



JUNE 2009



**Australian Wine Society Summer Solstice Celebration,
Thursday, June 18, 2009, at the Boulevard Club**

People around the world have observed spiritual and religious seasonal days of celebration during the month of June. Most have been religious holy days which are linked in some way to the summer solstice. On this day, typically June 21st, the daytime hours are at a maximum in the Northern hemisphere, and night time is at a minimum. It is officially the first day of summer. It is also referred to as Midsummer because it is roughly the middle of the growing season throughout much of Europe.

"*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*."

The Australian Wine Society will not be standing still, but will be celebrating our "Midsummer's Day" at the Boulevard Club on Toronto's waterfront. As always, we meet at 6:30 outside on the deck overlooking Lake Ontario, for bubbly and munchies, then inside in the Solarium and Lakeshore Rooms for a full four course dinner with wines. AWS Cellar Master, John Macdonald has selected wines to go with each course and maybe, something special with dessert, to top off the evening. Last year we sold out the 80 seats, very quickly, so book early. Members \$95.00 Guests \$110.00

In addition to all the fine wines with dinner, we will be offering a Magnum of Eileen Hardy 1996 Shiraz as a draw prize. Tickets are 5 for \$10.00.

You can register online at <http://2009solstice.eventbrite.com> or mail in the registration form

2009 Summer Solstice Dinner Menu

**Munchies Outside on the Deck
Red, White and Pink Sparklers**

First
Creamy Cool Vichyssoise with Crispy Scallions
Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Second
Organic, Gold, Yellow and Red Beet Slow Simmered Risotto
A Selection of Elegant Pinot Noirs

Third
Roasted Australian 4-Rib Rack of Lamb, with Seasonal Vegetables and
Fingerling Potatoes.
A Cellar Selection of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignons

Dessert
Fig Tart with Gorgonzola Cheese.
A Fine Bubbly to Finish the Palate

Coffee and Tea

Future Events

Annual General Meeting and Aussie Barbeque

Mark Sunday, August 23rd in your calendars for the AGM, this year, we will be holding the meeting and barbeque in the garden at the Residence of the Australian Consul General, Stefan Trofimovs. Details to follow, in the next Newsletter.

Past Events

G'Day Toronto, a Resounding Success

Over 300 Aussie wine fans, went walkabout, Australian-style, at One King Street West, where they sampled some of Australia's best wines, gourmet meats, meat pies, cocktails and more. With 14 Wine Agent's who presented over 80 wines, some new in Ontario, some in Consignment and some in Vintages.

Thank you to all who bid on the items in the AWS Silent Auction, that raised a substantial sum for the Daily Food Bank, and thanks to all those who volunteered for both the afternoon and evening sessions

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.

Even though we have made significant purchases of wine in the last 12 months and although the cost of wine continues to increase, we are pleased to announce that our membership fees remain unchanged.

You can renew online at <http://0910membership.eventbrite.com> or mail in the renewal form.