



NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi everyone, and welcome to the return of normalcy.

It has certainly been a different year in the history of the club, but we very successfully “weathered the storm” and have emerged strong and energetic and as a Board, we are very much anticipating a strong year ahead.

Our recently held Plates & Palates event at Willow Park Golf Course was a rousing success. Thank you, Judy Hunt and Doug Crapo, for all of your hard work in arranging that event. The good news is with the 2021 event now concluded; planning has already commenced for Plates & Palates 2022.

In the meantime, in an incredibly tight time frame, Ian Radzichowsky did a Herculean job of arranging this year's SAIT Highwood Dinner held on Thursday April 28th. As always, the event was a sell out.

We actually did hold one major event in 2021, where Tara Glumac headed our 30th Annual Celebration at our Summer BBQ, which was held at the Winston Golf Club. I'm also pleased to say that this lovely event will be held Sunday, AUGUST 28 at the same location as last year - - Winstons.

Last, but not least, our Annual General Meeting was held at Willow Park Wines on May 10th. We welcomed 2 new 2022 Board Members – Matt Burns & Margo Frederickson our new Secretary. As a final note, I would like to thank my fellow 2021 directors for their hard work and dedication to Friends of the Vine this past year.

Ray Todd – Vice President Doug Crapo Marion Hurley
Mike Buckley – Treasurer Tara Glumac Flo Haliburton
Ian Radzichowsky (stepped back for 2022)

With a special thank you to Ian for all his hard work over the years on the Friends of the Vine Board. You will be missed my friend.

Sincerely yours,

George Davidson
President

Our Next Event!!!

Italian Family Style Dinner & Wine Pairing

Where: Cardinale Restaurant
401 12th Ave SE

When: June 28th, Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Price: **\$125 per person**

Registration: <https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=29257>

Wines: Hosted by Fergus Bone Galileo Wines

1st Course: **Prosciutto Tonnato** – 18 month aged San Daniele prosciutto, capers, horseradish, gnocco fritto and,
Burrata – Italian burrata, marinated tomatoes, cucumber, sourdough croutons.

Served with **Drusian Rosé Extra Dry Prosecco**

2nd Course: **Mafaldine** – pork sausage, prosciutto, pancetta ragu, plus
Pappardelle – seasonal mushrooms, pesto bianco, piave Vecchio, plus
Agnello – house made spicy lamb sausage, fontina fonduta, pickled peppers, fennel insalata.

Served with **Zenato Lugana San Benedetto DOC '20** (100% Trebbiano),
Paolo Conterno Anforti Toscana IGT '16 (Sangiovese & Merlot), and
Altesino Rosso '19 (Sangiovese, Cabernet, Merlot)

Dessert: **Tiramisu** made with ricotta, mascarpone, amaro Montenegro,

Served with **Zenato Recioto della Valpolicella Classic**

CLICK ON THE REGISTRATION BUTTON NOW
Don't be left out as this event will sell out!

UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

Event	Date	Venue	Organizer
Italian Family Style Dinner	Tuesday, June 28	Cardinale Restaurant	George
Annual BBQ	Sunday, August 28	The Winston G & CC	Tara
Plates & Palates	Friday, October 7	Willow Park G&CC	Doug
Christmas Bubbles	November / December		Ray

Annual BBQ

The Friends of the Vine are pleased to announce that our **annual BBQ** is on again!

When: Sunday, August 28
Where: The Winston Golf & Country Club
2502 6th St. NE
Time: 12:30 – 3:30pm
Members: \$90 Non-members \$95

The afternoon will commence with samplings of selected wines from our vendor partners followed by a BBQ buffet.

Registrations will start in a couple of weeks, but mark your calendar.

Plates & Palates

Good news! We will have another **Plates & Palates on Friday, October 7, 2022. Mark your calendars now!**

RECENT EVENTS

Plates & Palates at Willow Park Golf & Country Club

Fun was in the air on Friday, March 4, 2022. The beautiful clubhouse at Willow Park Golf & Country Club hosted us to see which of the 40 wines paired best with the 8 different food plates delivered at 15-minute intervals. Lots of questions for the expert wine agents and lots of discussion among attendees. In the end, almost 500 bottles of wines were ordered at deeply discounted prices - - wines that had actually been tasted with the foods and that our members know went with their individual palates.

SAIT Dinner

Wonderful food paired with an exciting assortment of international wines - - what could be better! The world-class chefs at SAIT designed and supervised their students who prepared and served a typically

outstanding dining experience. Wines to be served with each course had been selected by a tasting panel to perfectly complement food and wine.

Our members know how great this experience is and it sold out as usual.

Annual General Meeting

Fun and fast! The Annual General Meeting was Tuesday May 10th at Willow Park Wines & Spirits. The business meeting was quick and then we went on with a tasting of Pinot Noirs from around the World. A cheese & charcuterie plate was enjoyed as Michael Bigattini discussed the wines. You think annual meetings are no fun????

Your 2022 Board was elected & we welcomed 2 new members, Margo & Mike.

MEMBERSHIP 2022

A reminder that FOV memberships expire on December 31. Renewal notices will be emailed in the fall.

Our website www.friendsofthevinecalgary.com has posted on the homepage all the upcoming events and newsletters; under the membership tab you can find all the local wine stores offering our members great discounts plus the link to refer your friends to purchase a membership.



What a Deal!

A member wrote: "The discounts offered to Friends of The Vine members by one of our retail partners are well worth the price of membership. Yesterday I noticed a new Pinot Noir while browsing through the store. The price was listed as \$25.99. When I showed my FOV membership when checking out with the wine, I only paid \$17.04 + GST & bottle deposit. What a savings!"

