



Last Updated: July 28, 2010

Schedule of Events
(and Tasting Room availability)

Note: For events shown in colour, the room is also closed to "drop-in" use 1hr either side of the times listed below.

Date	Time	Status	Event Listing - for more info about each event see PAGE 2 below
Jul 27, Tue		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Jul 28, Wed		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Jul 29, Thu		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Jul 30, Fri		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Jul 31, Sat		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Aug 01, Sun		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Aug 02, Mon		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Aug 03, Tue		CLOSED	FOR RENOVATIONS
Aug 11, Wed	5:00pm to 11:00pm	Private	
Aug 12, Thu	5:00pm to 11:00pm	Private	
Aug 13, Fri	8:00pm to 2:00am	Private	
Aug 14, Sat	6:00pm to 1:00am	Private	
Aug 18, Wed	5:00pm to 11:00pm	Private	
Aug 19, Thu	5:30pm to 10:00pm	Private	
Aug 20, Fri	7:00pm to 2:00am	Private	
Aug 21, Sat	7:00pm to 1:30am	Private	
Aug 25, Wed	5:30pm to 12:00am	Private	
Aug 26, Thu	5:00pm to 9:00pm	Private	
Sep 08, Wed	5:00pm to 11:00pm	Private	
Sep 09, Thu	5:00pm to 11:00pm	Private	
Sep 10, Fri	7:30pm to 12:00am	Private	
Sep 13, Mon	12:00pm to 6:00pm	RSVP	TBA
Sep 16, Thu	5:30pm to 10:00pm	Private	
Sep 18, Sat	7:00pm to 1:30am	Private	
Sep 29, Wed	5:30pm to 12:00am	Private	
Oct 08, Fri	7:00pm to 12:00am	Private	
Oct 27, Wed	5:30pm to 12:00am	Private	
Oct 28, Thu	5:30pm to 10:00pm	Private	
Nov 24, Wed	5:30pm to 12:00am	Private	
Mar 26, Sat	5:00pm to 12:00am	Private	

**Tasting Room is closed to "drop-in" use during all events posted above (except "RES" events).
For special events (shown in colour), room is also closed 1 hr either side of the times listed above.**

Special events (highlighted in colour) are open to all FWR clients (Private and Custodial).

A "RES" event is where a member "reserves" the room to confirm availability, but does not object to sharing the room with other members. The number (i.e. "RES-8") shows the approximate size of the group using the room. For "RSVP" events, please e-mail Marc.

For "Register" events, please contact those mentioned in "Future Events" section below (i.e. not Marc).
Deadline for posting a private booking is "5pm the day before", meaning after 5pm there will be no changes made to the schedule for the following day. This allows our members plenty of time to make advanced plans to "drop in" that next day should the schedule show availability. Please note: staff is not always available to post your booking immediately following your request. So we recommend you make your request far in advance of the 5pm deadline.

Please make your booking requests and RSVP's via e-mail. Bookings only confirmed once posted.

FUTURE Events

PAST Events

Some of the events that clients of The Fine Wine Reserve have enjoyed include...

Jul 2010

Host: Liquid Art Fine Wines

Guest: **L'Ecole N^o. 41**

www.lecole.com

Wine Tasting - Liquid Art Fine Wines presented **L'Ecole N^o. 41**. A family-owned business, L'Ecole N^o 41 was founded by Jean and Baker Ferguson. Today, the winery is owned and operated by their daughter and son-in-law, Megan and Martin Clubb. Built in 1915, the schoolhouse is located in historic Frenchtown, a small community just west of Walla Walla, Washington. Frenchtown derived its name from the many French-Canadians who settled the valley during the early 1800s. Legend has it, these men of French descent were raising grapes and producing wine. By the 1860s, nurseries, vineyards and winemaking had become a part of the regions' growing economy. The name - L'Ecole N^o 41 French for "the school" located in district number 41 - was chosen to salute these pioneer viticulture efforts. The winery is currently producing about 30,000 cases annually. Their Semillon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon are all barrel aged, creating a significant demand for barrel storage. In the fall of 2003, they completed the construction of a new concrete tilt barrel storage facility that accommodates their current inventory of over 2,000 French and American oak barrels. Wines featured at this event included:

2007 L'Ecole No 41 Apogee, Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA
2007 L'Ecole No 41 Perigee, Pepper Bridge Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA
2007 L'Ecole No 41 Syrah, Columbia Valley AVA
2009 L'Ecole No 41 Chenin Blanc, Columbia Valley AVA and many more...

Jun 2010

Host: Artisanal Wine Imports

Guest: **Hendry Ranch Wines**

www.hendrywines.com

Wine Tasting - Brought to you by our good friends **Artisanal Wine Imports**, this was the 1st Ontario tasting dedicated to the wines of **Hendry Ranch**. Located in the south western part of the Napa Valley, the vineyards have been farmed by the Hendry family since 1939 (it is a multi generational farming winery). Historically, the family's production was sold to larger well known producers such as Mondavi, Opus One; however; over the last number of years, the family has marketed their own brand of wines. The property is sub divided into 50 blocks so that meticulous records can be kept to ensure that ever better wines can be produced. Indeed, vines were first planted on this property over 140 years ago during the initial rise of Napa's wine industry. We kicked off with some wonderful Maily champagne, then worked our way through the following Hendry Ranch wines: 2008 Unoaked Chardonnay (Napa Valley / 1300 cases produced); 2007 Pinot Noir (Napa Valley / 1100 cases produced); 2007 Primativo (Napa Valley / 845 cases produced); 2007 Zinfandel Block 28 (Napa Valley / 1530 cases produced); 2007 HRW Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley / 558 cases produced); and 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley / 2305 cases produced).

Jun 2010

Host: Barrel Select

www.barrelselect.com

Guest: **David Ramey** - Owner/Winemaker Ramey Wine Cellars

www.rameywine.com

Wine Tasting - Co-hosted by **Barrel Select**, we were pleased to have **Ramey Wine Cellars** at the Reserve for this sit down tutored tasting. The tasting was conducted by **Mr. David Ramey** himself. "The Master's Touch was how Wine Spectator appropriately titled an article on David Ramey. He is highly esteemed and "universally respected among both critics and the winemaking community" and has equal mastery of red and white varietals. David produces neoclassical wines, combining California's richness with balance, harmony, and elegance. He is not tied down to any one convention. "If you have ever been blown away by wine from Rudd, Dominus, Chalk Hill, Matanzas Creek or Simi, then you may be a David Ramsey fan without knowing it." Wines sampled at this tasting included:

2008 Ramey, Sonoma Coast, Chardonnay	WS 89
2008 Ramey, Russian River, Chardonnay	WS 90
2007 Ramey, Chardonnay, Hyde Vineyard	WS 90, RP 94
2007 Ramey, Chardonnay, Hudson Vineyard	WS 92, RP 94
2006 Ramey, Claret (aka "Rouge")	IWC 90, RP 88-91
2006 Ramey, Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon	ICW 92-94, RP 90
2007 Ramey, Annum, Cabernet Sauvignon	IWC 93, RP 95+
2007 Ramey, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pedregal Vineyard	IWC 93, RP 97+
2006 Ramey, Syrah, Rodgers Creek Vineyard	WS 92, IWC 94, RP92

May 2010

Host: Colio Estate Wines

www.coliowinery.com

Guest: **David Bate** – Owner/Winemaker Leopard Frog Vineyards

www.leopard-frog.com

Wine, Chocolate and Cigar Tasting – A South Africa Winemaker's Evening. Due to the exceptional response to his March visit, **David Bate**, owner and winemaker of **Leopard Frog Vineyards**, one of South Africa's most highly rated über boutique cellars, visited us again to present his portfolio of wines, chocolates and cigars at this exclusive Fine Wine Reserve event. Leopard Frog is the only South African vineyard to hand-craft its own wines, chocolates and cigars. It only produces a few barrels of wine in any given year and every wine has earned exceptionally high scores and multiple medals in competition. David presented six wines this time, including his Double Gold Medal super premium Midnight Maasai Shiraz 2002 (once-off 5 barrels only), three other premium red blends (8 barrels each) as well as his first white wine (5 barrels only). Four kinds of hand-made chocolates and three ranges of hand-rolled cigars were offered as part of an enjoyable but decidedly decadent evening. As a special offering, David also presented a once-off offering of a Cape Winemaker's Guild sparkling wine (only 30 cases of 6 bottles produced). Wines are not available at LCBO but direct from his agent (**Colio Estate Wines**). Cigars and chocolates were only available on-site at event.

Mar 2010

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Wine Tasting - Mark Cuff from The Living Vine presented an exclusive tasting of 7 new biodynamic wines from a wide range of wine regions. Wines sampled included the following: LOIRE: 2007 Nicolas Joly, Saveneires, Les Vieux Clos (\$43.95); 2007 Nicolas Joly, Saveneires, Clos de la Bergerie (\$59.95); 2007 Nicolas Joly, Clos de la Coulee de Serrant (\$105.95); RHONE: 2006 Domaine de Villeneuve, Chateauneuf-du-Pape (\$55.95); NAPA VALLEY: 2006 Robert Sinskey, Three Amigos Pinot Noir (\$54.95); NORMANDY: NV Domaine Couer De Lion, Christian Drouin Cidre du Pays d'Auge (\$11.95); SOUTH AFRICA: 2008 Sequillo Cellars, from Eben Sadie Sequillo White (\$28.95).

