

Annual Holiday Party at Rockway Vineyards



On December 5, 2019, members and guests of the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Wine Society enjoyed a wonderful Christmas/Holiday celebration at Rockway Vineyards. This annual event was planned by the Executive Committee.



Rockway Vineyards winery staff was a key part of creating such a special Christmas/Holiday celebration for our club. Chef Josh Minor and winemaker, Ben Minaker, created an amazing and delicious 5 course dinner, each course paired with a wonderful wine. Ben led us through each course, explaining the pairing and talking about the particular wine being featured. Learning more about wine and food? Fun, delicious and entertaining! Our meal began with these two courses:



Our main course was a delicious braised beef shoulder with slow roasted root vegetables, duck fat potatoes and horseradish liquid. The dish was perfectly matched with the 2013 Reserve Syrah.



The final two courses included a cheese plate and a tasty brown butter apple tart.



The festive mood was inspiring, in no small part due to the enthusiastic response to the chapter's invitation to come in creatively designed holiday attire. Members and guests came in a wide array of varied festive-themed outfits, including hats, sweaters, ties and accessories! Incredible! At the end of the evening, guests were able to vote for their favorite ensemble. First prize was awarded to Ann Tenore (left), Helen Lelevicious was awarded second prize (middle), while third prize went to Leon Meslin (right). Raffle and door prizes were also awarded to guests throughout the night, including gift baskets and the poinsettia centerpieces adorning the tables. Congratulations to everyone!



Niagara Chapter members and guests really enjoyed this year's Holiday Party!



Thank you to the Executive for planning this annual event, to the Rockway Vineyard staff for their support in creating a special event and to the members who participated in making this a special and festive evening!

Photos by Niagara Chapter member, Bruce Jackson. More photos can be viewed at:
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