



May 2009

The Australian Government, Tourism Australia, Austrade, The Australian Wine Society of Toronto, Goway, Qantas and the Daily Food Bank, invite you to G'Day Toronto



The last few years have seen extraordinary growth in awareness of and interest in Australia on the global stage. Canadian travellers routinely vote Australia as top on their list of desired travel destinations and each year more and more Canadians travel to Australia and experience its unique nature and wildlife, cosmopolitan cities, coastal lifestyle and food and wine.

So, come Walkabout this May when **Australia Week Canada**, presents an exciting program of events in Toronto that will showcase Australian sport, culture, food, wine and top Aussie vacations ideas and celebrate the close business links between our two great countries.

Celebrate the first evening May 12th, in Australian-style, at One King Street West. We invite you to tantalise your palates and stimulate your taste buds with some of Australia's best wines, gourmet meats, meat pies, cocktails and more.

We have 14 Wine Agent's presenting over 80 wines, some new in Ontario, some in Consignment and some in Vintages.

Have a makeover with natural Australian cosmetics too! A Silent Auction with exciting items, (partial proceeds will be donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank) Stroll, schmooze, sip and definitely try sautéed kangaroo, lamb and loads of munchies.

Lots to discover . . .

And, to top it off . . . By just being there, you will have a chance to win two return air tickets to go walkabout in Australia!

Where: The Grand Banking Hall, The Suites at 1 King West, Toronto (above the King TTC subway station)

When: May 12, 2009, from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

How: Tickets on sale at <http://www.totix.ca> Cost \$44.00 + \$6.00 Service Fee

Your ticket entitles you a chance to win two economy class return tickets to Australia with **GowayTravel (Pacesetter)**.

Questions? Tel. (416) 323-3657 or Email australian.consulatetoronto@austrade.gov.au

Future Events

Summer Solstice Dinner, Boulevard Club, June 18, 2009

Full details will be available in next month's Newsletter, but make a note of this date, as this event is always sold out.

Notes from the Cellar

Recent additions include:

2006 d'Arenberg, The Derelict Vineyard, Grenache, McLaren Vale, S.A.

2006 Dromana Estate, Mornington Estate, Pinot Noir, Victoria

2007 Berton Vineyards, The White Viognier, Viognier, S.E. Australia

News from Down Under

Wine grape production hit by drought and heat

Total Australian wine grape production is forecast to fall by 13% to 1.6MT in 2008–09, as a result of ongoing shortages of water for irrigation and high temperatures in early 2009.

Wine grape growers, particularly in south-eastern Australia, faced shortages of water for irrigation throughout the growing season, and were also hit by a heat wave in late January and early February 2009 which further reduced yields.

Yields in many regions of Victoria were also reduced by the bushfires in that State, as smoke taint damaged grapes and some vineyards were destroyed.

Shiraz is expected to remain the highest-volume wine grape variety produced in Australia in the coming years. Chardonnay is expected to be the next highest volume variety, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon. Collectively, these three varieties are forecast to account for around 60% of total Australian wine grape production in 2008–09.