



# The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

MAY 2007

## Glancing Forward to Future Events

### **Wednesday 13 June 2007**

NZ vs. Aus vs.  
France –  
Raymond Chan,  
Regional Wines

### **Wednesday 11 July 2007**

The Club's  
mid-winter dinner at  
Hazel Restaurant &  
Bar, 4 Roxburgh  
Street, Mt Victoria  
(former location of  
Rinoscimento  
Restaurant)

### **Wednesday 8 August 2007**

John Hancock, CEO,  
Trinity Hill Wines,  
Hawke's Bay

## Next Event - Annual General Meeting



**Wednesday 9th May 7:45pm for 8pm**

**Back at our permanent venue: Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

**Members: Free, Guests: \$5**

It's time for the club's AGM once again. Take this opportunity to hear how the club has gone this past year and make suggestions on activities for the coming year.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2005/06 year held 10 May 2006 (See Pages 3-5):
3. Matters Arising:
4. Financial Report for the year 2006/07:
5. President's Report for the year 2006/07:
- 6. Notice of Motion: Life Membership**

"That the rules of the Cellar Club Incorporated be amended in such a manner as to provide that the Committee, in recognition of long and meritorious service to the Club by any member of good standing, may nominate at the time of an annual, or special general meeting of the Cellar Club Incorporated, such members as it thinks fit for the bestowal of the status of life member of the Club." - *Moved Robin Semmens, seconded Tim O'Grady*

7. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2007/08:  
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee
8. Election of Honorary Auditor for the year 2007/08:
9. Subscriptions:
10. General Business:

At the conclusion of the AGM, supper will be served, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.

## **Little Red Riding Hood**

In Empire, California, some 400 copies of ***Little Red Riding Hood*** are locked away in a storage room of the public school district because the classic Grimm's fairy tale recounts that the little girl took a bottle of wine to her grandmother.

Roger Cohen, New York Times, April 23, 1990

## **From the Editor**

Another club year has rolled around and we are up to the AGM again. This is always a well attended event possibly because the formalities are kept to a minimum and it is the annual opportunity to taste some of the Club's wines. This year there is a motion that the club institutes a Life Membership category.

Carolyn and I have been on holiday so missed last month's meeting but I understand the presentation from Babich was very well received. We were in the US and managed to visit some central California wineries. Almost all charged for a tasting – US\$5 to \$10 – but the fee meant you could take away the glass. To our amazement the glasses at two of the wineries were Riedel – a bargain at US\$8! Since the filming of the movie 'Sideways' in the area, sales of Pinot Noir have gone through the roof. However, many of the wineries there have been producing Pinot for some time, one as early as 1982.

This area of California, the Santa Ynez Valley, is very pleasant with several areas having their own micro-climate. The best place to stay in the area is a picturesque town called Los Olivos. We didn't stay there but wished we had!

See you at the AGM.

*Terry Friel*  
Editor

## **Glancing Back - Babich Wines**



The quote on Babich Wines website home-page states "*Combine the vision of tomorrow, the craftsmanship of today, the experience from years past - and you have Babich Wines*" – and this is what Paul Cibulskis delivered to enthusiastic members at the April meeting.

In 1912 Babich planted their first vines and four years later produced their first wine selling it in cask and bottle. Many years later, in April 2007, Club members mingled over a delicious '06 Joe's Rose before whetting their taste buds with the '06 Marlborough Riesling and Pinot Gris and the impressive '02 Irongate Chardonnay. Following the glorious Wine Makers Reserve Syrah and Pinot Noir we rounded the evening with the "brooding and complex" '02 Irongate Cabernet Merlot Franc.

Offering Club members excellent discounts on the night, Paul shared his insights into the company and its respective family members and gave us a sense of the pride, passion and dedication poured into each bottle. With 90-plus years of wine making to reflect on, Babich Wines is still very much a family run business.

## **CELLAR CLUB INC.**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE NEWLANDS TAVERN ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2006**

**Present:** John Browning, Anne Megget, Terry Friel, Rick Julian, Robin Semmens, Cecilia Parker, Wayne Kennedy, Tim O'Grady, Brian Harris, Lilli Ficko, Ron Christian, Trevor Edmonds, Alan Evans, Odette Alleyne, Carolyn Hooper, Brian Heath, Pam Heath, Murray Jaspers, Helen Wilson, Fay Julian, Jan Kilkenny, Frank McCarthy, Richard Mason, John Morrison, Gary Page, Henny Page, Eunice Thessman, Warren Thessman, Derek Thompson.

**Apologies:** David Ward, John Angus, Sally Angus, Francesca Menzies, Dennis Mann, Janet Heads, John White

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Chairman apologised for the fact that the minutes of the previous AGM, had been mislaid and were not available for the meeting. Wayne Kennedy said that matters discussed included the retention of the subscription at the previous year's level, the upcoming functions for the Club's 25th Anniversary celebrations and the meeting's decision to subsidise these activities to a maximum of \$1,000 from the Club's reserves. It was also agreed by the meeting that the incoming committee should explore the possibility of using ethnic restaurants for mid-year and Christmas dinners.

*Moved by Warren Thessman, Seconded by Robin Semmens*

*That the minutes of the 2005 AGM held on 11 May 2005 as reported but not tabled be confirmed.*

*Carried unanimously*

#### **Matters Arising**

Wayne Kennedy reported that despite the AGM decision to commit up to \$1,000 of reserves to Anniversary functions and so return a loss, only \$500 was actually spent on the functions, while additional revenue meant the club still returned a modest profit for the year.