Mar 2010

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www.leopard-frog.com

Wine, Chocolate and Cigar Tasting – A South Africa Winemaker's Evening, co-hosted by Colio Estate Wines. In attendance, Mr. David Bate owner and winemaker of Leopard Frog Vineyards, one of South Africa's most highly rated über boutique cellars. David was visiting Toronto to present his portfolio of wines, chocolates and cigars at this exclusive Fine Wine Reserve event. Leopard Frog is the only South African vineyard to hand-craft its own wines, chocolates and cigars. It only produces a few barrels of wine in any given year and every wine has earned exceptionally high scores and multiple medals in competition. David presented four red wines, including his Double Gold Medal super premium Midnight Maasai Shiraz 2002 (once-off five barrels only, aged a whopping five years in Oak and two years in the bottle before release) and three other premium red blends (eight barrels each) that marry unique varietals into one-of-a-kind offerings. Four kinds of hand-made chocolates and three ranges of hand-rolled cigars were also offered as part of an enjoyable but decidedly decadent evening. Wines not available at LCBO, but direct from his agent in Ontario. Cigars and chocolates available only on-site at the event.

Dec 2009

Host: **Artisanal Wine Imports**

Champagne Tasting - Artisanal Wine Imports hosted the Canadian introduction of Maily Grand Cru Champagne. Located on the northern slope of the "Grand Montagne de Reims", Maily Grand Cru Champagne is owned by 77 vine-owners from the Maily village that only grow Pinot Noir (75%) and Chardonnay (25%) on 480 vineyard plots. Maily is unique in that it is only 1 of 17 "one hundred percent (100%) grand cru villages" – the top of the range! Maily Champagne only sells what is produced by its owners and in order to maintain their high standards, production is limited to approximately 500,000 bottles each year. Here are some of the wines featured: Maily Champagne BRUT RESERVE NV (Grand Cru); Maily Champagne L'Intemporelle MILLESIME 2005 (Grand Cru); Maily Champagne BRUT ROSÉ NV (Grand Cru); and, Maily Champagne LES ÉCHANSONS 1999 (Grand Cru). Artisanal also presented some other wines from their library including: 2006 Lucien Le Moine, Bourgogne; 2006 Lucien Le Moine, Gevrey Chambertin, Lavaux St. Jacques; 2006 Lucien Le Moine, Clos de Vougeot; 2006 Henry, Pinot Noir; and 2005 Henry, Cabernet Sauvignon. The hat was passed around and all proceeds donated to Grapes for Humanity.

Nov 2009

Host: Liquid Art Fine Wines

www.liquidart.ca

Portfolio Tasting - Liquid Art Fine Wines invited our clients to a holiday tasting and buying opportunity with a selection of wines from their extensive portfolio. Liquid Art is a national wine importer operating in Canada for the past 20 years. Last year, they expanded into Ontario with great success, bringing in a portfolio of over 200 producers - all family-owned, small production wineries that have a focus on what they like to call "People, Place and Time". Wines sampled included: Sparkling Wine: Larmandier-Bernier 1er Cru "Tradition" Champagne. White Wine: Pyramid Valley Riesling "Lebecca Vineyard" 2006, Marlborough NZ; Domaine Boudin Chablis 1er Cru "Fourchaume" 2008, Chablis FR; Sadie Family "Palladius" 2007, Swartland SA (92 points, WA). Red Wine: Vincent Paris St. Joseph 2007, Rhone Valley FR (90 points, WS); Tenuta dei Sette Cieli Indaco 2006, IGT Toscana (90 points, WA); Duemani Suissassi 2005, IGT Toscana (92 points, WS, WA); Argiano Solengo 2005, IGT Toscana (92 points, WA); Russo "Barbicone" 2006, IGT Toscana (91 points, WA); Le Macchiole "Messorio" 2003, IGT Toscana (93 points, WS, WA); Neal Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2005, CA; Neal Family Cabernet Sauvignon "2nd Chance Vineyard" Atlas Peak 2004, CA; Grant Burge "Meshach" Shiraz 2002, Barossa AUS (93 points, WA, WS); Dominio

Romano Ribera del Duero 2006, Spain; Luca "Labourde Select" Syrah 2006, Uco Valley, Mendoza ARG (92 points, WA); Mendel "Unus" 2007, Mendoza ARG (94 points, WA).

Nov 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Daniel Vollenweider** – Owner/Winemaker Daniel Vollenweider Estate

Wine Tasting - John Hanna & Sons presented a wide range of super-premium small production Rieslings from Daniel Vollenweider's estate in the Mosel Valley. This tasting was an opportunity to taste a variety of vintages covering a broad range of quality levels ranging from Kabinett to Trockenberenauslese. It was also a chance to meet Daniel Vollenweider. A young Swiss, Daniel has reclaimed much of the very finest vineyards on the banks of the Mosel near Wolf. From ungrafted Riesling vines in the Goldgrube Vineyard, he coaxes some of the most intense, steely, clean, luscious wines we have ever tasted. These truly are the "bottled sunshine" of Mosel lore. Hugh Johnson recognizes Daniel as one of the most exciting new winemakers in Germany. Gault & Millau named him their "Discovery of the Year" in 2003. Following a recent tasting in Montreal, Quebec based journalist and commentator Stephane Hebert wrote "*Our common friend Jeremy (from Domaine Dujac) had told me I'd fall off my chair when tasting your wines... I have to admit Jeremy was right: your Rieslings are just amazing! ... (they) were heaven... precise... purity of the fruit... mouth watering acidity, and this sense of place in each of the cuvées. Classical Riesling with a slight modern touch... more please!*"

Nov 2009

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Guest: Ms. Morgane Fleury of Champagne Fleury

Champagne Tasting – The Living Vine presented an exclusive tasting of biodynamic wines from Champagne Fleury, Courteron Aube, Champagne France. We were honoured to have Ms. Fleury on hand to answer all your questions. Champagne Fleury was founded by Morgane Fleury's great-grandfather in 1895, and it's located in the Côtes de Bar, in the south of the Champagne region. In 1929, during the depression, grape prices were so low that Robert Fleury decided to take the then unusual step of bottling his own Champagne. Champagne Fleury's conversion to biodynamics was at the hands of Morgane's father, Jean-Pierre. His interest in sustainable wine growing began in the 1970s when he tried using manual tilling (as opposed to herbicides) and composting (as opposed to synthetic fertilizers). He began a trial with biodynamics, applying it to just 3 ha, in 1989 and then in 1992 used it across the whole of his vineyard holdings. All 15 hectares that Fleury own (90% of which is Pinot Noir) are cultivated using biodynamics, which makes them the largest biodynamic producer in the entire Champagne region. 'The key is soil health', he says. 'We must keep the earth healthy. The structure of the soil gives back the essence of the terroir'. Wines sampled included the following: Carte Rouge Brut ou Demi-sec (\$56.95); Fleur De L'Europe Brut (\$56.95); Rose de Saignee Brut (\$67.95); Robert Fleury 2000 (\$79.95); and, Millesime 1995 (\$89.95).

Oct 2009

Host: Hexagon Wines

Guest: **Francois Villard** – Owner/Winemaker for Domain Francois Villard

www.hexagonwines.com

Wine Tasting – Frederic Brouca of Hexagon Wines presented an exclusive tasting of **Domaine Francois Villard**, the first ever tasting in Ontario. Francois' wines have never been distributed in Ontario, even if his Estate is one of the largest and most respected of Northern Rhone. Francois will be on hand and personally lead us through this tasting. On October 23, 2008 James Molesworth (Wine Spectator) in an article entitled; Syrah Standouts - 24 top Côte-Rôtie producers who are making some of the Northern Rhône's best Syrah ever, had this to say about Francois' wines: "*François Villard runs a Condrieu-based domaine which he created in 1991, and makes outstanding whites as well as reds. He is also one of the founders of Les Vins de Vienne. The Côte-Rôtie Le Gallet Blanc, actually a red that contains no Viognier, is sourced from four schist-soil parcels in the Côte Brune region and is aged in two-thirds new oak. It typically shows a mix of dark fruit and olive notes with a muscular finish. The La Brocarde cuvée is sourced from the parcel of the same name, located just below the lieu-dit La Côte Brune. It contains 10 percent to 15 percent Viognier, is only partially destemmed, and is the more aromatic and floral of the two cuvées, with a softer texture and more supple finish*". Wines to be sampled at this tasting include the following: Whites: 2008 Mairlant, St. Joseph, AOC; 2008 Les Contours de Deponcins – Viognier; 2008 Deponcins, Condrieu, AOC and Reds: 2008 Mairlant, St. Joseph, AOC; 2008 Appel des Sereines – Syrah; 2007 Le Galet Blanc, Cote Rotie, AOC.

Oct 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Christopher Cannan** – Founder & President Europvin

John Hanna & Sons brings in a selection of seriously high end wines from the Priorat region of northern Spain. Mr. Christopher Cannan walked us through the following wines: Whites: 2007 Font de la Figuera Priorat Blanco (Parker 91); 2005 Clos Nelin Priorat Blanco (Parker 91); Reds: 2008 Serras del Priorat Tinto; 2007 Font de la Figuera Tinto (Parker 90 for 2005 & 2006 and Parker 91 for 2004); 2005 Clos Figueras Priorat Tinto (Parker 96); 2005 Clos Manyetes Priorat Tinto (Parker 94); 2007 Clos Mogador Priorat Tinto (Parker 95 for 2006 and Parker 98 for 2005); 2006 Espectacle del Montsant (Parker 96). A stellar line-up of the very top wines and cuvees.

Oct 2009

Host: AMV Whiz Trading Company

AMV-Whiz Trading Ltd presented wine from the Deetlefs Wine Group in South Africa. The 4th oldest wine estate in South Africa, it has been owned and operated by the same family since 1822. At this tasting we sampled the following wines: Stonecross Range - 2009 Chenin Blanc/Chardonnay; and 2008 Merlot /Pinotage. Deetlefs Estate

Range - 2008 Chardonnay; 2008 Oak Matured Pinotage; 2008 Merlot; and 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon. Deetlefs Familie Range - 2005 White, Semillion/Sauvignon Blanc; and 2006 Red Bordeaux Blend.

