

Tentative Upcoming Events:

April 13th -- Winemaker Tasting
May -- 2007 Alsatian Wines

What: A tour of down under – A virtual visit to the wine regions of Australia
When: Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Where: St. Mark’s Episcopal Church parish hall, 111 S. Jefferson, Moscow
Cost: \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members (limited to 24 people)
Contact: Andrew Storfer (storfmon@yahoo.com)

Take a tour of Australia. We will explore four regions' best varietals.

Almost everyone is familiar with the wines of South Australia, which became known for big fruit Shiraz. However, Australia has gone through a bit of a sea of change lately. After several tough years of draught and low yields, including 2007-2009, both 2010 and 2011 are turning out to be excellent vintages. Winemakers have also recognized that the over-the-top nature of their wines have started to lose popularity over the past few years. This isn't to say that they still don't produce some of the fruit-forward shiraz as in the past, but, for example, their Chardonnays are less oaked, and several winemakers are moving away from malolactic fermentation. So, this tasting should be a learning experience as we tour less known Australian wine regions and taste a number of grape varietals. Most of these wines are not available in the US, as someone (i.e., me) schlepped them back in his suitcase from Australia last November, so this is a unique opportunity.

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Bay of Fires NV Rose Sparkler (Tasmania)

Flight 1: 2011 Yarra Valley Chardonnay (Victoria)

Giant Steps Sexton Vineyard
Punt Road Napoleone Vineyard
Coldstream Hills

Flight 2: 2010 Tasmanian Pinot Noir

Stefano Lubiana
Bream Creek
Derwent Estate

Flight 3: 2010 Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon/ Merlot (Western Australia)

Woodlands Estate
Pitchfork
Devil's Lair (94 points James Halliday)

Flight 4: 2010 Barossa Valley Shiraz (South Australia)

Gotham
Teusner Albert (93 points Australian Wine Annual)
Two Hands Bella's Garden (95 points WS, top 100 wine of 2010)

There will only be 24 spots available for reservation (a single bottle tasting) so please send in your reservations early. We hope to see you all at this excellent event.

For more information on the event, please contact Andrew Storfer (storfmon@yahoo.com). To reserve a spot and/or renew your membership, mail in the following coupon and your check (payable to Enology Society, Palouse Chapter) to:

Palouse Chapter, PO Box 8274, Moscow, ID 83843

Note: If your membership is delinquent, you will be charged the guest price. Future tasting announcements will be sent by email to those people that have provided an email address

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I will attend A Tour of Down Under on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM. I have enclosed a \$_____ check for _____ people (@\$35 for members or \$40 for non-members). It will be held at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church parish hall, 111 S. Jefferson, Moscow. St. Marks' does not sponsor this event. Please make checks payable to "Enology Society, Palouse Chapter".

I(We) cannot make the tasting but would like to become a member of the Palouse Chapter-Pacific Northwest Enology Society for a year (September 1, 2012-August 31, 2013). I(We) have enclosed _____ for _____ person(s) (\$18 for one and \$31 for two).

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