



## Tasting Planner August 2011

6pm – 8pm \$25 includes tasting plate

**3rd August**



LEEWIN ESTATE

*The art of fine wine*

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Western Australia's iconic Leeuwin Estate is the theme for tonight's tasting. Leeuwin Estate, one of the founding wineries of the now famous Margaret River district, consistently produces wines that rank with the worlds finest.

Featuring state-of-the art facilities, the winery building was opened in 1978, celebrating with a trial vintage. Leeuwin enjoyed its first commercial vintage in 1979, and was thrust into the international spotlight when Decanter Magazine gave its highest recommendation to the 1980 "Art Series" Chardonnay in an international blind tasting.

Maintaining a team of highly skilled and dedicated winemakers, and now under the direction of two generations of the founding family, Leeuwin now exports to over 30 countries.

The wines:

2010 Art Series Riesling  
2010 Art Series Sauvignon Blanc  
2009 Prelude Chardonnay  
2008 Art Series Shiraz  
2006 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon  
2007 Art Series Chardonnay



10th August



## **AGED CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Again sticking to the Western Australia theme, by looking at Aged Cabernets.

Western Australia is synonymous with Cabernet Sauvignon which are very fruity and tannic in their youth though Cabernet has a great ability to age and develop in the bottle, which softens some of their austere tannins.

As Cabernet wines age new flavors and aromas can emerge and add to the wines' complexity. Historically this was a trait characterized by Bordeaux with some premium examples in favorable vintages having the potential to last for over a century, but producers across the globe have developed styles that could age and develop for several decades.

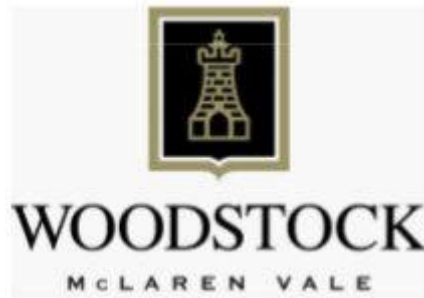
The wines:

1992 Cape Mentelle Cabernet Sauvignon  
1996 Leeuwin Estate Cabernet Sauvignon  
1996 Xanadu Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon  
1996 Amberley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon





17th August



## **WOODSTOCK – MCLAREN VALE**

Woodstock Estate endeavour to capture the essence of the region - McLaren Vale. Striving for absolute quality, which begins in the well established vineyards, through every phase of winemaking, to the manner of which the wines are presented.

The Woodstock portfolio includes a range of fresh aromatic whites, opulent yet finely structured reds and finally, an eclectic little selection of after dinner wines.

The Wines:

2008 Shiraz Cabernet  
2009 Riesling  
2009 Chardonnay  
2009 Cabernet Sauvignon  
2007 Shiraz 'The Stocks' (Plus back vintages)





24th August



### Massena

'Rich, velvety hand crafted wines true to varietal characters' that's about the best way I can describe these wonderful Barossan big boys. The following is the introduction to their web site, and it just about sums up these 'cult' wines....

On a brightly moonlit Tuesday evening at around eleven o'clock on the Barossa to Clare road, two young blokes are cruising their way to work the midnight shift for the last vintage of the century, in a beat-up old Toyota Corolla "The Brown Bullet".

During the drive home, we would often crave a soft slurpy wine to wash down a hard night's work. Out of this ideal we decided to join forces and make a Grenache based wine to be enjoyed whenever the mood takes hold. As such Massena Vineyards first wine "The Moonlight Run" was born.

The two of us have been mates since High School and have been producing Barossa wine since that initial vintage in 1999, concentrating on the traditional values and techniques which have made the wines of this region unique.

We source our fruit from dedicated growers in the North Western Barossa areas of Greenock, Kalimna and Koonunga Hill, providing fruit from dry farmed, low yielding vines up to 120 years of age.

The Wines:

2010 Viognier  
2006 11th Hour Shiraz  
2006 Moonlight Run  
2010 Barbera  
2010 Tannat  
2010 Saperavi



31st August



### **Zinfandel & Primitivo**

A look tonight at a fascinating grape - Zinfandel. Zinfandel is a red grape which produces wines with strong flavors and aromas of berries and spice.

In Australia Zinfandel is seen as somewhat obscure, however in the US it is the second most consumed variety of table wine due to its generous flavours and aroma's.

We will be looking at examples from its home in the US, as well as Italy and Australia.

The Wines:

- 2008 McHenry Hohnen Zinfandel – Margaret River WA
- 2008 A.Mano Primitivo – Puglia – Italy
- 2006 Dashe Zinfandel – California – USA
- 2006 Peel Estate Zinfandel – Peel Region WA
- 2004 Cantele Amativo – Salento - Italy