Oct 2009

Host: AMV Whiz Trading Company

AMV-Whiz Trading Ltd presented the cavas and wines of Marti Serda from Spain. Santa Fe del Penedes is one of the smallest villages in the region. It is located in a small hill in the heart of the D.O. Penedes wine region and has a fantastic Mediterranean climate. The excellent soils possess unique characteristics for wine growing. The birth of "Marti Serda" is fruit of a very tight link that their ancestor had with winegrowing. Generation after generation, they have dedicated their life to making select cavas and wines. Tradition and modernity, vocation and experience, method and knowledge, flow into each bottle. We all enjoyed the following wines: 2007 Marti Serda, Blanc de Blanc; 2007 Marti Serda, Chardonnay; 2007 Marti Serda, Merlot Rosato; 2003 Marti Serda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserva; NV Marti Serda Brut Nature; NV Marti Serda Chardonnay Brut; NV Marti Serda Brut Rose; NV Marti Serda Grand Reserva; and NV Marti Serda Cuvee Real.

Oct 2009

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Wine Tasting – The Living Vine presented biodynamic wines from Ngeringa Vineyards (Mount Baker, South Australia). James Halliday had this to say: "Outstanding winery capable of producing wines of very high quality, and did so this year. Also will usually have at least two wines rated at 94 points or above." (Australian Wine Companion 2009 - 5 Star rating). Wines sampled included the following: 2007 J.E Chardonnay \$55.95; 2007 Ngeringa Viognier \$64.95; 2008 J.E Assemblage Red \$42.95; 2007 Ngeringa Pinot Noir \$55.95; and 2006 Ngeringa Syrah \$78.95.

Oct 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Sophie Baldo** – Export Manager, Chanson Pere & Fils

www.vins-chanson.com

Wine Tasting – John Hanna & Sons dropped by with Sophie Baldo (export manager) from Chanson Pere & Fils to present a selection of wines from this famous old négociant. This sit down tutored tasting was a wonderful opportunity to check out a full range of 2007s from Chanson, including: Whites: 2007 Vire Clesse; 2007 Chablis Grand Cru "Les Clos"; 2007 Pernand Vergelesses 1er Cru "Les Caradeux"; 2007 Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru "Les Chenevottes"; 2007 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru "Les Folatieres"; and 2007 Corton Vergennes Grand Cru. Reds: 2007 Bourgogne Pinot Noir; 2007 Santenay 1er Cru "Beauregard"; 2007 Beaune 1er Cru "Clos des Mouches"; 2007 Beaune 1er Cru "Clos des Feves"; 2007 Nuit St Georges 1er Cru "Les Porets"; and 2007 Chambertin Clos des Beze Grand Cru. The name Chanson carries 250 years of history, reinforced by its location in the heart of the old town of Beaune and the imposing 16th century "Bastion" (the ancient tower, part of the old ramparts) where the wines mature in casks. Chanson's winemaker, Jean-Pierre Confuron, is part of a new generation of young superstar winemakers emerging in Burgundy. Confuron aims to express the purity of the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes grown in the varied terroirs of Burgundy. This was definitely a great way to spend lunch hour on a Wednesday.

Oct 2009

Host: AMV Whiz Trading Company

Wine Tasting - AMV-Whiz Trading Ltd presented a selection of wines from Central Italy. Chianti, still the dominant force in Tuscan viticulture, has long rated as the most Italian of wines. But other wines in the region such as Brunello, Montepulciano d' Abruzzo, Super Tuscans have increasingly become popular. The following wines were sampled: From Fontanelle - 2004 Porta Al Sole, Chianti Superiore, DOCG; 2006 Ri.Va.Le., Chianti, DOC; 2003 Stiglianese II, IGT. From Gocce - 2007 Lemessi, Chianti, DOCG; 2005 Lemessi, Chianti Riserva, DOCG; 2006 Michilleti, Bolgheri, DOC; 2004 Lemessi, Brunello Di Montalcino, DOC. From Stefania Pepe (Biologica Vitivinicola - Organic Wines) -2003 Pepe Nero, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo "Colline Teramane", DOCG; 2003 Pepe Rosso, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOC; 2000 Cuore Di Vino, Montepulciano d' Abruzzo, DOC. From Svoltacarrozze di Meoni Sebastiana - 2002 Svoltacarrozze; and 2004 Svoltacarrozze.

Oct 2009

Host: WorldWide Cellar

www.worldwidecellar.com

Guest: Dave Palmer – Owner & Winemaker for Skillogalee Wines

www.skillogalee.com.au

Wine Tasting – WorldWide cellar brought in Dave Palmer, owner and winemaker from Skillogalee Wines in Clare Valley Australia. Skillogalee is a historic property bought by Dave and Diana Palmer in the late 1980's. They have fully capitalized on the exceptional fruit quality to produce generous and full flavoured wines. The wines recently achieved 5 star ratings from James Halliday's Wine Companion. Dave was an engaging speaker, and we sampled some of his recent vintages including the 90+ Robert Parker scoring wines – 2008 Single Vineyard Riesling and the 2005 Basket Pressed Shiraz. Other wines sampled include: 2008 Rose; NV Sparkling Riesling; 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc/Malbec, and the: 2006 Take Two Shiraz/Cabernet.

Oct 2009

Host: AMV Whiz Trading Company

Wine Tasting - AMV-Whiz Trading Ltd presented a selection of wines from Northern Italy. For a while it may have seemed that the worldwide trend to standardize vines and wines was bound to compromise Italy's role as the champion of diversity. But, instead, leading producers in many parts of the country have kept the emphasis firmly on traditional vines. They have taken the authentic treasures of their ancient land and enhanced them in modern wines whose aromas and flavors are not to be experienced anywhere else. Getting to know the unique wines of Italy is an

endless adventure in taste. The following wines from Piedmont and Veneto were sampled: From Cantina Bergadano - 2001 Barolo Sarmassa Riserva DOCG; 2003 Barolo Sarmassa DOCG; 2005 Barbera D' Alba Brunate DOC. From Socrè Roncaglie - 2005 Barbaresco. From Filiberti Wines - 2002 Barolo Chinato. From Tenuta Chevalier - 2004 Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico DOC; 2006 Ripasso Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC; 2007 Recioto Della Valpolicella Classico DOC; 2007 Bardolino Classico DOC and 2005 Pensiero Vino Bianco IGT .

Sep 2009

Host: Le Sommelier Inc., Exclusive Wine Agents

www.lesommelier.com

Guest: Matteo Burani – Export Manager for Livio Felluga

www.liviofelluga.it

Wine Tasting – Le Sommelier Inc, Exclusive Wine Agents arrived with Matteo Burani, Export Manager and long-time employee for Livio Felluga who lead tasters through an informal tasting of their wines. This family owned winery is one of the historic estates of Friuli, Italy, which was founded in the 1950s. The Felluga family has been making wine for five generations with the mantra that “premium-quality wine is made first in the vineyard and then in the cellar”. The first year of production in the Friuli estate was in 1956, when Livio Felluga purchased a few hectares of vineyard at Rosazzo, now considered one of the finest wine zones in the region. Today, the Livio Felluga estate has 160 hillside hectares under vine, with an annual production averages 750,000 bottles, which are exported all over the world. Livio, now 95 years old, still helps his children (Maurizio, Elda, Andrea and Filippo) continue the family winemaking tradition.

Sep 2009 - 6 nights

Event: Ontario Vintner Series – 12 Ontario Wineries featured

Ontario Vintner Series - The Fine Wine Reserve played host to the Ontario Vintner Series. This was a six day tasting extravaganza - with each day featuring a different winery from both Prince Edward County and Niagara. In most cases, the winemaker/owners were on hand to guide our clients through the wines and answer questions. This series was an excellent opportunity to sample many different wines from a broad cross section of great producers. It's no secret that Ontario is producing world-class wines, and this tasting series certainly confirmed that fact. The following wineries were paired up for this event: Tawse Winery and Rosehall Run Vineyards; Organized Crime Winery and Closson Chase Vineyards; Nyarai Cellars and Long Dog Winery; 13th Street Winery and Huff Estates; Hernder Estates and Norman Hardie; and Southbrook and Chadsey's Cairns.

Sep 2009

Host: Tannin Fine Wines

www.tanninfinewines.com

Portfolio Tasting - The Tannin Fine Wines' tasting was an amazing selection of over 25 wines from their portfolio sourced from top appellations around the world. At this tasting, they featured a broad cross section of their favorite wines from top artisan suppliers including (to name a few): Domaine de la Bastide, Saint Dominique (France); Step Rd and Beresford (Australia); A to Z Wineworks (Oregon); Master Sommelier John Szabo's J&J Eger Kekfrancos (Hungary) and Vina Casa Marin from San Antonio (Chile). They also featured a selection of great wines from Italy, plus a few new surprises.

Jul 2009

Host: AMV Whiz Trading Company

Wine Tasting - Brought to us by AMV Whiz Trading Company, this was a great opportunity to taste a nice selection of Bordeaux that pleased both the palate and the pocket book. The wines sampled included: From Domaine Grand Ormeau: Vieux Chateau Goujon, Montagne Saint-Emilion 2006; Domaine du Grand Ormeau, Lalande de Pomerol 2006; Fleur des Ormes, Lalande de Pomerol 2005 and Chateau la Truffe, Pomerol 2004. From Chateau Bertranon: Bordeaux Superieur; Sainte Croix du Mont; Bordeaux Blanc and Bordeaux Rose. From S.C.E.A. Compagnet: Chateau Le Pey, Cru Bourgeois 2003 and Chateau Le Barrail.

