



# **The International Wine & Food Society Inc.**

## **Victoria (Australia)**

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## **André Simon 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Stokehouse**

### **Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Dear Members,

August brings again our most eagerly awaited function of the year, the André Simon Dinner, celebrating our founder, the anniversary of our Branch and importantly, the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society. For these very special occasions we work hard to marry the best dining experiences the city of Melbourne has to offer with the best wines from our branch cellar.

This year is without exception, and it's with great excitement that we invite you to join us at the new Stokehouse. Last year this iconic restaurant began a new life, and for our black tie gala we will be pairing its relaxed beachside glamour with the promise of exceptional wine, food and service – every bit in the spirit of the André Simon.

For our event, organisers Graeme Edwards and Tim Probert have secured exclusive use of the Palm Room. Secluded from the main dining room and with views right over St Kilda beach, the setting is as much the drawcard as the cooking of youthful Head Chef Ollie Hansford, who's refined take on contemporary Australian cuisine has quickly garnered him a reputation as 'one to watch' on the Melbourne dining scene.

The former Chef of the Year (Brisbane, 2016) is producing confident, thought-through dishes - youthful and fresh enough to be hip, masterly enough to feel right at home with some of our great old world wines. Seasonal showstoppers, the likes of Spanish mackerel with yuzu and koji marinade and seared tuna with wasabi syllabub and pickled radish, are every bit what we would expect from a hatted restaurant, and more.

# **STOKEHOUSE**



**ST KILDA BEACH**

The presence of Gourmet Traveller Sommelier of the Year 2018 finalist Gavin Cremming bodes well for exceptional service on the night. This is important, because we will be serving up wines from our 'seven out of seven' years – if you haven't checked your vintage card, you should! This dinner one of those rare events where we have the chance to pair great with great, remembering that the opportunity to showcase vintage IWFS wines at Melbourne's leading restaurants is one of the rare privileges and great pleasures of your membership.

The Palm Room can hold just 40 guests. This means places are limited for this very special event, so please do book early. As it's our André Simon dinner it's your chance to don black tie and soak up the atmosphere. We hope that you can join us as we expect the night together with the food and wine to follow in the tradition of our great 'Seven' dinners and be a fitting celebration for our Society's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Please reply by email to Yvonne as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 7th, 2018  
**Venue:** Stokehouse  
**Address:** 30 Jacka Blvd, St Kilda  
**Time:** 7.00 PM for 7.30 PM  
**Cost:** Members \$335; Young Members \$310, Guests/Non-Members \$360  
**Dress:** Black Tie  
**Closing Date:** Monday, July 30th, 2018 or until booked out

Pay **direct**: ANZ Bank, BSB: 013006, Acct: 485119607, Acct Name: IWFS Victoria  
Pay by **cheque** (made out to 'IWFS Victoria') to the above address please.

Cheers,



Erik Lehnacker

**President, IWFS Victoria (Australia)**

