



## Mid-March 2010 Newsletter

### **Elderton Wines Exclusive Toronto Tasting Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, Tuesday April, 6, 2010** *(Note the revised date from that previously announced.)*



We have pulled out all the stops for a unique evening of 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 Jnr. (RP), The Wine Spectator, as well as countless others. Furthermore, in 2005, Elderton was named in the Top 100 Wineries in the World by Wine & Spirit Magazine.

Alex Patinios, of Dionysus Brands Inc., Agent for Elderton Wines in Ontario, will lead this tasting. He has known the Ashmead family for many years, and will take us through this exclusive AWS event, one that you certainly do not want to miss. Here's the line up;

- 2004 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, Gold Medal Winner, Brussels Wine Show
- 2003 Friends Cabernet Sauvignon, Eden Valley
- 2005 Friends Cabernet Sauvignon, Eden Valley
- 2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, (90 Points RP)
- 2004 Shiraz, (90 Points RP)
- 2003 Command Single Vineyard Shiraz, 94 Points (RP)
- 2005 Ashmead Family Shiraz
- 2005 Friends Shiraz, Eden Valley

From a local point of view, Michael Vaughan (Vintage Assessments) has given a recommendation for the first and last wines listed overleaf, with a Best Buy for the 2004 Shiraz and for the Command, he gave three stars and describes it as “excellent accessible”.

We are returning to the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club and with these high-end wines we expect a sell-out event. We recommend reserving early. An Elderton white wine will be served at the reception starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be a small personal plate of veal, pork and beef sliders and cheeses served with the wines.

Please note that we are limited to 90 seats for this event, so reserve early. Tickets are \$58.00 for AWS Members and \$68.00 for Guests.

## **Past Events**

### **“Best of the Cellar” Walkabout, March 9, 2010**

Although the attendance was disappointing, the wines were appreciated by a very social crowd in the homely front lounge. If you did not attend, you missed some great wines, especially the Leasingham Classic Clare 1999.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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.

## **Australian Wine Society of Ottawa**

As previously announced, your membership is also valid in Ottawa, so should you be passing that way, their next event is a **Comparative Trio Tasting Challenge, on Friday March 26 @ 6:30pm.**

Three flights of red wines will be served in "trios" (2 Australians and 1 challenger from another country), and the reception wine. Each flight will be accompanied with the appropriate bite size appetizers. Taste the difference and discover great food and wine combinations!!!

For full details of this and future events, visit [www.awsottawa.com](http://www.awsottawa.com).