Jun 2009

Host: Whitehall Agencies

www.whitehall.ca

Port Tasting - Stephen Marentette of Whitehall Agencies provided an early opportunity to taste the recently declared 2007 Vintage Ports of both Taylor Fladgate and Croft. For comparison, we also sampled 2003 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port (Robert Parker 98+ Points) and 2003 Croft Vintage Port (Wine Spectator 96 Points). Whitehall also presented a number of other wines from their portfolio from Tuscany, Chile and Lebanon including: 2005 Sassicaia; 2007 Vina Montes, Montes Alpha, Cabernet Sauvignon and the very interesting 1995 Chateau Musar White and 1998 Chateau Musar Red from Lebanon.

Feb 2009

Host: Profile Wine Group

www.profilewinegroup.com

Guest: **Ray Signorello Jr.** – owner/winemaker Signorello Vineyards

www.signorellovineyards.com

Wine Tasting - Profile Wine Group arrived with a selection of wines from Signorello Vineyards. We were honoured to have Ray Signorello Jr. (Owner/Winemaker) on hand to lead this sit down tutored tasting. Ray Signorello Jr. began his journey as winemaker and vineyard owner in the Napa Valley during the mid 1980's. Born in San Francisco, Ray moved to Vancouver where the Signorello family continues to maintain their permanent home. Ray now divides his time between San Francisco and Vancouver. Rays' father, Ray Sr. initiated the vineyard project during the mid 1970's by purchasing the 100 acre estate located on the Silverado Trail in the beautiful Napa Valley. Ray Sr. worked side by side with Ray Jr. establishing the winery's reputation for excellence until his passing in the fall of 1998. Signorello vineyards makes limited quantities of premium varietals that blend classic French wine making

characteristics with California fruit. Their style of winemaking is directly tied to their vineyards. They strive for lush, concentrated fruit flavors, and good acid balance in all of their wines. The goal is to have wines with early accessibility, as well as the potential to develop additional complexity as they mature. Wine featured at this event included: the SETA white (2007), Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes (2007); the Fuse (2006), Cabernet Sauvignon (2004 & 2005); and the mighty Padrone (2005).

May 2009

Host: ex-Cellar Wine Services

www.ex-cellar.ca

Guest: **Mr. Christophe Garnier of the CGS Group of winemakers**

www.tenutarocca.com

Wine Tasting - Ex-Cellars Wine Services returned to the Reserve with a selection of Loire Valley wines from the Christophe Garnier Selection company (CGS). This company selects and distributes fine wine from estate owners in a wide variety of Loire Valley appellations. This group of wine makers utilizes a venue called "Vinci Cave", in Amboise to receive groups and organize tastings. Mr. Christophe Garnier was on hand to discuss the wines and answer questions. Since 2000, Christophe has been producing his own wine - he created the 3-hectare Domaine de la Croule in the commune of Azay-le-Rideau. The CGS wines available for this tasting included the following: Pouilly-Fume from Yvon & Pascal TABORDET; Sancerre from Pierre CHERRIER; Vouvray from Lionel GAUTHIER; Touraine Azay-le-Rideau from Pascal PIBALEAU; Bourgueil from Domaine CHASLE & MENARD; Saint-Nicolas de Bourgueil from Pascal & Alain LORIEUX; Chinon from Pascal & Alain LORIEUX; and Muscadet Sevre-et-Maine from Pierre-Luc BOUCHAUD, among a few other surprises.

Apr 2009

Host: Artisanal Wine Imports

Wine Tasting - Artisanal Wine Imports arrived with an amazing selection of Lucien Le Moine Burgundy from the 2006 vintage. Too many to list, some of the wines I remember trying were: *Chassagne Montrachet, Les Embrazees, 1er Cru; Puligny Montrachet, Champsgain, 1er Cru; Corton Charlemagne, Grand Cru (BH 91-93, Tanzer 94+); Beaune, Les Reversées, 1er Cru (Tanzer 87-89); Chambolle Musigny, Les Charmes, 1er Cru (BH 89-92, Tanzer 93); Morey St. Denis, Clos des Ormes, 1er Cru; Clos St Denis, Grand Cru (BH 92, Tanzer 91-93); and Clos de Vougeot, Grand Cru (Tanzer 91-95)*. Artisanal also presented some other wines from their portfolio (Italy and Southern France). Rosehall Run wines were also featured at this event. Winemaker Dan Sullivan was on hand with Pinots, Cab Francs, Chardonnays and others from 2006 and 2007 including a few barrel samples from the most recent vintage. Topping it off, the hat was passed around and \$925 was raised for "Grapes for Humanity". Just a fantastic evening!

Apr 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Southbrook Winery** - Bill & Marilyn Redelmeier, Owners

www.southbrook.com

Launch - In conjunction with John Hanna & Sons, we toasted Earth Day with the launch of the first biodynamic wine produced in Canada. Southbrook Vineyards owners Bill & Marilyn Redelmeier were on hand to personally introduce their 2008 Cabernet Rosé, and share stories and experiences of the journey culminating in the launch of this historic new wine. Over 25 restaurants across Ontario, from Ottawa, Toronto, Prince Edward County, Muskoka, western Ontario and Niagara celebrated the simultaneous launch of the wine on April 22nd - Earth Day.

Mar 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Sophie Robson** of Penny's Hill Estate Winery

www.pennyshill.com.au

Wine Tasting - John Hanna & Sons arrived with a spectacular introduction to some of south Australia's most delicious small production wines. The tasting featured wines from Penny's Hill Estate Winery and a new label produced by Penny's Hill Winemaker Ben Riggs simply dubbed "Mr. Riggs". Sophie Robson made the long trip from Australia to present this tasting. The line-up of wines for this tasting included: *Mr. Riggs Shiraz "The Gaffer" (Parker 90/100 Points); Mr. Riggs Shiraz (Parker 93/100 Points); Mr. Riggs Cabernet Sauvignon "Coonawarra" (Not yet reviewed); Penny's Hill Shiraz "Red Dot" (Parker 91/100); and Penny's Hill Fortified Shiraz (Parker 91/100)*.

Mar 2009

Host: Whitehall Agencies

www.whitehall.ca

Guest: **Mr. Carel Voorhuis** - winemaker Domain d'Ardhuy

www.ardhuy.com

Wine Tasting - After a two year hiatus, we were excited to see the return of Domaine d'Ardhuy to the Fine Wine Reserve. Whitehall Agencies (importer) and Carel Voorhuis (d'Ardhuy's Estate Manager and winemaker) arrived with a wide selection of their Premier and Grand Cru level Burgundies for us to sample. Allen Meadows (Burghound) had this to say about Domaine d'Ardhuy: "Under the now capable direction of Estate Manager, Carel Voorhuis, this producer has decided to get serious about quality. Blessed with superb holdings spread over 42 ha in 35 different crus spread from Puligny to Gevrey, this domaine has the wherewithal to challenge some of Burgundy's best. A new address to watch out for." Six wines were tasted: *2005 Puligny Montrachet, 'Sous le Puits', Premier Cru (BH 91 points); 2006 Corton Charlemagne, Grand Cru (BH 93 points); Savigny Les Beaune, 'Aux Clous' Premier Cru (WS 90 points & BH 90 points); 2005 'Clos des Langres' Monopole (BH 90 points); 2006 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru (WS 93 points & BH 93 points); and, 2006 Clos de Vougeot, Grand Cru (WS 93 points & BH 94 points)*.

Mar 2009

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Wine Tasting – Biodynamic and organic wine specialists The Living Vine put together an exclusive tasting of Biodynamic and Organic Chateaus from the Bordeaux region. This tasting was a great opportunity to sample a selection of wines from across the region. There must have been close to 30 products to sample from 17 Chateaus, and from various different price levels including: Château Vieux Pourret 2005 AOC Saint Emilion Grand Cru (\$39.95); Château Coutet 2006 AOC Saint Emilion Grand Cru (\$43.95); Château La Croix Taillefer 2003 AOC Pomerol Grand Cru (\$63.95); Château Fonroque 2005 AOC Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classé (\$75.95); Château Pontet Canet 2006 AOC Pauillac 5th Growth Grand Cru Classé (\$149.95); Liber Pater 2006 AOC Graves Grand Cru (\$169.95); Château Auguste 2006 AOC Bordeaux (\$14.95); Château Auguste 2006 AOC Bordeaux Supérieur (\$15.95); Château du Champ des Treilles Petit Champ 2006 AOC Sainte Foy Bordeaux (\$19.95), and owned by Jean Michel Comme, winemaker for Château Pontet Canet); Château du Champ des Treilles Grand Vin 2003 AOC Sainte Foy Bordeaux (\$28.95); Château Vieux Rivière 2007 AOC Lalande de Pomerol (\$29.95); Château Grand Renard 2005 AOC Premières Côtes de Blaye (\$23.95); Château La Grave 2005 AOC Fronsac (\$34.95); Château Micalet 2005 AOC Haut Medoc (\$32.95); Château Haut Nouchet 2003 2005 AOC Pessac Léognan (\$43.95); Château La Fleur Cailleau 2005 AOC Canon-Fronsac (\$44.95); Chateau Romulus 2005 AOC Pomerol (\$148.95).

Feb 2009

Host: Ex-Cellar Wine Services

www.ex-cellars.ca

Guest: **Ms. Elena Ercole** of Tenuta Rocca

www.tenutarocca.com

Wine Tasting – Ex-Cellar Wine Services presented the wines of Tenuta Rocca. Ms. Elena Ercole of Tenuta Ercole was also on hand to answer questions about these wonderful wines. This estate is in the heart of Langhe, at Monforte d’Alba in Ornati Italy. The property encompasses 25 acres, owned by brothers Bruno and Gianna since 1986. The vineyards have been modernized and they are now producing wines truly symbolic of the Alba and Langhe regions. Their hard work has resulted in distinguished reviews by Wine Spectator, Wine Enthusiast, Decanter and Hugh Johnson. Wines sampled were as follows: *2007 Vigna Sori Rocca Dolcetto d’Alba*; *2005 Langhe Rosso Ornati*; *2004 Vigna Roca Neira Barbera d’Alba*; *2004 Vigna San Pietro Barolo (90pts-WS)*; and *2003 Vigna San Pietro Barolo (92pts-WS)*.

