



# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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## Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,  
12 Nov 2008**

Christmas Bubbles at Glengarry

**Wednesday,  
10 Dec 2008**

The Club's Christmas Dinner at Bistro Breton, Kelburn

**Sunday,  
25 January 2009**  
The Club BBQ

**Wednesday,  
11 February 2009**  
Watch this space!

**Wednesday,  
11 March 2009**  
Jean-Christophe Poizat: Wines of Alsace

## Next Event

**Richard Gooch, "And now for something completely different"  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm Upstairs Johnsonville Community Centre**

True to our Monty Python theme, Wednesday night the 8<sup>th</sup> October does indeed promise to provide for something completely different.



Not only will the wines be different [ie they will be unusual varietals that provide interest and value for money] but the style of the evening will be quite different as well.

Richard Gooch may be known to some club members for his nighttime wine courses that he runs in local colleges.

But his reputation extends much further than this. He is an International Wine Expert who lays claim to being the first person to import NZ Wines into the UK many moons ago. Richard is also an established raconteur whose fun and humorous style of presentation on all things wine is sought after to provide levity at corporate conferences and the like. And he is promising to deliver something similar for us.

To say anything further, would be to spoil the surprise. Suffice to say that this is Richard's third presentation to the club and I am sure that like previous occasions, we will all go away with smiles on our faces and humor in our souls.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45 for 8pm

Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville.

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16

## 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!

### The Sunday Times Wine Club

The UK Sunday Times has a very informative website which provides information on wines from many countries. See: [sundaytimeswineclub.co.uk](http://sundaytimeswineclub.co.uk)

## From the Editor

Last month's Penfolds event was another successful night with 32 people attending but it did put some stress on the upstairs venue. While we have booked upstairs for the October meeting the Committee agreed we would pencil in the downstairs venue for next year. However, we will consider a different configuration with the tables and chairs facing down the room rather than across it. Feedback from members on the two venues would be much appreciated.

This month we see the return of Richard Gooch, certainly one of the most entertaining speakers we have ever had. In keeping with the theme of the evening all we can really say is that it will be 'different'. Don't miss it.

*Terry Friel*  
Editor

## New Members

We welcome these new members to the Club:

**Steve and Fiona Merchant - Khandallah**

Please introduce yourself to new members at Club events.

## Glancing Back

### Aussie Reds and Penfolds



Dan Baldock, Penfolds' Wine Educator, gave us a superb presentation during which we learned about the history of Penfolds and their different ranges of wines. It was very interesting to learn that the Australians pay more for a bottle of Grange than we do!

The comparison between the entry-level Thomas Hyland and the Bin range showed that, for a few more dollars, you can purchase a high quality wine which can be cellared for many years. Penfolds will even do a quality inspection of your 15 years + wine at one of their 'Re-corking clinics' which they expect to hold in Wellington every couple of years.

The highlight of the evening was the comparative tasting of the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz. We acknowledge Alan Evans' generosity in making the 1996 wine available from his cellar. Unfortunately Alan could not be present but we have told him how good that wine is.

We are very grateful to Dan and hope to invite him back in the future.

### Quote for the Month

"You haven't drunk too much wine if you can still lie on the floor without holding on."

### Dean Martin

### DeVine Tasting at Kirkcaldie's

Kirkcaldie & Stains Cuisine store has their annual lunchtime tastings, 12-2pm, from Mon 29 Sep - Thu 9 Oct. Ten wineries are featured including Croft, Alana Estate and Aurum.

### Nelson WineArt

This major tasting of new releases, including 2008 vintage wines, will be matched with gourmet seafood and held in conjunction with an exhibition of leading Nelson artists. Public admission includes wine tastings, tasting glass and seafood canapés. Wed 29 Oct, 5-7pm at The Boatshed. Tickets (\$25) available from Regional Wine & Spirits, Ph 385 6952.

## Club News

### Members' Prize Jackpot Won

The prize for the members' draw at each meeting is given out only if that member is present. As no one had won the prize at the two previous meetings, it jackpotted to three bottles of wine last month and had to be won. Congratulations go to the winner on the night, Mark Haythornthwaite.

## In the News

### Wine may protect against radiation

© Reuters, 24 Sep 2008

### **A natural antioxidant commonly found in red wine and fruit may protect against radiation exposure, US researchers have reported.**

Tests in mice showed that resveratrol, when altered using a compound called acetyl, could prevent some of the damage caused by radiation, the researchers told the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology meeting in Boston.

Drugs made that way might be used in a large-scale radiological or nuclear emergency, said Dr Joel Greenberger, a radiation oncologist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

"Currently there are no drugs on the market that protect against or counteract radiation exposure," he added. "Our goal is to develop treatments for the general population that are effective and non-toxic," Greenberger said in a statement.

"Small molecules which can be easily stored, transported and administered are optimal for this, and so far acetylated resveratrol fits these requirements well."

### **Australian Winemakers evolves**

© Daily Wine News, 18 Sep 2008

### **Australian Winemakers has formally announced its new name - Australian & New Zealand Winemakers.**

The new name follows the recent research study which identified the need to fine tune the existing name. "We have been trading in New Zealand as New Zealand Winemakers for the past 3 years, and have successfully been working with a number of large and boutique sized customers including Montana, Jackson Estate and Links Winery. The transition to merge our two trading names into one is timely, significant and reinforces our commitment to the New Zealand market," said Paul Baggio, CEO of Australian & New Zealand Winemakers.

## Electronic Newsletter Available

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## *The Dish:* **Best of three**

© NZ Herald, 24 Sep 2008

### **Jacob's Creek has launched a new range, called Three Vines.**

The range features three tri-varietal wines, combining two classic grape varieties with an exotic Mediterranean third, all grown in Australia. The trio of wines, which are available for \$15.99 each, includes Three Vines Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Viognier 2007, Three Vines Shiraz Grenache Sangiovese 2007 and Three Vines Shiraz Cabernet Tempranillo 2007.

## **Winemakers fly flag**

© Marlborough Express, 22 Sep 2008

### **Two Blenheim winemakers are flying the flag for New Zealand at an Australasian competition.**

Vavasour Wines Marlborough winemaker Stuart Marfell and Auntsfield Estate winemaker Lucas Cowley are finalists in The Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award. This is the second year New Zealanders have been selected as finalists in the Australasian award. Marlburian Josh Scott was the first ever New Zealander to be included.

The 10 finalists will each have their top two wines judged by a panel of industry representatives over the next two months. Mr Marfell and Mr Cowley will fly to Sydney for the awards on November 1.

## **Palin wine caught up in US election**

©Decanter.com, 25 Sep 2008

### **Palin Syrah, a small organic wine from Chile, has found itself embroiled in the turmoil surrounding the Republican campaign in the US presidential race.**

The wine, linked, for obvious reasons, with Republican vice-president candidate Sarah Palin, has drawn media attention in the US. News organizations in the country are tracking sales of the brand and connecting the label's fortunes to the popularity of Palin's right-wing politics.

Chris Tavelli, a partner in San Francisco's Yield Wine Bar started serving Palin Syrah before Republican presidential candidate John McCain asked Palin to be his running-mate. Following Palin's nomination, sales of the wine plummeted in liberal San Francisco. But Tavelli is reluctant to take it off his wine list.

The bar's proprietors have invited customers to write in their own impressions of the wine. Recent popular descriptors include 'moose meat', 'gunpowder' and 'hockey mom' – all words associated with Sarah Palin.