



## Wine Club Newsletter

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### February Wines: Avail for pick up Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Chateau Ste.Michelle - Dr.Loosen "Erioca" Riesling 2007**

~ This latest rendition from Chateau Ste. Michelle and Ernst Loosen is a remarkable wine of impeccable balance and stunning depth. Slightly sweet and buoyed by fine fruity acids, it smells of honeysuckle, white peaches and minerals and follows with long, compact, layered flavors that presently only hint at the richness to come.

**Food suggestion:** Try this the next time you are in the mood for spicy Asian foods.

#### **Meandro do Vale Meão 2005 #64 Top 100**

"Powerful aromas and flavours of cassis, mint, dark chocolate and spice are accented by an impressive minerality. Medium-grained tannins and plenty of structure back up the almost Port-like essence of this muscular red. Shows exotic Asian spice notes on the finish. Drink now through 2012.

**Food suggestion:** Have you tried to "cold smoke" a steak before? This wine has a great smoky note on the nose and palate, I tried mine with a smoked prime rib steak and it was awesome!!



#### *The Whistler Tree*

The World's oldest cork tree, planted in 1783, is harvested every 9 years and produces enough cork for 100,000 bottles of wine.



The "La Landonne"  
Vineyards of  
Domaine Rostaing,  
in the Cote Rotie, which is the  
most northerly region of the  
Rhône Valley .

Rene Rostaing Cote Rotie  
La Landonne 2001  
94 pts Wine Spectator

Location ~ TBD

Friday February 27th 2009

6:30 pm ~ 10:00 pm

\$90 per person  
( Taxes not incl )

Reservation Required  
585-3663

### **Willow Wine Club ~ Premium Wine Tasting ~**

Have you ever wondered what that \$250 bottle of wine on the wine list tasted like? Well here is your chance to taste it! This night only we will taste 7 of the great wines of the world, and at the same time discover the rich histories of the Regions, vineyards, vintage, and wineries.

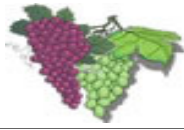
Featured wines :

Jean Milan Brut Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Champagne  
The Willows Vineyard Barossa Valley Semillon 2004  
Pascal Cotat "Les Monts Damnes" Sancerre 2006  
Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape 2005  
Mollydooker "Blue Eyed Boy" Shiraz 2006  
Rene Rostaing "La Landonne" Cote Rotie 2001  
Beau Vigne "Juliet" Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

Almost \$1000.00 of wine in restaurant \$'s

Only 26 seats are available so make your decision fast!!

Following the Tasting we enjoy a casual appetizer & wine grazing event, food served approximately 8:00 pm



# THE WILLOW WINE CLUB

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### “The Delicate Dance”

I am so very lucky to have a Chef and team of culinary professionals that are so willing and open to exploring the world of wine and food. Many times each night, our Sommeliers will find themselves in a position where a particular table has ordered a bottle of wine that will perhaps over-power their food selection, or worse, be lost in the flavours of the dish. One way we sometimes take care of this problem is to offer the guest a small taste of a wine that may be better suited to their food, but what really makes me smile is the kitchen team’s understanding that the wine is set, though the food can be worked to match the wine. Not too many Chefs out there would even consider the thought of changing their plate to match the wine... many times in my career I have heard, “It’s your job to find a wine to suit my food”... Not at the Willow, it’s your experience that is the most important, and I feel very fortunate to have a team that understands that. It’s a delicate dance, and one I am happy to perform night in and night out because I have a great dance partner!

Cheers To Chef Moe and all the Crew, you make us smile!

### Did you know??

#### The Douro Valley...

In Northern Portugal the Wine Region of **Douro** is situated around the river of the same name. The Douro enters Portugal from Spain, where it is known as the Duero.



### Feature Wine

#### Mission Hill S.L.C. Chardonnay

Sourced from select lots and rows of the wineries finest vineyards in Oliver, Osoyoos, and Naramata, this is a stunning example of what Canadian Chardonnay can be.

The Willow currently has 9 bottles left of the Fabulous 2005 vintage.

A refined, elegant, Burgundian style Chardonnay that will reward cellaring!

Wine Club Only price... \$60.00  
It’s not on the menu so you will have to ask!

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## Tough start to the year?



Reservations... 585-3663

Don’t forget Wednesday is...

**Wine Club Wednesday!** 20% off your wine bill!

Come for dinner, come for dessert,

heck come just for wine!

It’s a great way to relax and treat yourself.

### Introducing... Mystery Menu Mondays

Chef Moe and his team will work their magic each and every Monday to create a tasting menu from **THIN AIR!**

Guaranteed to be a culinary adventure on the grandest scale!

### Wine Club Friday Lunch.

Just for you, the membership, the Willow is open each and every Friday as your private lunch spot. Check the Web site for up-coming menus and info.

[www.willowonwascana.ca](http://www.willowonwascana.ca)