



SOUTH WORLD WINE SOCIETY

April 2004

Our April tasting on Australian wines other than Chardonnay and Shiraz was a hit. Ms. Mireille Sauv , recently back from a trip to Australia told us about the latest wine trends in Australia and led us through some less well-known single vineyard wines.

Our May Tasting! Spring is upon us and summer is well on it's way. It's time to think about drinking some white wine on the patio. Our May tasting will take us through a variety of Chardonnay wines that are sure to please. Book quickly as we are sure this event will sell out quickly. See the next page for details of this tasting.

We are pleased to announce that the New Zealand Winegrowers and the New Zealand Consul General will be hosting the **New Zealand Wine Fair** on Monday May 31st, from 7:00 pm to 9:30pm. The event will be at the Four Seasons Hotel, 791 West Georgia Street. This is a terrific opportunity to sample over 70 wines from over 20 wineries.



Like last year, **our members are offered a reduced rate**, of \$5 off the price of a ticket ordered through TicketMaster. The regular price for one ticket is \$45. To receive this reduced rate, you only need to refer to the promotional code, MNZSW, when ordering a ticket on the phone (604-280-4444). If you purchase online at www.ticketmaster.ca, click on the icon "South World Wine Society" offer and enter the password "SOUTH". This will obtain the discount for you.



Do you have any sales/marketing or web design capabilities? If so, the SWWS Executive is looking for you. We will have positions on the executive available for the next season, starting September. Being on the executive allows you to help organize future tastings. It is a fun way to enlarge your circle of friends and learn a bit more about wine. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact anybody on the executive. Thank you!

2003 / 2004 Tasting Calendar Dates and events subject to change

Oct 16	New Zealand Wines
Nov 18	Vina Santa Rita Winery
Dec 4	Asian Wine and Food Fusion
Jan 22	Bordeaux Influences
Feb 24	South African Wines
Mar	Vancouver Int'l Wine Festival
Apr 21	Australian Wines
May 20	Chardonnay Comparison
Jun 17	Summer Solstice Wine Festival

About Registering for a Tasting

In order to **guarantee** a spot for you and your guests at our sell out events, please follow these guidelines.

1. Reserve your seat(s) well in advance by leaving a message at 604-685-7997 or emailing southworldwine@hotmail.com. This phone number rings at the Membership chair's home, so please phone at an acceptable hour.
2. Print the reservation form from the website and include the names of the attendees with your contact information.
3. Mail the reservation form with your cheque.
4. You will be contacted to re-confirm your seat upon receipt of your cheque.
5. There are no cancellations 72 hours before the event as we need to inform the restaurant for the amount of food to prepare.


I look forward to seeing you soon at a SWWS event.

Karl Kliparchuk, President, 2003/04

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The South World Wine Society is Vancouver's venue for wine pleasure from the Southern Hemisphere! The SWWS is dedicated to showcasing the best wines of the Southern Hemisphere, in all their broad diversity. We highlight the wines of five great wine-producing countries: Argentina, Australia, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa, in up to ten tastings per year. Based in Vancouver, Canada, the SWWS is an independent, non-profit club that aims to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of the Southern Hemisphere's wines.



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The Great Chardonnay Taste-Off

May 20, 2004; 7- 9 pm, Seasons Restaurant
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

We Last time it was the great "Cape versus Coonawarra Cabernet taste-off": a sell-out event and terrific tasting. This time out we are putting up five chardonnays apiece from South Africa and Australia. Both countries make some excellent chardonnays and this tasting promise to be a fascinating comparison of styles from these two southern hemisphere competitors in wine (and lots beside!).

Join us as we taste through some classic benchmark chardonnays from both countries, including justifiably famous big hitters such as **Glen Carlou** and **Petaluma**, both of which have garnered international acclaim.

In addition, several of these wines have been in our cellar for a few years now, so this is a unique opportunity to see how chardonnay matures in the bottle. We will taste vintages ranging back to 1998!

Our speaker will be announced shortly.

Wines to be Tasted

From South Africa

Bergsig Estate, Breede River 2000 SA
Dewetshof Estate Lesca, Robertson 2000 SA
Zevenrivieren 2000 SA
Bacsberg Estate, Paarl 2000 SA
Glen Carlou, Paarl 1998 SA

From Australia

Heggies Eden Valley, South Australia 2001 Aus
Penley Estate, Coonawarra 2000 Aus
Buckley's, South Australia 2000 Aus
Miranda High Country, Victoria 1999 Aus
Petaluma Piccadilly, South Australia 1999 Aus

Don't miss this opportunity to try ten top examples of what is still the world's most popular white wine varietal.

Note: No refunds are available for cancellations 72 hrs before a tasting.

Location: Seasons Restaurant (Queen Elizabeth Park), Tuesday, May 20, 2004, **7:00 – 9:00 pm**
Cost: **\$35.00 per member, \$40 per guest.** (Includes wines and appetizers)

Reserve: Email: southworldwine@hotmail.com
Or call to reserve: Judith Kootte, Membership: 604-685-SWWS (7997)

Mail cheque to: #214, 2250 SE Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC V5P 2S2
First come, first reserved when payment is received.
Please book and pay no later than May 12 to avoid disappointment