Feb 2009

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Guest: **Julian Castagna** – owner/winemaker Castagna Vineyard

www.bodegascastano.com

Wine Tasting - The Living Vine presented Castagna Vineyard from Beechworth Australia. Iconic winemaker Julian Castagna brought his entire portfolio of Estate Wines to taste on this holiday Monday. Castagna's wines are some of Australia's highest reviewed bottlings, all produced from Castagna's biodynamic vineyards. Wines featured were as follows: *Castagna 08 Allegro Rose*; *Castagna 06 "Adams Rib" Red*; *Castagna 04 Genesis Syrah (95 pts J.O.)*; *Castagna 05 Genesis Syrah (95 pts J.O.)*; *Castagna 05 Unsegreto Sangiovese/Syrah (96 pts J.O.)*; *Castagna 05 Sparkling Genesis Syrah (96 pts J.O.)*.

Feb 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Daniel Castano** of Bodegas Castano

www.bodegascastano.com

Wine Tasting- John Hanna & Sons and Daniel Castano of Bodegas Castano presented wines from his family's estates in eastern Spain. Both Bodegas Castano (Yecla) and Bodegas Sierra Salinas (Alicante) have taken the world by storm with a wide range of stunning values and rich structured cellar worthy red wines constructed around the local Monastrell grape. Daniel lead us through a process of discovery – understanding the unique terroirs of eastern Spain, as well as the considerations that go into producing 90+ point wines starting at \$8 per bottle right up to over \$100 per bottle. And yes, you read that correctly - these guys have figured out how to make 90+ quality wine for \$8 per bottle. The experts agree this is an estate to know - Parker states that these wines offer "insane value" while Stephen Tanzer poses the rhetorical question "are average consumers ready for this kind of quality?" One guest who bought 10 cases of the \$9 Monastrell was heard saying, "this stuff is so good I'm bringing it to the cottage and drinking it right out of the bottle?!" Wines sampled were as follows: *2006 Bodegas Castano Monastrell (Parker 90)*; *2006 Bodegas Castano "Hecula" (Parker 90)*; *2005 Bodegas Castano "Coleccion" (not yet reviewed)*; *2004 Bodegas Castano Dulce (Parker 92)*; *2004 Bodegas Castano "Casa Cisca" (Parker 92)*; *2006 Bodegas Sierra Salinas "Mo" (Parker 90)*; *2005 Bodegas Sierra Salinas "Mira" (Parker 93)*; *2004 Bodegas Sierra Salinas "1237" (Parker 95)*; *2006 Vina al Lado de la Casa (Parker 90)*.

Feb 2009

Host: Profile Wine Group

www.profilewinegroup.com

Featured: Four world class wines

Wine Tasting- Profile Wine Group arrived with four world class wines: *2005 Podere Poggio Scalette*, *2005 Il Carbonaione*; *2004 Chateau Teyssier, Le Dome*; *2004 Merryvale Vineyards, Profile and Miner Family Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville*. The Il Carbonaione has received 90+ rating from Wine Advocate for 13 of the last 15 years (2005 = 91). Judging by the amount of Miner I've seen coming into the cellar lately, Miner has quite a following at FWR.

Jan 2009

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Featured: Weingut Vollenweider

www.weingut-vollenweider.de

Wine Tasting - John Hanna & Sons presents the wines of Weingut Vollenweider. Vollenweider served his apprenticeship with both Dr. Loosen in the middle Mosel and Von Hoevel in the Saar. In 2000, this young Swiss winemaker acquired 10 acres of old Riesling vines near Traben-Trarbach along the Mosel River. Daniel crafts superb wines from ungrafted, pre-phylloxera Riesling vines growing in the Wolfer Goldgrube, an area of mostly abandoned vineyards that he has restored to their former glory. Tiny quantities of traditional styled wines are produced. They are amazingly pure, extracted, delicious wines, many which will cellar for decades. Named Gault & Millau's "Discovery of the Year" in 2003, Vollenweider makes wines which are routinely scored in the mid-ninety point range by the likes of Parker and Tanzer. Hugh Johnson identifies Vollenweider as "one of four names to watch for, in Germany's most dynamic region". Luscious fruit, honey, wonderful minerality and vibrant acidity in the wines we sampled. These included: 2007 Riesling Kabinett; 2007 Riesling Spatlese; 2007 Riesling Spatlese "Reiler"; 2007 Riesling Spatlese "Gold Kapsule"; 2005 Riesling Auslese; 2006 Riesling Auslese; 2007 Riesling Auslese "Long Gold Kapsule"

Dec 2008

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Guest: **Phillipe Gilbert** – Owner/Winemaker <http://www2.domainephilippegilbert.fr/-Home-page-.html>

Wine Tasting - The Living Vine presents Domaine Phillippe Gilbert from the Mentou-Salon appellation located in the Loire Valley - a domain has been committed to organic farming and biodynamics since 2005. Phillippe Gilbert (owner/winemaker) was on hand to share his wines. Descendant of a winemaker lineage since 1768, Phillippe Gilbert took over the management of the Domaine in 1998. With the oenologist Jean-Philippe Louis, he put a lot in the work in the vines and cellar, setting up the tools necessary to produce high-quality wines. To be fully in accord with his convictions, he now runs the vineyard in compliance with organic farming requirements (a member of the Byodivin Union since 2007). This tasting provided an opportunity to try the following wines: Menetou-Salon White 2006 (\$26.95 est. 90 points WS); Menetou-Salon White 2007 (\$26.95 est.); Menetou-Salon Red 2007 (\$27.95 est); Menetou-Salon Les Renardières White 2006 (\$44.95 est); Menetou-Salon Les Renardières Red 2006 (\$44.95 est.).

Nov 2008

Host: Lailey Vineyard

www.laileyvineyard.com

Guest: **Derek Barnett** – Winemaker/Co-Owner

Portfolio Wine Tasting – The second annual Lailey Vineyard Portfolio Tasting at the Fine Wine Reserve hosted by Derek Barnett and the crew. It was an opportunity to sample Lailey's barrel samples of many of their 2007 wines (12 wines I think!). There will be a strong interest in this great vintage year, and scarcity of supply. So this was an excellent opportunity to taste these wines and pre order the 2007's - the first time that Lailey Vineyard has ever offered wines as futures.

Oct 2008

Host: Woodman Wines & Spirits

www.woodmanwinesandspirits.com

Guest: **Anne Deraisme** – Export Manager, Henriot Champagne www.champagne-henriot.com

Champagne Tasting – Russell and Jason Woodman of Woodman Wines and Spirits dropped in with Anne Deraisme, Export Manager for Henriot Champagne. Several styles of champagne were available for tasting. This venerable champagne house was founded in 1808 and remains to this day in the hands of the Henriot family. Among the more high-end champagnes Henriot is known for the fine cru vineyards that the majority of its grapes come from. Henriot's average percentage of fine crus is at 97%, one of the highest percentages in the Champagne region. Central to the Henriot style, Chardonnay represents a very sizeable share of the stock (with those coming from the famous vineyards of Chouilly, Oger, Avize, Mesnil, Vertus and Cramant). Henriot Champagne prefers to only blend Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and lets its wines age for a very long time in the cellars. A few tasty Bouchards also sneaked into this tasting.

Oct 2008

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Sophie Baldo** – Export Manager, Chanson Pere & Fils www.vins-chanson.com

Wine Tasting – One of Ontario's top wine merchants, John Hanna & Sons dropped in with Sophie Baldo (export manager) from Chanson Pere & Fils to present a selection of some of Chanson's top Burgundy wines. In conjunction with a special launch of the 2005 Chanson Beaune 1er Cru "Teurons" at LCBO Vintages, we were honoured to have Ms. Baldo at the cellar. Chanson operates strictly within the limits of Burgundy, whereas many other burgundy producers have extended their areas of activity into other regions such as the South of France. Since Chanson's acquisition by the Group Bollinger in 1999, major investments have been made in both the winery and vineyards. The name Chanson carries with it 250 years of history. Reinforced by its location in the heart of the old town of Beaune and the imposing 16th century "Bastion" (the ancient tower, part of the old ramparts) where the wines mature in casks. The young Chanson head winemaker, Jean-Pierre Confuron, is part of a new generation of superstar winemakers emerging in Burgundy. Confuron aims to express the purity of the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grown in the "terroirs" of Burgundy.

July 2008

Host: The Living Vine

www.thelivingvine.ca

Guests: **Charles Finny** – Owner Kawarau Estate

www.kawarauestate.co.nz

Wine Tasting - The Living Vine brings organic, biodynamic and sustainable wines to the Ontario market. On this beautiful Friday summer afternoon, they brought in Kawarau Estate from Central Otago, NZ. Winery owner Charles

Finny was on hand to pour the wines and answer questions about the organic, biodynamic and sustainable designations. Several of his wines were available for tasting including: *2007 Pinot Gris*; *2007 Sauvignon Blanc*; *2006 & 2007 Reserve Chardonnay*; *2006 & 2007 Estate Pinot Noir*; and a *2006 Reserve Pinot Noir*.

