



February, 2009

February 24<sup>th</sup> Shiraz Viognier Tasting  
Faculty Club Upstairs Room

## The Odd Couple, Shiraz-Viognier Blends



In 2001 Australia shipped 963 cases of shiraz-viognier to North America, but by 2007 that had increased to over 70,000 cases. As we all know it was the Cote Rotie district of France, where winemakers first blended these somewhat disparate grapes and that blend has been produced for over 500 years. As the two grapes were grown in the same region, and they ripen at the same time, it was quite natural for this blend to happen.

The co-fermentation of these two grapes provides stability and produces a softer, very approachable wine, plus the viognier aromas and flavours complement and lift the shiraz to produce a unique flavour profile. We will have an opportunity to sample the results of this blending with eight wines from the cellar. As a bonus, the evening will be led by John Paul Potters, Sommelier from Toronto's Spoke Club.

Mark your calendars for **The Odd Couple** tasting event on Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> at the University of Toronto Faculty Club, this time in the Upper Dining Room, to sample eight especially cellar selected Shiraz Viognier blends.

As usual, we will have some finger foods to accompany the tasting. Since we will be in the upstairs lounge, we are limited to 80 member and guests, so register early. The Faculty Club is located at 41 Wilcocks Street on the U of T Campus, one block south of Harbord and east of Spadina.

**Past Events**  
**Australia Day Long Brunch, January 25**

To those of you who did not join in our celebration, you missed bonzer tucker, wine & entertainment.

Our thanks to Tourism Australia for arranging Warren Clements to demonstrate the art of playing of the Didgeridoo, which was quickly learnt by one of our members Rudy Breda. Plus we were taught an aboriginal dance, which you can see in our web sites photo gallery. Our rendition this year of Advance Australia Fair was the best effort so far.

## Future Events

Down-under Experience, Australia & New Zealand, at the Faculty Club, March 24, 2009

Agent's Night at Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, April 21, 2009

Cabs of Coonawarra, Regional Tasting, at the Faculty Club, May 19, 2009

Summer Solstice Dinner, Boulevard Club, June 18, 2009

## Notes from the Cellar

Recent additions include:

2005 d'arenberg, The Footbolt, Shiraz, McLaren Vale

2006 Kilikanoon, Killerman's Run, Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia

2006 Glaetzer, Wallace, Shiraz/Grenache, Barossa Valley

2004 Watershed, Shiraz, Margaret River



The poster features two circular Aboriginal dot paintings at the top. Below them is the 'Australia.com' logo with a kangaroo silhouette. The 'OzFlix' logo is written in a stylized, cursive font. The text 'SAVE THE DATE' is written vertically on the left side. The main text provides details for the Australian Film Weekend from February 13th to 16th, 2009, including the opening night screening at The Royal Theatre and other venues.

**SAVE THE DATE**

AUSTRALIAN FILM WEEKEND  
February 13th - 16th 2009

Opening Night Screening  
The Royal Theatre ( 608 College Street )

All other screenings ( Feb 14th - 16th )  
Royal Ontario Museum,  
Signy and Cléophrée Eaton Theatre  
100 Queen's Park Circle ( Museum station )

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## Other News

### OzFlix

This year the Opening Night film is THE BLACK BALLOON starring Toni Collette and Gemma Ward.

There is something for everyone from inspirational documentaries to the latest shorts and feature films from down-under.

Don't miss our closing night screening of IN HER SKIN the lucky winner of two tickets to Australia courtesy of GOWAY TRAVEL and QANTAS will be announced.

Passes and tickets are now on sale.

Festival Ticketing

In person: 2 Carlton Street on the West mezzanine

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