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Celebrating almost 300 years of Hartenberg winemaking  
*A vertical tasting of eight vintages of Hartenberg Merlot*  
Toronto Lawn Tennis Club  
Monday, May 17, 6:30 pm

### Hartenberg Merlot Rated Best

The International Wine and Spirits Competition (IWSC), held in London each year, is regarded as the wine industry's premier judging event. At the awards ceremony held in 2008, Hartenberg's Merlot 2005 won the trophy as the best merlot. Hartenberg's previous vintage of merlot earned Carl Schultz the distinction of being the Diner's Club Winemaker of the Year in 2005.

An ecstatic cellar master Carl Schultz had this to say: "Obviously we are thrilled. But, more important than winning this incredibly prestigious trophy, is the fact that many of our wines are now performing consistently well on an international level. And that means we are finally beginning to realize the true potential of what I have always known this estate is capable of."

### Merlot Awards

2007: Gold Medal, Veritas

2005: Best Merlot, International Wine & Spirits Competition

2005: Gold Medal, Veritas

2005: Premium Class Selection, SAA

2004: Winemaker of the Year winner, Diners Club

### Some History

The first settlers to cultivate the virgin land of the estate today known as Hartenberg were in 1692, when friends Cunraad Boin and Christoffel Esterhuizen were granted permission to work the farm. Even at this early stage the wine-bearing potential of the soil was recognized and one of the first tasks that the two partners undertook was the clearing of the land to plant 2,000 vines.

In 1704, Christoffel Esterhuizen was granted the title deed to "Het Hartenberg" by the Governor (Willem Adriaan van der Stel) and became the first official owner of the farm. By 1718, he had 10,000 vines on his property and was producing wine. The well-known elephant hunter, Paulus Keyser, bought Hartenberg in 1721 and continued the practice of wine cultivation and wine-making. He sold it to Jacob van Bochen in 1725. Van Bochen also bought neighbouring Weltevrede the following year. The two farms have remained a combined property, form-

ing the Hartenberg estate as we know it today. After Van Bochen, the farm passed through the hands of various owners. The existing manor house was built in 1849.

On 1 January 1987, the present owners purchased Hartenberg, recognizing its potential. The owners continue a programme of investment in the farm. Their vision remains simple: to do whatever it takes to produce wines of outstanding quality by anybody's standards. To create only what wino's call "the good stuff".

### Our Event

A vertical tasting of eight Hartenberg Merlots gathered by **SAWS Cellar Master Jon Whitteker** over a period of years. Vintages are '95, '97, 2000, '01, '03, '04 '05, '06. Commentary on the wine selections will be by **Malcolm Cocks**, well-known in local wine circles.

A tasting plate will enhance our evening.

## Event Details

**When:** Monday, May 17, 6:30 pm

**Where:** The Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, 44 Price St, Toronto M4W 1Z4

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Parking available. Summerhill subway nearby.

**Price:** Members \$48, guests \$58

**Closing date:** Your booking or cancellation must be received by **Friday, May 14**. You will only be contacted if we are unable to accept your booking.

Your cheque payable to *South African Wine Society* or **Visa credit card** information will reserve your place at the event. If we have your credit card information on file, you may book by e-mail (without the form) to [sawsinfo@rogers.com](mailto:sawsinfo@rogers.com)

**As a courtesy to other members, please refrain from wearing any scented products, including perfumes, colognes, after shaves or hand lotions.**

# Event Registration

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