



January 2019 Newsletter

Australia Day Celebration Dinner, Friday January 25th at the Albany Club



As soon as Christmas and New Year's Eve are out of the way, Australians start looking towards the next holiday and an excuse to party – Australia Day. On the 26th of January every year, the nation becomes even more patriotic than usual and celebrates in a big way, with events held in just about every community in the land to commemorate the arrival of the first fleet on Australian soil in 1788.

While a lot of Aussies rejoice with a drink or two on Australia Day, friends and families and traditions are a way that Australians learn more about their country and appreciate the fantastic lifestyle they are so lucky to enjoy down under. So while we will not be indulging in vegemite sandwiches, meat pies and sausage rolls, lamingtons and pavlova, we do invite you to join in the AWS Celebration with members of the Albany Club joining for a four course dinner, matched with wines from the cellar, and yes door prizes.

We are pleased to say that **His Excellency Dr. Grayson Perry, Australian Consul General** and his wife Abbey, will be attending this celebratory evening. The evening always starts with a reception up on the fourth floor at 6:30 pm, with Australian Sparkling wines and canapes, then at 7:25 pm we move down to the main dining room for dinner served with fine wines from the AWS cellar selected by our Cellar Master, John Macdonald

Dinner Served in Main Dining Room

First Course

ROAST ROOT VEGETABLE SOUP & *herb foam*

Second Course

BEET AND LIME CURED SALMON ON MAUI WOWIE SALAD

*Baby Arugula, Red Onion, Fresh Peppers, Edamame Beans, Avocado and Goat
Cheese
With Caper Lime Vinaigrette*

*Served with Robert Oatley 2015 Chardonnay
and Hope Estate 2016 Semillon*

Main Course

SHIRAZ BRAISED WILTIDAM LAMB SHANK
Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable Bundles

OR

ROASTED CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF STRIPLOIN
*Horseradish and Grainy Mustard Jus,
Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable Bundles*

*Served with selection of 2005 Aussie Reds including;
Pillar Box Red Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvedre, Langmeil Three Gardens Shiraz,
Grenache, Mourvedre, and Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz*

DESSERT

CHEF JAY'S AUSSIE STICKY DATE PUDDING *with special toffee sauce*

Tea and Coffee

Please select either the Lamb Shanks or Beef Striploin when registering on Eventbrite, or by mail on the Registration Form.

The Albany Club is located at 91 King Street East, Toronto, 416-364-5471. Metered parking is available and parking lots are in the area on Church Street near the Club.

The King streetcar stops at the east side of Church Street. Note, no parking on King Street, but stopping to drop off is allowed.

Please note that we are limited to 120 seats for this event, so reserve early. Tickets are \$125.00 for AWS and Albany Club Members and their guests, including all wines, taxes and gratuities. Dress code is semi-formal and of course tuxedos are always welcome for this special evening.

To reserve your seat 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://awsaustraliaday2019.eventbrite.ca>

Past Event

On Saturday December 8th, 52 members and guests plus Faculty Club members, following a warm reception in the Main Lounge, sat down in the newly decorated Main Dining Room, for a fine three course dinner with wines to match, the crackers were pulled, with carol singing led by Bernard Nottage, adding to the evening festivities. Our DJ for the evening, Ernie Wells, cranked up the volume and dancing began. As always a good time was had by all, including members of the Board in seasonal Santa hats.



Future Events in 2019

There is no event planned for February, on March 12 we have scheduled a tasting of Australian wines currently in the LCBO. On April 10th we are holding the always popular red wines and steak frites dinner, then on May 8th a walkabout with a variety of wines from the cellar. June will see the Summer Solstice dinner on Friday 21st June.

Happy New Year to all our friends, members and Aussie wine lovers.

Your AWS Board