



The Cellar Club Inc

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday, 8 October 2008
Richard Gooch presents Monty Python!

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

Aussie Reds and Penfolds

Wednesday 10th Sept, 7.45 for 8pm

Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville.

We will be using the upstairs room

Members: \$14, Guests: \$18

Presenter: Dan Baldock,
Fosters/Penfolds Wine Educator

This evening's presentation will be from one of the country's most knowledgeable people when it comes to Penfolds wines. Dan has worked in the liquor industry for over 10 years, originally for Southcorp and then Fosters, following their takeover in 2005. He has been in New Zealand for over seven years and, in addition to being the National Wine Educator, he is Wellington Area Manager.

Join us for a unique opportunity to taste some superb Penfolds vintages including a comparative tasting of the current vintage with two of its aged equivalents.

The wines:

- Mingling wine – 2006 Penfolds Thomas Hyland Chardonnay

The tasting will be presented in two flights.

- Flight 1:
 - 2006 Penfolds Thomas Hyland Shiraz
 - 2006 Penfolds Thomas Hyland Cabernet Sauvignon
- Flight 2:
 - 1996, 2000 and 2004 Penfolds Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz
 - 2000 Penfolds Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz
 - 2000 Penfolds Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon

There will be a short break between flights during which the Club will supply bread and pate. Don't miss one of the highlights of the Club year.

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!

Regional Wine & Spirits – Voted Top Bottle Shop

In the Capital Times annual survey of 'The best of Wellington', readers have yet again voted Regional Wines & Spirits Wellington's Top Bottle Shop.

From the Editor

Last month's meeting was our first 'trial' of the Community Centre's upstairs room. On the night the Committee received generally favourable comments. The acoustics were much better, providing for much more intimate interaction with the presenter. Room set up and tidying was simpler and the herring-bone table arrangement seemed to work well.

Email feedback from a dozen members expressed general preference for upstairs. A few noted that we could not handle a very large crowd or have multiple presenters such as we had for the South American Wine Tour evening.

At the following Committee meeting it was agreed we would change the venue for our September and October meetings to the upstairs room. At the Penfolds meeting this month we anticipate quite a large attendance so this will enable us to test the room under 'battle conditions'!

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Terry Friel
Editor

Glancing Back



Kemblefield Estate Winery, Hawke's Bay

Presenter John Kemble provided 30 members and guests with a memorable evening of story telling and wine tasting. I particularly enjoyed his superb account of how MAF 'disposed' of one of the original Zinfandel clones he and Alan Limmer had imported.

The range on offer provided something for everyone. The quality of Kemblefield wines continue to improve and this has been recognised by wine show judges throughout the world.

Our thanks go to John for his presentation and also for his generous donation of the raffle prize, a 2002 Reserve Zinfandel, which was won by Wayne Kennedy.

Quote for the Month

"Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it."

Anonymous

'Looking Down the Barrel'

This is an exhibition by the New Zealand Portrait Gallery at Shed 11 on Wellington's waterfront. It features artwork and photographs of many of the significant personalities in the New Zealand wine scene. The images are a catalogue of history and capture the spirit and essence of many of the people wonderfully.

Open daily from 10am to 4pm, until Wed 12 November. Admission is free.

Club News

Members' Prize Jackpots – Must be won at Sept meeting

The prize for the members' draw at each meeting is given out only if that member is present. No one won the prize at the August meeting so it has now jackpotted to three bottles of wine. As the maximum number of wines in the jackpot has been reached, the members' draw will be repeated at the September meeting until the prize is claimed. So three bottles could be yours.... provided you are there!

Have you paid your subscription?

Club subscriptions are due now. Any queries to Wayne Kennedy.

Are you looking for a part time job?

Margaret Gibbs, who you may remember from the Vintage Wines presentation to the club, has moved to Foodstuffs and is in charge of liquor. She intends putting wine presenters into some of their stores on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from about 3pm, for 3 – 4 hours, although times could be adapted to suit. She has asked if anybody in the club is interested in these positions which are available throughout the Wellington region including the Kapiti Coast. Hourly remuneration is by arrangement. If you are interested, please contact Margaret direct on 027 216 3967.

In the News

Central Otago Pinot named top wine

© ODT Online, 24 Aug 2008

A Central Otago Pinot Noir has taken top honours at this year's Romeo Bragato Wine Awards, winning the Bragato Trophy for champion wine of show. John Olssen, of Olssens Garden Vineyard, produced the winning Olssens Jackson Barry Pinot Noir 2007.

"The Central Otago region consistently produces top quality pinot noir, so it's no surprise that the area has produced this year's champion wine of show," chairman of judges Larry McKenna said.

He said another highlight was the Askerne Noble Semillon 2006 - a class which New Zealand was not traditionally known for - being named the champion dessert wine. "It is very encouraging to see such high quality wines being produced across a range of emerging varieties. This is testament to the diversity of New Zealand as a winegrowing nation," Mr McKenna said.

The 14 champion awards and nine trophies were spread across the wine-growing regions of Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Marlborough, Martinborough and Central Otago.

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Aussies raise a glass with NZ wine

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Growth in Kiwi wine exports continued unabated in the past year, driven by a 37 per cent jump in Australian sales.

Drinkers across the Tasman quaffed more than \$246.7 million worth of Kiwi wine, or 27.3 million litres, to overtake Britain as the No 1 market, according to New Zealand Winegrowers.

The year's vintage produced more than 22 million cases of wine after a long, dry summer and early flowering vines. Exports totaled \$800 million for the year end June, up 14 per cent on the previous year.

Winegrowers chairman Stuart Smith said export sales were on track to hit \$1 billion by 2010, with high quality sauvignon blancs leading the way. "Each year we have made projections about sales and growth, and each year these are fulfilled and often surpassed. This year is no exception," he said.

National production jumped 40 per cent, thanks in no small part to a 60 per cent increase across Marlborough's wineries. Marlborough produced more than 195,000 tonnes of grapes, though Gisborne and Hawke's Bay slipped 8 per cent and 18 per cent respectively, because of frosts and cooler weather at flowering.

The bulk of wine was destined for dinner tables in Australia, Britain and the United States. Shipments to Canada, meanwhile, rose 64 per cent as liquor boards added New Zealand wines to their portfolios, while markets in Asia showed strong growth.

However, tough times at home saw New Zealand domestic sales slip 5 per cent, or four million litres, to 87.4 million litres, as discretionary consumer spending took a hit with rising food, fuel and housing costs.

Nick Faldo launches wine range

© just-drinks.com, 15 Aug 2008

Golfer Nick Faldo has launched his own range of wines in time for this year's Rhyder Cup golf tournament between Europe and the US.

Faldo, now Europe's Rhyder Cup captain, has launched a range of "easy-drinking wines" from Australia in collaboration with Katnook Estate, based in the Coonawarra region and owned by Spain's Ferrer family.

The wines include Faldo Sauvignon Blanc, Faldo Cabernet Sauvignon and - the golfer-turned-winemaker's reputed personal favourite - Faldo Shiraz. They will be available in the US in time for this year's Rhyder Cup, which takes places on 19-21 September.