



AWS Newsletter and Events

February 2007

Happy Valentine's Day!

AWS Ottawa would like to invite you to celebrate Valentine's Day a day in advance with the Australian Wine Society.

We look forward to seeing you at "One Fish - Two Fish" on February 13th for the Shoot-Out between Australia and South Africa.

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Joyeuse St-Valentin

Nous tenons à vous inviter à célébrer la fête de la St-Valentin une journée à l'avance avec les membres de la Société de vins australiens le 13 février.

Nous serons heureux de vous accueillir au restaurant "One Fish - Two Fish" pour une dégustation comparée de vins australiens et sud-africains.

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Big Reds for Valentines Day - Feb 13th



Come and celebrate Valentine's Day...

with a South Africa / Australia wine challenge that pits big red wines from two great new world wine-producing countries against each other. Both of these Southern Hemisphere wine powerhouses produce wonderfully fruity, rich and vibrant New World-style wines. Taste these wines and vote for your favourites.

There will be 6 match-ups, including your favourite big red

grapes alone and in blends. All wines will be tasted "blind" and each match-up will compare two wines of similar style, price and vintage year. Three light courses will be served to accompany the wines.

Join **AWS President and Sommelier Maureen Murphy** at one of Ottawa's newest restaurants **One Fish Two Fish** (and yes the foods will match big red wines!).

What's included? 6 "pairs" of wine to compare/contrast and three small courses of tantalizing delights to match the wines plus a special surprise

What's not included? White wine!

When: Tuesday February 13th at 7:00

Where: One Fish Two Fish Restaurant, 1465 Merivale Road Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8W5 Tel: (613) 221-9900 For directions see www.onefishtwofishottawa.com.

Cost to members - \$49

Cost to Non members - \$59

Due to space limitations, we will only be able to accept the first 40 registrants so please hurry-up and register now!

Celebration of Australia Day in January

With the Australian Flag on display and the soft overture of violin, cello and flute playing traditional Australian Folk music, Australia Day 2007 was celebrated in elegance Friday evening, January 26, by many new members, current members and their friends and official guests at the Canadian Airforce Officer's Mess with guest speaker the **Hon. Bill Fisher, Australian High Commissioner**.

The evening commenced with sparkling wine and then guests proceeded to the formal dining room where distinguished charm of candlelight and silver service filled the room. Just like in Australia, the evening met the criteria of getting great personalities together, sharing some good stories, having some good laughs whilst enjoying a hearty traditional Australian meal accompanied by bottles of wine and finishing off the evening with Australian port.

I would like to thank all who attended to make the first inaugural Australia Day event for the Australian Wine Society a memorable one and a tradition that we shall endeavour to continue.

Karina Sardana, AWS Board of Directors

Do you remember Peter Lehmann?

An Authentic Evening With Peter Lehmann at La Pergola was our sold out November Event.

John McCormick, CellarMaster for AWSO was organizer and host along with special guest host **Brian Giles of Authentic Wine and Spirit Merchants**, Canadian distributor for Peter Lehmann, Baron of Barossa.

Attendees were treated to a flight of two whites followed by a flight of four reds. But this was just a preview of things to come as Brian treated us with three wines of the select Ambassador's Range, namely, The Futures Shiraz, The Mentor Cabernet Sauvignon and, lastly, The Stonewell Shiraz. A bottle each of the last three were also awarded as door prizes to three very lucky members. While introducing each of the wines, Brian regaled us all with an overview of each of the wines and very entertaining anecdotal repartee about the irrepressible Peter.

Chef Lee Keskull, of La Pergola, provided us with a sumptuous buffet of mixed fruits and cheeses followed by Lemon-Dill Salmon, Chicken Parmiggiana and Roast Beef served with roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables and his gourmet thin crust pizza. What a feast! It was a splendid evening of good wine, good food, good company and delightful presentation.

Thanks Brian!...and thanks to all who attended.

John McCormick, AWS CellarMaster

Mark Your Calendars

February 13, 2007 - Big Reds for Valentines Day - Australia vs. South Africa

March, 2007 - 'Anything but the Usual'

April, 2007 - Australia and New Zealand wines for ANZAC Day

May, 2007 - Blind Tasting

June, 2007 - AGM Wine & Cheese

July, 2007 - No event

August, 2007 - Annual Summer BBQ at the Australian High Commissioner's residence

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