



October 2018 Newsletter

McLaren Vale vs Clare Valley Regional Tasting

At the Faculty Club, Thursday October 11, 2018



Pictured above is the new d'Arenberg Cube in McLaren Vale, our segue into a regional tasting with our Cellar Master, John Macdonald selecting eight wines, four from each region, some older wines and younger for us to take a look at the regional variances.

McLaren Vale is Australia's premium food and wine region centred at the town of McLaren Vale, approximately 38 km south of Adelaide in South Australia. It is internationally renowned for the wines it produces and included within the Great Wine Capitals of the World. There are an estimated 74 cellar doors and over 160 vineyards in the region. The wineries are centered in five main areas: Old Reynella, McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Willunga and Aldinga.

The Clare Valley in South Australia is about 100 kilometres north of Adelaide. It is one of Australia's oldest wine-producing areas, with a winemaking history dating back 150 years. The first vineyards were planted in the 1830s by European settlers. Today, there are more than 5,000 hectares under vine, with over 40 cellar door outlets.

Here are the wines;

Clare Valley Wines

2005 Jim Barry, "The Lodge Hill" Shiraz

2005 Kilikanoon, "The Lackey" Shiraz

2015 Wakefield Cabernet Sauvignon

2014 Kilikanoon Blocks Road Cabernet Sauvignon

McLaren Vale Wines

2005 Mitolo Jester Shiraz

2005 Bendigo Water Wheel Shiraz

2015 Robert Oatley Shiraz

2015 Penny's Hill Crackling Black Shiraz

The evening will start at 6:30 as always with a reception wine, upstairs at the Faculty Club, then move into the upstairs dining room to start tasting at 7:00 p.m. We will have food served at the start when we are all seated, and then again with the second four wines.

The Faculty Club is at 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto, 416-978-6325, one block south of Harbord, and east of Spadina Avenue. Metered parking on the surrounding streets, and TTC stops at Willcocks on Spadina.

Price for this evening, all inclusive, Members \$68.00 and Guests \$75.00. Please note that seating is limited to 60, so be sure you book early.

You can register on-line at <https://awsclaremclaren.eventbrite.ca> or mail the attached Registration Form to Bernard Nottage to the address as noted on the Form.

Our Past Event

Thursday September 13, 52 members and guests, after a delightful reception with our winery visitors from Australia, Rebekah Richardson, Justin Harrison and Tom Harvey, who poured a number of their whites and Rose, sat for a three course dinner with wines from each producer at East 36 Restaurant.

In spite of a little mic feedback problem at times, the three of them talked passionately about their wines, the vineyards and the wines with dinner. The room was a buzz of conversation and good time, we are not sure who, but someone talked Rebekah into talking about her wines on the bar, she said, no worries and did just that. Our thanks to Dan Rabinovitch for arranging for the Aussies to be with us for a first rate evening all around, and to Stanley and the staff at East 36. Next time you are downtown, stop in for dinner or brunch at 36 Wellington Street East.



Our Future Events

There is no official AWS event scheduled for November, we did talk about an LCBO wines event, this will now be moved to February or March in 2019. However, there is an event happening at Harbourfront Centre on November 23 and 24, in the International Contemporary Dance Series, that may be of interest. ***Marrugeku Cut The Sky*** is a theatre production that tells the stories of devastation and impacts on the environment of Kimberley Region in Western Australia from an Indigenous and global perspective. Marrugeku harnesses the dynamic of performance exchange drawn from remote, urban, intercultural and trans-Indigenous approaches to expand the possibilities of contemporary dance.

Jeremy Smith, Chief Development Officer, a Sydneysider, asked us to pass this special performance information on to you. Tickets will be available soon, we will keep you posted. Their website is www.marrugeku.com.au

Saturday December 8th will be the Christmas Holiday Dinner, this year we'll have a DJ and dancing on the new floor at the Faculty Club, for now mark your calendar with the date. Then our 2019 Australia Day Celebration will be at the Albany Club on Friday January 25 for reception, dinner and entertainment.

We hope to see you back at the Faculty Club on October 11th for the Regional Tasting.

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