

**Shiraz Club of Victoria
August 2010 Dinner
At
Chaucer Cellars
Central park Oneteca
155 Burke Road
East Malvern**

Organisers: Andrew Denehy and Brad Van

Tommy Taranto's Chaucer Cellars is a great place to wine and dine. Sitting in amongst all these wine bottles created a wonderful atmosphere. I would imagine that this will not be the last time the Shiraz Club will dine here.

The Canapes consisted of a grilled zucchini tart and a smoked cod and cheese ball. Tasty morsels washed down with a French 2010 Cremen de Bourgogne Blanc de Blanc NV. Not Champagne but just as good. We are off to a flier.

Scampi was the main attraction for the entrée. Served with seared scallops and a blood orange reduction, this dish, although looking a bit light on, was very tasty and matched perfectly with a pair of S.A. Rieslings. A Leo Buring Eden Valley 2000 and a Leasingham Bin 7 2004 from the Clare Valley. These names bring back great memories.

The main course was all Waghu beef which was cooked for two hours and rested for one more hour. Tender and tasty and matched well with two Cabernet Sauvignons. A 2003 Yarra Ridge Yarra Valley and a 2004 Majella Coonawarra. Great wines with great food. Always a winner.

Our dessert was a tiramasu by a different name (one that escapes me) and suited particularly well with a 2007 Tamar Ridge Botrytis Riesling from Tasmania.

The dinner concluded with a traditional port. An Orlando Vintage Port 1983 from the Barossa Valley. A fitting way to end a night of fine wine and food in a great atmosphere.

We were honoured to have six guests on the night with a guest from last month turning up as a fully fledged member. Welcome Kate.

This was my last dinner as President of the Shiraz Club as Europe beckons. I must thank Lyn for her wonderful work as Secretary and the Committee for their support. I was delighted with the increase in numbers this year and really pleased with the effort put in by the organisers for each dinner. The choice of restaurant and the quality of the food and wines were exceptional.

Andrew presented us with some literature from past dinners. I will ask Steve Pierrehumbert to put these on our website for all to see.

Thank you Andrew and Brad for an entertaining evening at Tommy Tatanto's Chaucer Cellars.

**Regards all
Roger Hocking**