



# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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## Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday, 9 July 2008**  
Mid-winter dinner  
Chinese Buffet  
Yangtze Chinese Restaurant

**Wednesday, 13 August 2008**  
Kemblefield Estate Winery,  
Hawke's Bay

**Wednesday, 10 Sept 2008**  
Aussie Reds and Penfolds

**Wednesday, 8 October 2008**  
Richard Gooch presents!

**Wednesday, 12 Nov 2008**  
Christmas Bubbles at Glengarry

**Wednesday, 10 Dec 2008**  
The Club's Christmas Dinner



## Next Event

### A Wine Tour of Chile and Argentina

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7.45 for 8pm

Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16

Presenters: **Silvana Gottini, Southern Exposure Tours and Nicola Belsham, Wineseeeker**



This evening will be a little bit different. Not only will we taste the wines of Argentina and Chile we will also be able to learn something about those countries.

Silvana will present her slide show on the "Wine & Food Lovers Tour". This is a great trip for anyone who has an amateur interest in wine and food. Argentina and Chile offer a great variety of wine and cuisine, with breathtaking scenery along the way. This is not a trip for professional wine connoisseurs, but rather a unique way to travel and visit Chile and Argentina.

Silvana's firm, Southern Exposure Tours, specialise in tours specifically designed for a particular interest covering the whole of South America. They have an extensive network of guides and operators throughout South America with expertise in a wide range of fields ranging from bird watching/nature adventures to mountain climbing and adventures sports; educational trips to sports trips.

Co-presenter, Nicola Belsham, is the owner/operator (along with her husband, Carl Fraser) of Wineseeekers whose shop at 86-96 Victoria Street has an interesting selection of wines from around the world. Nicola's career in wine began in Europe where she worked for U.K Wine Retail giant, 'Oddbins'. After a period studying wine and travelling, Nicola returned to New Zealand, where over a glass of wine (or two) she met Carl. In June 2004 they opened Wineseeeker.

Nicola will present a range of high quality red and white wines including Pinot Grigio, Torrontes, Malbec, Carmenere and Tannat. This is a great opportunity to broaden your appreciation of wine by trying some that are a bit out of the ordinary. Hasta pronto!

### Members' Discounts

Your Cellar Club membership card gives you discounts as follows:

#### Wineseeker

86-96 Victoria Street,  
Wellington  
10% discount

#### Regional Wine & Spirits

15 Ellice Street,  
Wellington  
10-17% discount

#### Yangtze Chinese Restaurant

162 Willis Street,  
Wellington  
10% discount

#### SuperLiquor Johnsonville

'Staff discount' on anything not already on special

#### In addition...

There is a members' prize draw at each meeting but you must be present to win!

#### From Wikipedia

"An AGM is generally held every year to inform members of previous and future activities. In organisations run by volunteers the AGM is generally the forum for the election of officers."

## From the Editor

While the attendance at the AGM was less than in previous years, there was general agreement by those present that your Club is being run well and is thriving. As Cecilia mentioned, this past year had seen an increase in numbers at meetings and we have had some very high quality presenters. Probably the two most notable were Trinity Hill's John Hancock and Cloudy Bay's Kevin Judd.

The Committee has already organised events for most of the coming year kicking off with our Argentina/Chile evening this month and then the mid-Winter dinner at the Yangtze Chinese Restaurant. It promises to be an exciting year.

*Terry Friel*

Editor

## New Member

We welcome to the Club:

Ian Skinner, Churton Park

Please introduce yourself to new members at Club events.

## Glancing Back



Annual General Meeting

The AGM was attended by about 20 members and the Motion to change the Club Rules was passed with minor amendments. The new Rules will be published on the Club website.

Members stood for a minute's silence to show their respects for Frank McCarthy and Sally Clarke who both passed away in the last year. There was discussion as to whether the meeting venue, upstairs at the Community Centre, was preferable to the main hall. The Committee will review the options but it was agreed that we should hold one meeting upstairs as a trial.

A selection of wines from the club cellar along with some very good food was enjoyed by all those present. The formalities:

#### **Election of Officers**

**President:** Cecilia Parker

**Vice-President:** Terry Friel

**Secretary:** Rick Julian

**Treasurer:** Wayne Kennedy

**Committee:** Nominations were received for Robin Semmens, Murray Jaspers, Anne Megget and Shirley Ang. All nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.

## Quote for the Month

"You needn't tell me that a man who doesn't love oysters and asparagus and good wines has got a soul, or a stomach either. He's simply got the instinct for being unhappy highly developed." -

*Saki (1870-1916), the pen name of British author Hector Hugh Munro, whose witty stories satirised Edwardian society and culture.*

## Wine with Chinese food

Pairing wine with Chinese food can be challenging. Here are a few tips from *About.com*. For spicy dishes, particularly Sichuan cuisine, try a Gewürztraminer. For heavier northern dishes try a burgundy such as Pinot Noir, or a Merlot. For rich dishes, serve a red Bordeaux. Try serving a Riesling or Chenin Blanc with Cantonese dishes. If you plan to enjoy just one bottle, try a white, fruity wine such as a Chardonnay.

## Mid-Winter Dinner

**Yangtze Chinese Restaurant**, 162 Willis Street, Wellington  
7.30pm, Wednesday 9 July 2008 - \$45 per head.

Since 1977 the Yangtze has been regarded as Wellington's most celebrated and authentic Chinese restaurant and our specially prepared menu reflects these qualities. The cost includes corkage and the welcoming drink provided by the Club. We have negotiated BYO with the restaurant so do bring along your favourite bottle of wine and share it with those around you.

### Yangtze Banquet Menu for the Cellar Club

#### Starters

Deep Fried Wontons

Spring Rolls

Stuffed Chicken Wings

#### Mains

Sweet & Sour Pork

Black Bean Sauce Calamari

Lemon Chicken

Thai Sauce Fish Pieces

Sichuan Spicy Beef

Vegetables & Cashew Nuts

Combination Fried Rice

#### Desserts

Lychee Ice Cream

Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

Chinese Tea

## Electronic Newsletter Available

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## Club News

### Club Sandwich Board



Membership Coordinator, Anne Megget, who arranged our new sandwich board which will be on display outside the Community Centre on meeting nights. Our thanks go to ITM Newlands who made the board free for us and to new member Richard Jebson, from Bluecat Graphics, who organised the design.

### Website

The night of the AGM saw the launch of the Club's new website, [www.cellarclub.co.nz](http://www.cellarclub.co.nz)

As Cecilia mentioned in her announcement, the website provides members with easy access to newsletters and event details as well as being a source of information to prospective members.

