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## **Wine lovers unite! Join Winetasters today!**

**Winetasters is a group of people who love wine and enjoy the opportunity to taste older wines and to compare various styles of wines from around the world. Every tasting and dinner gives you the opportunity to come together with fellow wine enthusiasts to share the passion.**

**Chateau Lafite, Philip Togni Cabernet Sauvignon, Old Ports, and Beaucastel** were poured this past year. In 2016/17 **1990 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> growth Bordeaux, Single vineyard Barolos, Two Hands Shiraz, and wines from Spain** are some of the wines you will be served. Winetasters provides members with benefits such as:

1. **Unrivalled tastings** as we keep our own cellar which not only gives us a unique selection of wines to support our tastings, but also lets us offer tastings at very reasonable cost as we do not have to bear the burden of current market prices.
2. **Networking** opportunities with fellow wine enthusiasts and collectors who want to share and compare experiences with other members.
3. **Education** as most tastings are lead by wine professionals with specialized knowledge of the wines included in the tasting. They share their personal knowledge as background to the tastings and then discuss their own notes on the blind tasting itself.
4. **Other opportunities** for enjoying wines are also available to members. Winetasters plans dinners where interesting menus are paired with wines.

Our tasting events are held on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June. Most events are in the **North York Memorial Community Hall, 5110 Yonge Street** (under the library). We recommend that tasters take the TTC to the North York Centre subway stop. If you insist on driving there is parking under the building. Our December event will be downtown at the Design Exchange

**We look forward to seeing you at the Winetaster events this year!**

**Individual Membership costs \$55 per year.** For two people sharing one address the **double membership costs \$85.00** (HST is included). This fee pays covers some of the costs of operating the club including the cost of our wine cellar. Please complete the renewal form and mail it along with your cheque to the address indicated. You may also join or renew on line at [www.winetasters.ca](http://www.winetasters.ca) and pay through PayPal.

We would also appreciate you taking time to answer the short survey below. This will help your Board of Directors better understand the Winetasters members. As well if you feel you could contribute to the group by being a director or joining the Buying Committee please contact us or fill out the nomination form on the website.

## 2016 – 2017 Monthly Events

### **Argentina Single Vineyard Malbecs** – September 14, 2016

The very best of Argentina, including some of the most prestigious single-vineyard Malbec bottlings from some of the best producers (e.g. Catena Zapata), along with some top-end Malbec blends for contrast, mostly from the excellent 2007 vintage.

### **"Try and Buy": Spain Rioja & Duero** – October 12, 2016

A unique opportunity to try premium Spanish wines that are currently available for purchase but only from a local agent who will present and describe the wines and help facilitate any interest in purchasing.

### **1990 Bordeaux 1st & 2nd Growths** – November 9, 2016

Our flagship tasting of the year – top chateaux from the superb 1990 vintage, including “super” 2<sup>nd</sup> growths Pichon-Baron, Ducru-Beaucaillou and Cos d’Estournel and famed 1<sup>st</sup> growths Haut-Brion and Cheval Blanc.

### **Holiday Event at the Design Exchange** – December 14, 2016

Our not-to-be-missed annual holiday extravaganza, combining a wide array of seasonal foods with our usual treasure trove of wine delights, including decades-old classics, special old fortified wines (Madeiras or Ports, often 100 years old or more) and many surprises making their appearance throughout the evening – bring your friends and colleagues and spread the word.

### **Syrah from around the World** – January 11, 2017

A comparison of styles of one of the wine world’s most iconic grapes, especially the differences between old world and new world approaches, including examples from Australia and North America along with those of the most famous Syrah region, the northern Rhone Valley, and a few that may be new to you.

### **Vintage Ports: 1994** – February 8, 2017

As a contrast to our recent tastings of old Vintage Ports from the 1960’s and 1970’s, this will give tasters a chance to try some of the best younger Ports from the excellent 1994 vintage, to enjoy them in their relative youth and assess where they are on the maturity spectrum.

### **March Dinner – Date, time, and place to be announced**

Enjoy a tasting dinner in lieu of our regular monthly tasting.

### **Barolo Single Vineyards: Chiarlo** – April 12, 2017

An exploration of some of the top single-vineyard sites in Barolo (Brunate, Cannubi, Cerequio) from several vintages from the late 1990’s and early 2000’s, from one of this famous area’s top estates, that of Michele Chiarlo.

### **Sauvignon Blanc from around the World** – May 10, 2017

A comparison of styles of another popular grape type, with both old world and new world examples, including the grassy, herby wines of New Zealand, the smoky Fumés and Sancerres of the upper Loire Valley and, for a little contrast, the effect of blending with Semillon, which of course, produces the legendary white Bordeaux.

### **2007 Two Hands Australian Shiraz** – June 14, 2017

A tasting from the wide array of styles and single-vineyard bottlings of 2007 premium Shiraz from Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale and other well-known appellations from this Australian producer who, while relatively new, is already one of the country’s most successful and celebrated.

## 2016 – 2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Please complete the form below and mail, with a cheque  
made out to 'Winetasters Society of Toronto', to  
1534 Prince John Circle, Oakville, ON L6J 6T3

or

Visit [www.winetasters.ca](http://www.winetasters.ca) to register and pay on-line

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**Membership Type:** (Memberships run from September to August)

NEW     RETURNING     SINGLE (\$55.00)     Double (\$85.00)

**MEMBER #1 NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER #2 NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive Winetasters information by:  email or  post

**If by Post - ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please take time to answer the following short survey:**

1. What is your Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Age Range:  20's,  30's,  40's,  50's,  60's,  70's,  80's+
4. Rate your wine knowledge?  expert,  some knowledge,  novice

*NOTE: If you have chosen to receive information via emails you may opt-out at any time by contacting  
Winetasters of Toronto by mail or email as provided above.*