May 2008

Host: Le Sommelier Inc., Exclusive Wine Agents

www.lesommelier.com

Guests: **Keith Nichols** – Owner & Winemaker for Nichols Winery
Fred Howard – Owner & Winemaker for DogRidge Vineyards
David Booth – Viticulturist for Fita Preta Vinhos

www.nicholswinery.com

www.dogridge.com.au

www.fitapreta.com

Wine Tasting - It was that time of year again – a Le Sommelier Triple Tasting! Winemakers and winery owners from three continents traveled round the world to present their wines in our members' lounge. This year's guests included: Fred Howard, winemaker and owner of DogRidge Vineyards (McLaren Vale, South Australia); David Booth, viticulturist of Fita Preta Vinhos (Alentejo, Portugal); and, Keith Nichols, winemaker and owner of Nichols Winery & Cellars (San Luis Obispo, California). Both the 2005 Fita Preta and 2004 DogRidge MVP were chosen as this year's best medium to full-bodied red wine at the Sante Wine Festival. DogRidge's 2001 and 2002 DV7 Shiraz won the same category in 2004 and 2005, respectively. A unique opportunity to taste wines from all three of these boutique wineries, and to speak to the people who made them! As a member of The Fine Wine Reserve, once again our clients gain exclusive access to VIP tastings and one-on-one attention with wine industry VIPs – all at no charge.

Apr 2008

Host: Peninsula Ridge Estate Winery

Guest: **Jean-Pierre Colas** – Winemaker

www.peninsularidge.com

Portfolio Tasting - We were pleased to have Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery return this year for their annual Portfolio Tasting. Under the capable direction of winemaker Jean-Pierre Colas (Ontario Winemaker of the Year in 2006), we're expecting good things again this year. Prior to joining Peninsula, Jean-Pierre was head winemaker at the notable Chablis House, Domaine Laroche. While at Laroche, Jean Pierre was honoured with Wine Spectator Magazine's 1998 White Wine of the Year award for his 1996 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos. Jean-Pierre will be with us at the tasting to answer your questions. Wines featured include his: *2006 Fume Blanc*; *2007 AJ Lepp Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc*; *2006 Syrah Reserve*, and; *2007 Gewurtztraminer*. The AJ Lepp SB is the first of 3 single vineyard SB's to be launched this year. The Gewurtztraminer is Peninsula's very first attempt at the big G. We're also very fortunate to be able to try their *2002 Vintner's Private Reserve Merlot* - something that rarely shows up at tastings due to its \$100 price tag.

Apr 2008

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Anne Sperling** – Winemaker

April Fools Day Blind Tasting - The Fine Wine Reserve joined forces with John Hanna and Sons to present the first annual April Fools Day Blind Tasting. Eight wines were presented blind for our members to taste, score and rank. Once they finished tasting, the products and prices were revealed. The line-up of wines included products from all corners of the earth - a range of different grape varieties encompassing both the most famous and some of the least known - with prices ranging from \$8 per bottle to \$80 per bottle. We are also very fortunate to have former Winemaker of the Year, Ann Sperling on hand to answer questions and share two decades of winemaking experience. Casual fun, delicious wine and great company.

Mar 2008

Host: Le Sommelier Inc., Exclusive Wine Agents

www.lesommelier.com

Guest: **Julie Gonet-Médeville** – Owner/Winemaker for Chateau Gilette

Sauternes Tasting – Our friends at Le Sommelier Inc, Exclusive Wine Agents arrived with Julie Gonet-Médeville, winemaker and proprietor of Château Gilette from the Sauternes region of France. A great opportunity to sample her luscious, botrytis affected wines including: 1954 Demi-Sec, and the sweet and luscious 100% botrytis-affected "Crème-de-Tête" wines of 1985, 1983, 1982 and 1979! Château Gilette does not sell its wines until they have been aged for at least 15 to 20 years. Even then, it is worth waiting another 10+ years. For 90% of us at the tasting, it was a lot of fun to enjoy wines made before we were born. Yet the wines still showed vibrant acidity. Château Gilette, is unique amongst Sauternes producers in that they age their wines for many years, sometimes decades, and only in concrete vats. Current owner and winemaker, Julie Gonet-Médeville, continues this tradition begun by her grandfather, René Médeville, more than 70 years ago. The wines mature more evenly this way, and develop more complex aromas and flavours than ones he had formerly aged in oak. The vat permits the wines to breathe so slowly that the winery is content to allow them to age for up to 20 years before bottling. In fact, the youngest wine in their collection (1985) just had its 23rd birthday! Robert Parker Jr. had this to say: "*Château Gilette is one of the finest-made wines in Sauternes despite the fact that Gilette was not classified.*"

Mar 2008

Host: Bokke Wines & ex-Cellars

www.bokkewines.com www.ex-cellar.com

Portfolio Tasting - Bokke Inc. and ex-Cellars arrived with over 30 wines for sampling! Their combined portfolios offered a wide selection of wines from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Argentina and France. Most of the wines were Consignment and Private Order, and not available at LCBO stores.

Feb 2008

Event: Valentine's Bubbly

Guest: **John Hanna & Sons**

www.winetrader.ca

Champagne Tasting – Clients and friends of The Fine Wine Reserve and John Hanna & Sons gathered together after work for a glass of Champagne on Valentine's Day. It was an opportunity to sample the magnificent Ayala Rose Majeur Champagne. Ayala Rose Majeur Champagne is one of JH&S's most compelling recent new product launches - top restaurants, saavy consumers and wine critics have embraced the delicate vibrant flavours of this stunning Champagne. Wine critics continue to pile on the praise with unprecedented high scores and fabulous editorials.

Feb 2008

Host: WineOnline.ca

www.wineonline.ca/

Guest: **Antoine Kreydenweiss** – Winemaker for Domaine Marc Kreydenweiss www.kreydenweiss.com/

Wine Tasting – WineOnline.ca in cooperation with Lotus Leaf Communications and The Fine Wine Reserve presented world-renowned winemaker Antoine Kreydenweiss of Domaine Marc Kreydenweiss vineyards from Alsace, France. This inspired and visionary winemaker brought in an exclusive selection of the estates rarities and paired them with a selection of delicious hot Hors d'oeuvres prepared on site and designed to match each wine to perfection. The Kreydenweiss estate in the Alsace region of eastern France was originally established in 1650, and has been in the family for over three and a half centuries. Since 1990, Marc Kreydenweiss converted the estate to 100% biodynamic farming, a distinction shared by only a small number of wineries in the world. Wines sampled included: Barbabelle 2005, Andlau Riesling 2005, Gewurztraminer 2006, Kastelberg Riesling Grand Cru 2005, Moenchberg Pinot Gris Grand Cru 2002, and a specially selected dessert wine.

Dec & Nov 2007

Event: The Cabernet Franc Challenge

Host: Michael Pinkus – The OntarioWineReview

www.ontariowinereview.com

Cabernet Franc Challenge – It was time to be Franc ... or at least pick the best. Cumulating on Dec 11, participants convened at The Fine Wine Reserve over the course of 5 nights to taste over 40 different wines from 34 Ontario wineries. The wines were broken down into 3 categories: Cabernet Franc, Franc Blends, and Franc Reserves. Each night, 7 to 10 different wines were tasted blind. Then, each taster decided on a scale from 1 to 10: 1) do you like it; 2) would you buy it, and 3) is it good value. Not a reviewer's challenge, but a people's challenge – judged by ordinary wine lovers - a great concept. Hosted by the Grape Guy himself, Michael Pinkus from the OntarioWineReview, a fine time was had by all.

Dec 2007

Host: Artisanal Wine Imports

Wine Tasting - Artisanal Wine Imports in cooperation with The Fine Wine Reserve presented a special selection of 2005 whites from Maison Henri Boillot. A total of 13 wines were sampled including: *Chassagne-Montrachet, Baudines; Chassagne-Montrachet, Chenevottes; Meursault, villages; Meursault, Poruzots; Savigny Les Beaune, Les Vergelesses; Puligny-Montrachet, Clos de la Mouchere; Criots-Batard-Montrachet; and Montrachet*. Plus a few earlier vintages for comparative purposes including: 2004's: *Meursault, Les Cras; Savigny Les Beaune, Les Vergelesses; Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Embrazees* AND 2002's: *Corton-Charlemagne; and Puligny-Montrachet, Clos de la Mouchere...wow!* Over 70 people attended this Premier and Grand Cru tasting over several sessions. The word of the evening: "acidity!" To top it off, the hat was passed around and \$1805 raised for "Grapes for Humanity".

Nov 2007

Host: Airen Imports – Laura Rapuano

www.airen.com

Wine Tasting - Laura Rapuano started Airen Imports in 1997 with the vision of representing small quality wineries that produce wines that reflect the region they are from. Airen Imports represents award winning wines from various regions from around the world. Wines that have made top 100 in Wines Spectator, Decanter Awards, and 3 stars in Gambero Rosso. Along with the award winning wines, are wines that are excellent value, three of which have made the best value wine awards in Wine Access and best buys in Wine Enthusiast and Wine Spectator. Many of the wines are available exclusively through the consignment warehouse, a selection through Vintages and the remainder on Private Order.

Nov 2007

Host: Lailey Vineyard

www.laileyvineyard.com

Guest: **Derek Barnett** – Winemaker

Portfolio Wine Tasting - Lailey Vineyard Portfolio Tasting. With 16 different wines on the table, this was a unique opportunity to taste a wide range of Lailey's wines. Derek Barnett (winemaker/owner) featured new releases of the Canadian Oak line including for the first time the 2006 Syrah Canadian Oak, along side the 2006 Syrah (French oak). They also showcased the aromatic 2006 whites and some of their big 2005 reds (Cab blend, Cabernet Franc). The inaugural vintage of idiosyncratic wine "Impromptu" (Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec) was also introduced.

