

## Niagara Chapter's Annual Dinner – December 7, 2018 - By Bruce and Marg Jackson

The temperature was cold outside but it was warm and cheery in the hall of St. John's Anglican Church in Jordan. A cordial crowd was gathered by the fireplace, enjoying the reception. The Sparkling wine was Rockway 9, 2017. ZoomaCaters provided charcuterie and cheese plates. The food, wine and conversations were accompanied by Phil Valvasori on the piano.



President Jackie Barrett welcomed everyone, thanked the planners, Bruce and Margaret Jackson and the members of the planning committee and Jim and Helen Lelevicius who had helped set up the room.



Tables were arranged for groups of six people for a family style dinner. The mouth-watering aromas that had emanated from the kitchen became platters of delicious food served by Chef Steve Del Col, his wife Jacqueline and their staff. There was Herb Butter Basted Turkey, Maple Syrup Crusted Ham, Hasselback Yukon Gold and Sweet Potatoes, Seared Radicchio and Roasted Beets with Pomegranate and accompanied with Stuffing with Spiced Raisins and Thyme and creamy gravy and rolls..



Each table was provided with three bottles of wine: Cave Spring Dolomite Riesling 2016, Flat Rock Cellars Pinot Noir 2017 and DiProfio Gamay Rose 2017.

Dessert was fun. There were chocolate S'mores, a Mixed Berry Shortbread Crumble and Ginger Cookies served with a glass of Vineland Estate Select Late Harvest Vidal 2015. Some people even had room for coffee or tea.



After a huge applause for the chef, Bruce Jackson and Jackie Barrett drew names for the many door prizes available. First draws were for the poinsettias on the tables and bottles of wine provided by the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Wine Society. Seven bottles of Between The Lines Lemberger were won. The other draws were for wines and tasting passes donated by Creekside, Fielding, Calamus and Westcott wineries plus a variety of items donated by members of our chapter: Diane Love, Gail and Keith Penfold, Ingrid and Nick Merola, Jackie Barrett, Jim and Helen Lelevicius and Marg and Bruce Jackson. Every person in attendance won a door prize.

Photographer Bruce Jackson's pictures of the event are available at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/photoshopplake/albums/72157698655574070>