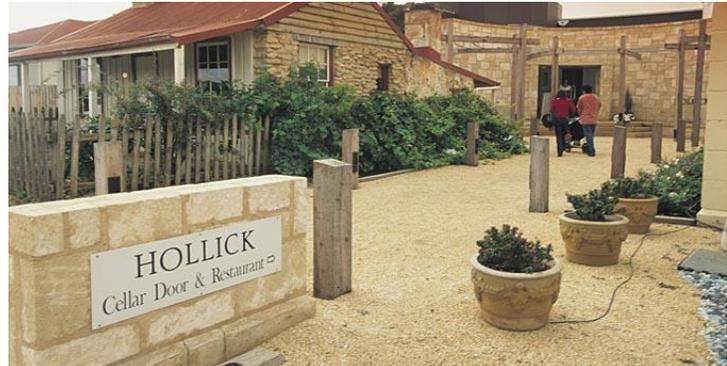
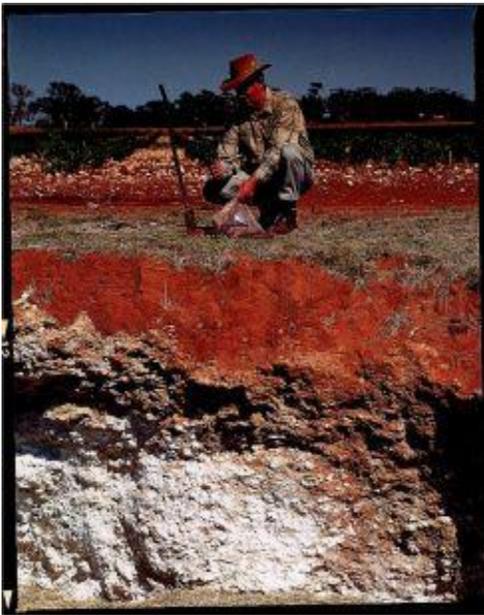




**April, 2009**

## **Exceptional Coonawarra Cabernets**

Wednesday April 22, 2009 – Toronto Lawn Tennis Club



Coonawarra, certainly the most famous cabernet sauvignon region in Australia, is located in the south-east corner of South Australia, about 60 km inland from the coast, and 380 km from Adelaide. The region is famous for its tiny narrow ribbon of the fabulous *red terra rossa soil*, less than 30 kilometres long from north to south, and barely 2 kilometres wide. Iconic winery names include; Hollick, Balnaves, Katnook, Wynn's, Penley Estate, Peraluma and Yalumba.

In 1951, Samuel Wynn added his name to the list of Coonawarra vignerons. The region then embarked upon a steady program of vineyard expansion and rationalisation that has continued until the present. Today, Coonawarra is home to 16 wineries and 23 cellar door outlets all conveniently located a short way from the straight and narrow of its celebrated Riddoch Highway. Production volumes range from small scale and family-owned to large scale and corporate. Wynns Coonawarra Estate is the region's largest player, producing close to 400,000 cases of wine annually. The region produces some of Australia's best dark berry and plum Shiraz. Katnook Estate's annual Merlot Mastery is the only red wine master-class of its kind in the country.

On Wednesday April 22, we will have a unique opportunity to taste some of Coonawarra's finest Cabernets, including;

2000 Penley Estate, 1999 Rymill, 2001 Katnook Estate Riddoch, 2003 Yalumba

2004 Nugan Estate, 2004 Katnook, 2005 Wynn's and 2002 Punter's Corner

This is an evening that you should not miss, so book early. Members \$54.00, Guests \$69.00.

Toronto Lawn Tennis Club is located at 44 Price Street, off Yonge Street, just south of Summerhill Subway Station. Parking is available at the "Green P" lot on Price Street.

## **Future Events**

G'day Toronto, Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Summer Solstice Dinner, Boulevard Club, June 18, 2009

## **Past Events**

### **March 24<sup>th</sup> Wines of Down Under Tasting**

Monica Ralphs gave us the key elements to look for in differences between Australian & New Zealand wines. The surprise of the night was how well the oldest wine, a 1996 Evans & Tate Merlot had stood the test of time.

## **News from Down Under**

In keeping with our upcoming Coonawarra tasting, if you want to read more about the individual wineries in the region, go to the following web site which will give you links to all of them:

<http://www.coonawarra.org/page.php?id=13>

Still with Coonawarra, here are more news items:

### **Road Project Threatens Coonawarra Wine Region**

Coonawarra wine producers threatened by a proposed bypass road have backed legal action against the scheme.

The road would cut across valuable vineyard land affecting Foster's, Rathbone's, Parker Estate and Bill Brand.

A group of residents has now launched legal action in the Supreme Court of South Australia to stop Wattle Range Council's attempt to seize the land to build the bypass road around the town of Penola.

Stuart McNab, Foster's Group director of wine production in Australia and New Zealand, agreed he wanted to see heavy vehicle traffic removed from the centre of Penola, but added:

'The famous Coonawarra terra rossa soil is just as valuable to the economic wellbeing of this community as the land is to our social and recreational wellbeing. And as the largest ratepayer to the Wattle Range Council, we firmly believe they have an obligation to broaden their minds and start seeing this issue through the eyes of the Penola community

### **Fosters to sell 35pc of Coonawarra vines**

Foster's South East workforce of 300 could be reduced by up to a quarter as the company sells off 35pc of its vineyard assets in the region.

Foster's is the region's biggest vineyard owner and a major employer with assets totalling 4500 hectares throughout the Limestone Coast.

However, a recent review of Foster's global wine business resulted in the company deciding to sell 40pc of its Australian vineyard assets to improve its financial performance.

Properties likely to be affected include Glenroy, Robertson's Well, Cluny and Kiribilly in Coonawarra, Wrattontully's Guthries and Schultz and Padthaway's Blass and Lindemans vineyards.

Stuart McNab said it could take years to sell some assets in the region, but the listing process had begun.

"There has been some interest already, but the industry is overflowing with grapes at the moment and we expect it to take some time," he said.