Sep 2007

Host: Mondia Alliance (Barrique/VinVino)

www.barrique.ca

Guest: **Jack Edwards, Miner Family Winery** – National Sales Director

www.minerwines.com

Wine Tasting - Mondia Alliance ~ Barrique/VinVino hosted the Miner Family Winery. This family owned winery, located in the heart of the Napa Valley, was founded in 1998 by Dave & Emily Miner along with Dave's parents. The winery is defined first and foremost by a sensational portfolio of wines, wines consistently characterized by and

committed to individualistic style and uncommon quality. Jack Edwards, National Sales Director for Miner was our guest and guided us through the tasting of: 2005 Napa Valley Chardonnay, the 2005 Wild Yeast Chardonnay, the 2004 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, The Oracle 2003 and the 2005 Sangiovese from Gibson Ranch.

June 2007

Host: Creekside Estate Winery
Mike Weir Estate Winery
Willow Heights Estate Winery

<http://www.creeksidewine.com>
<http://www.weirwines.com>
<http://www.willowheightswinery.com>

Guest: **Craig McDonald** – Winemaker for Creekside

Wine Tasting - A triple header! Three closely allied wineries Creekside Estate Winery, Mike Weir Estate Winery and Willow Heights Estate Winery all arrive at The Fine Wine Reserve for an exclusive tasting. The focus will be on their small batch wines - wines that can be quite hard-to-get, and available in limited quantities. This is a great opportunity to try all these wines all in one spot. Veteran winemaker Craig McDonald (and hopefully Rob Powers) will be on hand to answer your questions. The expected line-up is as follows: WILLOW HEIGHTS: *Reserve Chardonnay 2006, Reserve 'Tresette' Red 2005 and Un-Oaked Chardonnay 2006*. WEIR: *Cabernet/Shiraz 2004, Cabernet/Merlot 2005, Pinot Noir 2005 & Sauvignon Blanc 2006*. CREEKSIDE: *Butler's Grant Vineyard Riesling 2006, Butler's Grant Reserve Chardonnay & Reserve Shiraz 2004*. The last wine on this list was awarded "The Fine Wine Reserve Best Shiraz" award at the 2007 Ontario Wine Awards. Also on display, two new wines launched the day before from the "Great One". Gretzky's Estate Winery, a new venture being developed in partnership with Creekside.

May 2007

Host: Le Sommelier Inc., Exclusive Wine Agents

www.lesommelier.com

Guests: **Keith Nichols** – Owner & Winemaker for Nichols Winery

www.nicholswinery.com

Fred Howard - Owner & Winemaker for DogRidge Vineyards

www.dogridge.com.au

Thys Louw - Winemaker for Diemersdal Wine Estate

www.diemersdal.co.za

Wine Tasting - A Le Sommelier Exclusive Wine Agents Triple Tasting! Winemakers and winery owners from three continents travel round the world and descend on The Fine Wine Reserve's member's lounge to present their wines: Thys Louw, winemaker for Diemersdal Wine Estate (Durbanville, South Africa), Fred Howard, winemaker and owner of DogRidge Vineyards (McLaren Vale, South Australia), and Keith Nichols, winemaker and owner of Nichols Winery & Cellars (San Luis Obispo, California) were on hand to pour their wines and answer your questions. Unbelievable selection of fine wines available for sampling including: From Diemersdal: *04 Shiraz; 04 Cabernet Sauvignon; 06 Chardonnay Single Vineyard & 06 Sauvignon Blanc*. From DogRidge: *04 Shiraz MVP; 05 Petit Verdot MVP; 05 Petit Verdot Duck Chase; 05 Cadenzia Grenache; 05 Pup Cabernet Merlot; 05 Pup Unwooded Chardonnay; 05 Pup Sauvignon Blanc; 05 Chardonnay WV*. From Nichols: *99 Merlot Paso Robles; 00 Merlot Paso Robles; 00 Pinot Noir Paragon Vineyard; 01 Pinot Noir Edna Ranch Vineyard; 00 Chardonnay Edna Ranch Vineyard; 01 Chardonnay Edna Ranch Vineyard & 99 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles; 00 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles... WOW, 20 WINES!*

Apr 2007

Host: Peninsula Ridge Estate Winery

Guest: **Jean-Pierre Colas** – Winemaker

www.peninsularidge.com

Wine Tasting – Wine Launch Peninsula Ridge Estate Winery launch of their *2006 Single Vineyard Series Sauvignon Blancs* from their *McNally, AJ Lepp and Wismer Vineyards*. With producer, grape, and vinification held constant, a great opportunity to compare and contrast and reflect on the importance of terroir. Participants also tasted: *2006 Viognier, 2004 Vintners Private Reserve Chardonnay, 2002 Reserve Merlot and 2004 Ratafia*. Winemaker of the year in Ontario in 2006, Jean-Pierre Colas was our guide. Prior to joining Peninsula, Jean-Pierre was head winemaker at the notable Chablis House, Domaine Laroche. While at Laroche, Jean Pierre was honoured with Wine Spectator Magazine's 1998 White Wine of the Year award for his 1996 Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos. Turns out Jean-Pierre is not only an accomplished winemaker, but a highly engaging speaker - we were riveted by his words. A great evening.

Mar 2007

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Agricola San Felice** – Mr. Leonardo Bellaccini, Winemaker

www.agricolasanfelice.com

Wine Tasting - Another first for The Fine Wine Reserve, with this tasting being the first ever tasting of Pugnietello outside of the Borgo San Felice. John Hanna & Sons presented Leonardo Bellaccini, the brilliant and engaging winemaker from Agricola San Felice. The tasting celebrated 35+ years of dedicated and intensive research and development connected to Tuscan viticulture and winemaking. A taste of history where our clients experienced an ancient grape variety (Pugnietello) brought back from near extinction to produce a remarkable, new classic wine of Tuscany. Ten wines were featured: Vigorello: the first "Super Tuscan" (1997, 1999 & 2001); Poggio Rosso: amongst the finest Single Vineyard Chianti Classicos (1997, 1999 & 2001); and Pugnietello (1997, 2000, 2001 & 2003): the "oldest new wine" in the world.

Nov 2006

Host: John Szabo - The Centre for Vine Affairs

www.thecva.ca

Wine Tasting Classes - *Introduction to Wine Tasting Series Part One* organized by The Centre for Vine Affairs (CVA), all classes were taught by leading sommelier John Szabo MS. Participants learned to talk and taste like a card carrying sommelier. They examined the basics of how to taste by developing their nose and palate while tasting six classic wines per evening, discovering the signature scents of the most important white and red grapes. Examples of

classic and new regions of production and strategies for choosing wines from restaurant lists, decanting and cellaring were all discussed. For more information on upcoming courses, please visit www.thecva.ca/schedule.htm. Register on line at www.thecva.ca/seform.htm , by e-mail at info@thecva.ca or by phone at 416-654-9695.

Nov 2006

Host: Hexagon Wines

Guest: **Frederic Brouca** (President)

www.hexagonwines.com

Wine Tasting – Frederic Brouca of Hexagon Wines presented an exclusive tasting of Domaine d' Ardhuy wines - the first ever tasting in Canada. In Feb 2005, Clive Coates said, "...Quality has been transformed". In Jan 2006, Allen Meadows said: "*Under the now capable direction of the young régisseur (estate manager) Carel Voorhuis, this big old line producer of frankly mediocre wines has decided to get serious about quality. Blessed with superb holdings spread over 42 ha in 35 different crus spread from Puligny to Gevrey, this domaine has the wherewithal to challenge some of Burgundy's best. A new address to watch for.*" On the table were: Puligny Montrachet "Le Trezin" (Burghound 90 points); Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru (BH92); Côte de Nuits "Clos des Langres" (BH88); Aloxe Corton "Les Chaillots" 1er Cru (BH88); Ladoix "Basses Mourottes 1er Cru (BH89); Corton "Hautes Mourottes Grand Cru (BH92); and, Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru (BH93). Outstanding wines and an excellent presentation at this sold out event.

Sep 2006

Host: Reif Estate Winery

Guest: **Klaus Reif** (President & CEO) & **Roberto DiDomenico** (Winemaker)

www.reifwinery.com

Wine Tasting – Reif Estate Winery launches their *2002 First Growth Collection* of wines at The Fine Wine Reserve. Klaus Reif (President & CEO) and Roberto DiDomenico (Winemaker) explain the complex and painstaking efforts employed to create these ultra premium wines. Produced only in select years, strict guidelines include 26 months fermented and aged in French, American and Hungarian Oak. Varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blocks planted in 1989 and a Pinot Noir block planted in 1987. Minimum Brix of 23. Vines are a minimum 12 years old with a maximum yield of 40hl/ha and 6 buds per square meter. Reif's First Growth Collection are all: 100% Vintage, 100% Hand-Harvested and 100% Unfiltered. The *2001 First Growth Collection* were also on hand for comparison.

Aug 2006 & Nov 2006

Host: Le Sommelier

www.lesommelier.com

Guest: **DogRidge Vineyards** – Mr. Fred Howard, Owner & Winemaker

www.dogridge.com.au

Wine Tasting - Le Sommelier Inc., Exclusive Wine Agents presented a decadent afternoon tasting of fine South Australian wine with Fred Howard, winemaker and owner of DogRidge Vineyards in McLaren Vale. DogRidge is known for wines that express outstanding depth of colour, aromatic elegance and richness of flavour. Winner of the best medium to full-bodied red wine in 2004 and 2005 at the Bloor-Yorkville Sante Wine Festival, the DogRidge DV7 Shiraz is made from 65 year old vines in extremely limited quantities (600-700 cases). A rare opportunity to taste multiple vintages of five different wines (11 different wines in total) including some of DogRidge's finest old vine Shiraz, old vine Cabernet Sauvignon, old vine Grenache, Merlot and Chardonnay. A fine time had by all!

