



November/December 2009 Newsletter

Next Event

AWS Holiday Dinner, Tuesday December 8th.

Our kick-off to the Christmas Season will be a fine wine dinner under the direction of our host and owner Steve Salari at Coco Lezzone in the heart of Toronto's Little Italy. We will experience Mediterranean culture and style with a special menu created for the Australian Wine Society members and guests.



Located on trendy College Street in the heart of little Italy, Coco Lezzone is simply perfect for sharing wine, stories and food with family and friends. The atmosphere is lively and always full of excitement, especially on the weekends. The staff are attentive, friendly and exceptionally professional. The menu is bountiful and full of flavour, all to match the Aussie wines for the evening. Steve has created the menu, and John Macdonald has selected the wines to go with each course.

First Course;

Antipasti Platter of grilled shrimp, grilled calamari, smoked salmon, grilled balsamic herbed marinate vegetables.

Second Course;

Mushroom Risotto, with Wild Mushrooms, White Truffle Oil and Parmagiano Cheese

Third Course:

Australian Rack of Lamb, Dijon mustard herb crusted, petit potatoes, seasonal vegetables.

Fourth Course;

Coco Lezzone's Tiramisou.

Dinner all inclusive, tips and taxes, with all wines, is \$95.00 for AWS Members and \$110.00 for Guests.

There will be a cash bar at 7:00 pm, then we sit for dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Coco Lezzone is at 602 College Street, Toronto, ON, M6G1B4. Telephone 416-535-1489.

The TTC Carlton 506 Street Car stop is on College at Clinton Street.

We, the AWS Director's look forward to our festive evening with everyone. For those of you who cannot be there, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and the best for the New Year ahead.

Past Events

The Melbourne Cup, Monday, November 2.

Forty two members and their guests thoroughly enjoyed the Thoroughbreds and a fine dinner, while laying down the bets on Monday evening. The Turf Lounge service and three course dinner were all up to par, and some members came away with decent winnings. With the Australian Canadian Association in the bar and AWS in the Lounge, a jolly good time was the order of the evening. While we did not get lots of "ladies in hats", Rod de Courcy-Ireland managed the Sweeps for added fun.

Future Events

Australia Day, January 26, 2010

We are taking over the Albany Club in January to celebrate Australia's national day. This year, the Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce and AWS will be co-hosting the evening. Cocktails and appetizers in the Fourth Floor Lounge at 6:45 p.m. The three course dinner with wines, is expected to be a sell-out. There will be draw prizes, featuring a trip for two to Australia, courtesy of Goway Travel. Mark you calendars, and watch for the next Newsletter.

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 January Newsletter.

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

Wine News from Australia

Decanter Magazine provides an on-line News Alert Email service. Here are a few samples. To subscribe go to;
<http://www.decanter.com/magazine/subscription/>

Hunter Valley could be forced to seek new varieties

Climate change could force Australia's Hunter Valley to plant alternative grape varieties to combat rising temperatures, spring frosts and a higher risk of disease, according to a new study.

'Father' of Yellow Tail dies

Filippo Casella, founder of Casella Wines – the home of Yellow Tail – has died.

Foster's chief issues call to arms for 'Brand Australia'

Australia's wine industry has been challenged to 'retake its position as the leader of new world wines' by new Foster's wine chief, David Dearie.

Constellation and Australian Vintage in merger talks

Constellation Brands and Australian Vintage are in talks that could result in the creation of a major new, low-cost Australian wine company.