John Browning reported that the club had had its Christmas dinner at the Thai restaurant. Most present considered it a successful experience that could be repeated.

#### **Financial Report for the Year 2005/2006**

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, tabled at the meeting. The Club had shown a profit of \$147 for the year instead of the budgeted \$1,000 loss. Meeting receipts were down because of one less meeting, resulting from the February dinner at the James Cook. Dinner and BBQ subsidies totalled \$583 for the year.

Cash at the bank totalled \$2,783, which meant there was scope for a very aggressive upgrade of the Club's cellar. Overall the Club was in a very healthy position.

### **Quote for the Month**

"My dear girl, there are some things that are just not done, such as drinking Dom Perignon '53 above the temperature of 38° Fahrenheit."

James Bond in Ian Fleming's Goldfinger

## **Hot Red Hawke's Bay**

17 May 2007, 4pm -  
7pm @ The Duxton  
Hotel, Wakefield St,  
Wellington.

A showcase of the  
regions top red wines  
from many of the  
region's award winning  
wineries with over 100  
wines available for  
tasting.

Tickets cost \$35 and  
include canapés on  
arrival, wine tastings  
and a glass to take  
home.  
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for more information.

*Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by Terry Friel*

*That the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2005/2006 be received.*

*Carried unanimously*

In reply to a question about postage costs for newsletters and the number of Club members receiving the newsletter by email, Terry Friel confirmed that 12 members were receiving it by email while a further 30 newsletters were being posted to members.

**Action Point:** A check is to be made at each Club meeting whether members would prefer the newsletter to be sent by email.

In response to a question about whether wine stocks in the cellar were ever re-valued, Wayne Kennedy advised that wine stocks were not really part of the balance sheet but were reported on for information purposes only. Wine was valued at cost and, as will be seen from the cellar list, some wine was valued at zero because it had been donated by presenters or was left over from Club functions like the BBQ.

### **Chairman's Report**

John Browning spoke to his report, tabled at the meeting.

He highlighted the various celebratory events of the year, including the Champagne tasting and the James Cook dinner as well as the Christmas dinner at the Thai Panom. There was disappointment that the beer tasting, although very well conducted by Wayne Kennedy, was poorly attended, suggesting that beer tastings may go on the back burner for a while.

In conclusion, John expressed his appreciation for the contributions made by retiring committee members, sentiments carried by acclamation by members present.

*Moved by John Browning, Seconded by Robin Semmens*

*That the Chairman's report for 2005/2006 be received.*

*Carried unanimously*

*Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by Warren Thessman*

*That the meeting express its appreciation of the contribution of the retiring Chairman*

*Carried by acclamation*

### **Election of Officers**

President: Cecilia Parker - *Moved by John Browning, Seconded by Anne Megget*

Vice-President: Terry Friel - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by Fay Julian*

Secretary: Rick Julian - *Moved by John Browning, Seconded by Carolyn Hooper*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by Brian Heath*

*Committee: Nominations were received for Robin Semmens, Tim O'Grady, Murray Jaspers, Helen Wilson. All nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.*

As incoming President Cecilia Parker presented Certificates of Appreciation to retiring Committee members.

## **Electronic Newsletter Available**

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### **Election of Honorary Auditor**

Members were happy to confirm Graeme Fountain's appointment as Honorary Auditor. A bottle of wine from the Club's cellar would be presented to Graeme in appreciation of his role.

### **Subscriptions**

*Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by John Browning*

*That subscriptions be maintained at \$25 for 2006/2007.*

*Carried unanimously*

In reply to a question about whether costs arising from a change of venue might impact on subscriptions, Wayne Kennedy indicated that the Club would normally meet increased costs by raising individual meeting charges. However, if future costs necessitated a review this would be considered at a future AGM.

### **General Business**

#### **Venue**

John Browning pointed out that the venue was unlikely to be available to the Club much longer and that the new committee will need to explore alternatives. John asked members to advise the Committee if they had any suggestions. Requirements were accommodation for 40-50 people but it did not have to be a bar-type facility as the club could supply glassware including water jugs if necessary. Two current possibilities included the Johnsonville RSA and the Grenada Village Hall.

Brian Harris confirmed that liquor licence issues were not necessarily a hindrance in that the Club could apply for an annual licence, specifying the dates of meetings, for \$63 plus GST.

#### **Etched Glasses**

Wayne Kennedy requested feedback at the meeting on two options for etched glasses to commemorate the 25th anniversary. The preferred option would be presented to members at the June meeting. Additional glasses could be made available at a cost of \$11.00 each.

#### **Water Jugs**

Carolyn Hooper said that she was frustrated at the quality of the plastic water jugs supplied by the Newlands Tavern which all smelled of beer taint. She asked that the Committee ensure that glass water jugs be made available at the next meeting, if necessary purchasing jugs for the Club's use.

#### **Photographs**

Robin Semmens said that he was happy to take orders for photographs taken at the February dinner.

#### **June Meeting**

Murray Jaspers said that the next meeting at Glengarry Cask Room was at an excellent venue and he urged those present to encourage absent members to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm and was followed by the traditional supper catered by the Committee.