is as opposed to a tasting spanning several producers or vineyards from the same vintages, which is called a horizontal tasting.

April will usher in the always popular Shiraz tasting, and we have many outstanding one in the cellar, that are prime for opening and drinking in 2016. Come out and experience older shirazes and how they mature over time, not to be missed,

May event will be a white wine dinner at a downtown restaurant, we are just sorting out the location and working on menus, watch for news in February.

The Solstice Dinner in June will be held at the Faculty Club on June 21st hopefully on the patio. As you will remember the weather was not cooperating in 2015.

We have no event in July, however the AGM and Barbeque will be on the second Sunday in August.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

From your AWS Board