June 2006

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Domaine de Vieux Telegraphe** – Mr. Daniel Brunier, Owner

www.vignoblesbrunier.fr

Wine Tasting - John Hanna & Sons present a vertical tasting of Domaine de Vieux Telegraphe, a classic Chateauneuf du Pape along with a selection of their La Roquette. Owner and winemaker Daniel Brunier presented our clients with 13 (yes 13!) of his world famous wines including: *Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge (2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1994 & 1989 - the 89 is a Parker 98!); Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc (2004 & 1992); Roquette Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge (2004, 2003 & 1995), and; Roquette Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc (2005)*. Domain de Vieux Telegraphe are big expressive structured wines with an absolutely distinctive house style – very age worthy and perfect for cellaring at The Fine Wine Reserve. A very rare opportunity to meet Daniel and sample such a massive selection of the best CNP vintages from the last three decades. Sold out two months in advance, this tasting continues to be one of Toronto's most talked about 2006 tasting events.

May 2006

Host: De Sousa Wines & Carriage Trade Wines & Spirits

www.wineandleisure.com

Guest: **Andre Lipinski**–De Sousa, Winemaker

www.desousawines.com

& **Hugh Sutherland**–Carriage Trade, President

www.carriagetradewines.com

Wine Tasting - De Sousa Wines & Carriage Trade Wines & Spirits present a side-by-side tasting of Ontario, French and Chilean wines. Hosted by Andre Lipinski (award winning winemaker from De Sousa), Hugh Sutherland (President of Carriage) and Paul Singer from Wine and Leisure. Hugh introduced us to: *2004 Valdivieso Reserve Syrah* (Decanter 5 Star) & *2003 Valdivieso Single Vineyard Reserve Malbec* (both from Chile); *2002 Charvin Chateauneuf du Pape 2002* (a Parker 95, and one of only two producers to have a great 2002); and *Salustri Sangiovese Montecucco Santa Marta* (Pre phylloxera Vineyards, Biodynamique & rated as top 100), among other wines. De Sousa presented their portfolio and our clients were pleasantly surprised. After sampling their products, the general consensus was that at least two of their red wines were superior products and actually "under-priced"!

May 2006

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Southbrook Winery** – Bill & Marilyn Redelmeier, Owners

www.southbrook.com

Wine Tasting - John Hanna & Sons present a vertical tasting of Southbrook Winery's top shelf wines called the "Triumphus" series. A whole lot of magnums came out for this event. Owner Bill Redelmeier and w/m Steve Byfield hosted the event and took us through the following wines: *Chardonnay Triumphus (1998, 2000 & 2002)* and *Cabernet/Merlot Triumphus (1997, 1998 & 2002)* - served alongside a classic Burgundy and Bordeaux for comparison. It was terrific to see how age-worthy Ontario's wines can be. We also got a sneak peak at the plans for Southbrook's new winery opening in Niagara this summer. Judging by the results from Richmond Hill, imagine what we'll see from Niagara!

Apr 2006

Host: Tony Aspler, Sadie Darby
& Forefront Communications

www.tonyaspler.com

www.forefrontcom.com

Ontario Wine Awards – 2006 Icewine Competition

www.ontariowineawards.com

Icewine Tasting – The Fine Wine Reserve was honoured to have esteemed CAP members in our tasting room to judge Icewines submitted for the 2006 Ontario Wine Awards. With 840 glasses in our room, it was quite a site.

Mar 2006

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Delamain** – Charles Braastad, Owner, 9th generation Delamain

www.delamain-cognac.com

Cognac Tasting – This tasting/nosing of House of Delamain Cognacs was another example of the unique opportunity provided our clients to mingle with industry's most influential VIP's and sample great product. Organized by the good people at John Hanna and Sons, their extensive portfolio of high end wines and spirits continues to impress our members. Mr. Charles Braastad, a 9th generation Delamain, walked us through the unique and uncompromising methods they employ to produce their legendary cognacs. Truly a fascinating look at why the small details bring big results. We sampled five Cognacs: "XO Extra" (Ontario launch of a brand new product); "XO Pale & Dry" (Blend 25yrs); 1969 *Vintage Cognac*; 1973 *Vintage Cognac* and "XO La Reserve de Famille" (averaging 65yrs). Those at the first sitting were also treated to a once in a lifetime opportunity – a glass of the "1914"! With 150 glasses of such high-end cognac all set out in our tasting room, I'll never forget the aroma.

Mar 2006

Host: John Hanna & Sons

www.winetrader.ca

Guest: **Lustau** – Jane Ward, Export Manager

www.emilio-lustau.ca

Sherry Tasting – Ms. Ward and Alex Burge (from Europvin Italia) host a spectacular tasting of Lustau Sherries, one of Spain's greatest sherry bodegas. With no less than 12 sherry's featured, a rare opportunity to sample the wide range of available high-end sherry produced by Lustau including various IWC trophy winners and Parker 94's. On the table were: *Fino Del Puerto Gonzales Obregon*; *Manzanilla Pasada Cuevas Jurado*; *Amontillado Fino de Jerez Fontadez Florido*; *Single Cask Amontillado el Carro*; *Vos Amontillado*; *Palo Cortado Vides*; *Single Cask Palo Cortado Bodega Capataz*; *Oloroso de Jerez Angel Zamorano*; *Oloroso Pata de Galina Garcia Jarana*; *Oloroso de Jerez Emperatriz Eugenia Gran Reserva*; *Tintilla de Rota* and the amazing *Centenary Selection PX Murillo*.

Mar 2006

Host: Whitehall Agencies

www.whitehall.ca

Guest: **Taylor Fladgate & Yeatman (Croft & Delaforce)** – Huyshe Bower, Partner & Vice Chairman

Port Tasting – Taylor Flatgate Partner and Vice Chairman Mr. Bower took us through the fascinating history and tradition of Port wine, and Taylor's role and significance as the very first wine grower in the Douro Valley. Then we sampled the newly released 2003 Vintage Ports from Taylor Fladgate, Croft and Delaforce followed by an aged Taylor Port (1991). A perfect prelude to the Lustau Sherry tasting held the following evening.

Feb 2006

Host: Woodman Wines & Spirits

www.woodmanwinesandspirits.com

Guest: **Alvaro Palacios** – Alvaro Palacios, Owner/WM

Wine Tasting - Alvaro studied enology in Bordeaux while working under Jean-Pierre Moueix at Chateau Petrus. He then returned to Spain where he helped revolutionize Spanish wine. Wine Spectator called Alvaro "Spain's Most Exciting Winemaker" & Wine & Spirits Magazine named him their "2003 Winemaker-of-the-Year". Six wines featured.

Winter 2006

Host: Steve Thurlow

www.wineaccess.ca/wine-courses.htm

Wine Access School – Global Wine Tour originally launched in 1987, over a 1,000 wine lovers seeking to improve their wine knowledge have attended. Delivered over 4 evenings, The Fine Wine Reserve is an ideal venue for the class since it offers students an opportunity to tour a professional cellar and study the principles of fine wine storage.

Nov 2005

Host: South African Wine Society

www.southafricanwinesociety.com

Guest: **Hidden Valley Wines** – Chris Kelley, WM

www.hiddenvalleywines.com

Wine Tasting - Producing high-scoring pinotage and cabernet sauvignon wines, we sampled their: 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon; 2001 Pinotage; 2003 Hidden Agenda Red Blend; 2005 Hidden Agenda White Blend; and 2004 Shiraz.

Nov 2005

Guest: **Vineland Estates Winery** – Brian Schmidt, VP/WM
Tawse Winery - Morey Tawse, Owner
Flat Rock Cellars - Ed Madronich, President

www.vineland.com
www.tawsewinery.ca
www.flatrockcellars.com

Wine Tasting - Much lively discussion ensued during their presentation of a huge selection of wines including: VINELAND's *Reserve Riesling; White Meritage; Chardonnay Reserve; Cabernet Merlot Reserve; Pinot Noir Reserve; and Meritage Reserve*. TAWSE'S *2002 Vintner's Reserve Cabernet Franc; 2002 Beamsville Bench Reserve Chardonnay; and 2002 Robyn's Block Estate Chardonnay*. FLAT ROCK'S *2004 Gravity; 2004 The Rusty Shed; 2004 Pinot Noir Clone Research Series; and 2004 Nadja's Vineyard Riesling*. What a night!

Oct 2005

Host: Hobbs & CO. Wine Merchants

www.hobbswines.com

Guest: **CedarCreek Estate Winery** - Gordon Fitzpatrick, President

www.cedarcreek.bc.ca

Wine Tasting - Featuring CedarCreeks' signature wines called "Platinum Reserve"

Sep 2005

Host: The Vine – Robert Groh Agency
New World Wines

www.robgroh.com
www.newworldwines.ca

Wine Tasting - Featuring a suite of very high-end wines most with Parker/W.S. ratings of 90+ including: SCHRAMSBERG, "J. Schram", *Brut (1998)*; BASTIANICH, *Vespa Bianco, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia "Tre Bicchieri" Slow Food/Gambero Rosso (2001)*; GROTH, *Cabernet Sauvignon (2002)*; CHIARELLO, *Cabernet Sauvignon, "Eileen" (2002)*; PHILIP TOGNI, *Cabernet Sauvignon, "Tanbark Hill" (2002)*; VON STRASSER, *Cabernet Sauvignon, "Estate" (1999)*; LE MACIOCHE, *Brunello di Montalcino (1999)*; LIVERNANO, *Livernano (2001)*; LE FONTI, *Fontissimo (1999)*; KALIN *Chardonnay (1994)*; KALIN *Sauvignon Blanc Reserve (1996)*; KALIN *Semillon (1996)* and ARNS (*various*).

Feb 2005

Host: Private

Guest: **Woodman Wine & Spirits.**

www.woodmanwinesandspirits.com

Wine Tasting - A terrific selection of fine Burgundies.