



June, 2010 Newsletter

Australian Wine Society's Summer Solstice Celebration. Tuesday, June 22, 2010



Civilizations around the world have observed and celebrated the Summer Solstice in the month of June for thousand of years, and most are celebrated on June 21st. This is officially the first day of summer, where here, in the Northern Hemisphere, the daytime hours are at a maximum and night time hours are at a minimum. Because the earth is rotating around the sun with its North Pole pointing toward the North Star, during half the year, we experience more exposure to the sun, and while we are warming up, our Australian friends are experiencing the first day of winter.

"*Solstice*" is derived from two Latin words: "*sol*" meaning *sun*, and "*sistere*," to *cause to stand still*. This is because, as the summer solstice approaches, the noonday sun rises higher and higher in the sky on each successive day. On the day of the solstice, it rises an imperceptible amount, compared to the day before. In this sense, it "*stands still*."

Once again we are celebrating at the Boulevard Club on Toronto's waterfront. Our Cellar-master, John Macdonald, has picked out the wine, the Club's Executive Chef has lined up a delightful dinner. As always, we meet at 6:30 outside on the deck overlooking Lake Ontario, for bubbly and hors d'oeuvres, then we move inside in the Solarium for a full four course dinner with wines. ***This celebration always sells out very quickly, so book early.*** Members \$98.00 Guests \$112.00, including all taxes and gratuities.

You can register online at <http://2010solstice.eventbrite.com> or mail in the registration form.

Summer Solstice Dinner Menu

Chef's Choice Appetizers on the Deck

First

**A Composed Salad of Sliced Ontario Beets and Goat's Cheese, dressed with
Toasted Hazelnuts**

Second

Early Summer Pea Risotto with Thyme & Parmesan Cheese

Third

Herb Crusted Rack of Australian Lamb in a Shiraz jus, with Smashed Garlic Potatoes and a Medley of Summer Vegetables

Dessert

Vanilla Crème Brulee with Fresh Berries

Coffee and Tea

Past Events

Agent's Wines & Walkabout, The Faculty Club, May 11, 2010

If you did not attend, you missed out on an absolute sell-out, with 90 members and their guests attending to sample over 65 wines presented by 13 Toronto Wine Agents. The Faculty Club set up two grazing tables with fine cheeses, pate, hot appetizers, pita bread and hummus dips. We kicked off right at 6 o'clock, with a line up on the stairs, and nudged the remaining wine fans out at 9 p.m. Our thanks to Abcon, Appellation, B&W, ex-Cellars, Groupe Soleil, HDD Imports, Hobbs Wines, Kylix, Le Sommelier, Palmyra, Profile, TWC and World Wide, for their support and their fine wines that we sampled

Future Events

August 22, Annual General Meeting and Barbeque

Save the date for this year's AGM, and our 25th Anniversary. Yes, the AWS has been providing wine events since the summer of 1985. Remember Black Opal, 1985 Krondorf Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon Barossa, Hollick *Wines* 1984 Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, 1985 Coonawarra Premium Claret Blend New South Wales. We and the wines have come a long way in 25 years, and we invite you to join our celebration in August, on the deck at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club. Details in the next Newsletter.

Membership Renewal

It is amazing how the year flies when you are having fun. Yes, it's that time of year again to renew your membership for the period July 1, 2010-11.

We are pleased to announce that our membership fees remain unchanged.

You can renew online at <http://1011membership.eventbrite.com> or mail in the renewal form.