

How about a little Aussie wine! It has been a long time since we have tasted these wines on a Friday night! Check out the line-up! It is sure to please everyone!

- **When: Friday, April 29th**
- **Time: 4-7 PM**
- **Cost: \$22 full pour Six 2oz pours of each**
- **1/2 pour \$13 for the 1/2 pour (1/2 pour of each wine)**
- **Great Values! And, these wines are excellent example of the quality of wine you can expect from Australia.**
- **We always include French bread, Cheese and olive oil for dipping.**

The Wines:

2007 Vasse Felix Margaret River Chardonnay \$19

The 2009 Chardonnay has moderately intense aromas of green guava, fresh pineapple, peach blossom and butterscotch with a subtle leesy/fresh baked bread character. Very crisp and tight-knit in the mouth this medium bodied wine has a great concentration of tropical fruit and cream flavors, silken texture and a long finish. Drink it from 2012 to 2016 **91 Points Robert Parker**

2008 Jim Barry Lodge Hill Shiraz Australia \$18.

The 2008 Lodge Hill Shiraz offers intense notes of warm blackberry, spearmint and licorice with an earthy undercurrent of loam, tar and tree bark. The rich, medium to full bodied palate is nicely balanced with crisp acidity and a medium level of gritty tannins, finishing long. Drinking now, it should continue to give pleasure to 2016+. **90 Points Robert Parker.** Jim Barry continually gives great value at the -entry-level and I have yet to see any compromises even in the difficult vintages such as 2008.

2008 Fetish The Watcher Shiraz Barossa Valley, Australia \$19.

Fresh and vibrant, this is medium-weight and juicily focused to show its blackberry, black plum and white pepper flavors, lingering with hints of white chocolate on the harmonious finish. Drink now through 2018. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 8,000 cases made. *-HS* **91 Points Wine Spectator and placed number 61 in the Spectator TOP 100 of 2010**

2009 MollyDooker Blue Eyed Boy Shiraz \$51.

The 2009 Blue Eyed Boy Shiraz is a 20% Langhorne Creek and 80% McLaren Vale blend matured in 71% new and 29% 1 year American oak. Very deep garnet-purple colored, it is profoundly scented of blueberry and black cherry with touches of mint, mocha and the faintest whiff of damp loam. Very full-bodied, the bold, ultra-ripe fruit is well supported by medium-firm chewy tannins and medium-high acid, leading to a very long and pure if slightly warm finish. Drink this one 2012 to 2017+. **92 Points Robert Parker.** Following a challenging 2008 vintage when no Velvet Glove, Gigglepot, Blue Eyed Boy, Enchanted Path or Carnival of Love wines were made, Sparky Marquis and his inimitable Mollydooker line-up is back to firing on all cylinders in 2009.

2007 Vasse Felix Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon \$28.

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon has just 5% Malbec blended-in. Very deep garnet-purple colored, it gives pronounced blackberry / black currant and bay leaf notes with some dark chocolate and a whiff of cigar boxes. Concentrated, crisp and full bodied with a medium level of very fine tannins, it has a nice long finish. Just beginning to drink now, it should develop nicely over 3-7 years and cellar to 2018+. **91 Points Robert Parker.** If you've never before experienced Vasse Felix, it's perhaps not too surprising. They only export about 7% of their 150,000 cases produced. Though one of the pioneers of the region and home to Western Australia's oldest vineyard planted in 1967 by Dr. Tom Cullity, today this estate remains one of Australia's treasures. Amongst the finest wineries in this area, the wines are definitely worth the hunt. Virginia Willcock has been at the winemaking helm here for the last four years and has quickly developed a sensitivity and skill for handling the fruit off this property's very special vineyards. Look out for the Sauvignon Semillon, Chardonnay and Cabernet Merlot in the Australian Wine Values report as these little gems are absolute bargains. Meanwhile, at the top of the range there's not a duff wine in the lot

Dessert:**Yalumba Antique Tawny Australia \$18.**

The non-vintage Museum Reserve Antique Tawny is a concoction of multiple grapes from a 16-year-old solera. It exhibits a medium amber color, fabulous ripeness, and a huge bouquet of honeyed fruits, prunes, plums, and a hint of figs. This gorgeous Tawny is appropriate to drink as dessert rather than with dessert. This wine does not improve in the bottle, but it will last for many years.

96 Points Robert Parker. OMG! Sinfully delicious!

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