

Tour of Italy during the November Winemaker Dinner

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GEJA'S CAFÉ presents a Tour of Italy during the November Winemaker Dinner

CHICAGO— On Monday, November 5th, Geja's Café, 340 West Armitage, presents a "Tour of Italy" winemaker dinner. Guests will be treated to a fondue dinner paired with traditional wines of Italy, carefully selected the pair perfectly with each course. The Tour d'Italia Winemaker Dinner, part of Geja's Café's ongoing popular Winemaker Dinner series, will be a special and informative event featuring a representative on hand to provide commentary and answer questions on the wines.

In ancient times, the Italian peninsula was commonly referred to as enotria, or "land of wine," because of its rich diversity of grape varieties and many acres dedicated to cultivated vines. In more ways than one, Italy became a gigantic nursery and a commercial hub fortuitously positioned at the heart of the Mediterranean for what would become western civilization's first "globally" traded product: wine. Grapes are grown in almost every region of the country and there are more than one million vineyards under cultivation. "I wish we could taste them all but our superstar line-up of four old-world classics will have to suffice" remarked Geja's Wine Director, Jason Ballard.

Wines to be served throughout the evening include:

Reception: Non-vintage Bisol Jeio Prosecco

Cheese Fondue Course: 2010 Terradora di Paolo Falanghina

Entrée Course: 2009 Damilano Nebbiolo d'Alba

Chocolate Fondue Course: 2008 Cantele Salice Salantino

The evening begins with a 6:30 reception followed by dinner at 7:00 with a lively discussion of the evening's wines. The four-course dinner features Geja's house Salad, Cheese Fondue, Beef Tenderloin, Chicken & Jumbo Shrimp Entree, and Flaming Chocolate Fondue for dessert. Each course will be paired with the appropriate wine. Cost for each dinner is \$55 per person, which includes the wines, dinner, tax, and gratuity. Reservations are required for the dinners, and interested parties are encouraged to act quickly as the popular Winemaker Dinners tend to sell out quickly. For more information and to reserve, please call 773-281-9101.

Geja's Café is known for romantic fondue dining and an extensive list of fine but moderately-priced wines. A cozy wine cellar atmosphere, private booths and candlelight contribute to its intimate surroundings, with live flamenco and classical guitarists performing nightly to enhance the ambiance. Hours for Geja's Café are: Monday through Thursday, 5 to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, 5 p.m. to 11:00; Saturday, 5 p.m. to 11:30; and Sunday, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Valet parking is available. For reservations, please call 773-281-9101 or visit www.gejascafe.com [3].

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