

Outdoor Summer Garden Party

For the last few years, WINETASTERS have hosted a small summer party to officially end our wine tasting season. This year we've decided to go all out with an Outdoor Summer Garden Party following the format of our Christmas Party. This event will be held in the Field House at Berkeley Church. The Field House is walled primarily by glass French doors and opens onto a fully landscaped urban oasis that includes a large deck, plush garden, and even a man made creek flowing through the center of their gardens. There are very few public locations that are more suitable to a garden party in the city. We're breaking out more gems from our cellar with a mixture of old world classics, and some new world favourites, interspersed with the random diamonds in the rough from all over the world.

Like at our Christmas party, we will have our usual food tables with an assortment of finger foods, including a variety of breads, cheeses, crackers, crudites, fresh fruit, etc., with coffee and dessert being set out later in the evening. But what is a summer party without a barbeque. We are bringing in the award winning pit crew from Buster Rhino to create the most delicious made to order Sliders you have ever eaten. Their mild BBQ sauce can easily be described using terms normally associated with wines: mouth filling, tanginess, with good balance, acidity.

Traditionally, we locate a very special wine (available in strictly limited quantities) that brings an extra lift to our celebration. While Madeira is a favourite of our members (and especially one director), it was felt that something more suitable for a summer party would be appropriate. I present you the 1991 Chateau d'Yquem. This wine has a deep golden colour, concentrated bouquet of orange marmalade and quince with hints of honey and caramel. On the palate it starts out quite round but not overly so thanks to its beautiful acidity finishing with hints of sultanas and linden blossom. We'll be serving this at \$22 per glass.

It is recommended that you arrive early to pick up your admission envelope. The envelope will include a list of the first 25 or so wines, with their locations, and sufficient tickets to exchange for 10-15 average servings. By arriving early you can scan the list and plan your first tastes with a fresh palate.

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As always with our tastings, this event will be strictly non-smoking, and we request your cooperation in not wearing any scented after-shave or perfume.

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.

The Field House at Berkeley Church
(The big red door)
315 Queen St East (at Parliament)
Toronto

Cancellations accepted up to June 14, 2011 — David Hutchison (416-690-0281 **evenings**). **No reservations by phone, please.** No confirmations will be issued — you will be contacted only if we are sold out. First come basis. Non-members may attend at guest rates, but preference will be given to members.

You can register online using a credit card at www.winetasters.ca, or send in this form with a cheque.

Tear and Enclose

Cheque payable to:
Winetasters Society of Toronto
c/o Dave Hutchison
270 Glen Manor Drive West
Toronto, Ontario
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Names: _____

Phone: (____) _____ W (____) _____

Cheque Enclosed for: Summer Party 2010

_____ Members @ 100.00 each _____
_____ Guests @ 110.00 each _____
_____ Servings of 1991 d'Yquem @ 22.00 each _____

Total _____

At 7:00, when the doors are opened, you can head straight for your top picks. Normal, tasting-size portions of each wine will be served. Throughout the evening as selections are exhausted, they will be replaced with unadvertised wines. The identity of replacement wines will be prominently displayed at the various serving stations as the wines appear.

We recommend transportation to Berkeley be provided by the TTC, a taxi, other exotic livery service or perhaps have a designated driver to collect you.

The main reason for coming is to socialize with your fellow WINETASTERS, in what we anticipate will be an instant classic. So, come on out and bring your friends; that way you can share your 'discoveries' with them. This could be the best summer party of the season and we certainly believe that wine should be fun.

Note: A list of the first 25 wines will be available on our web site around June 1. Check it out at <http://winetasters.ca>.