



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

AUGUST 2009

Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,
9 Sept 2009**

Tim Turvey,
Clearview Estate
Winery,
Hawke's Bay

**Wednesday,
14 October 2009**

Mark
Haythornthwaite,
Haythornthwaite
Wines,
Martinborough

**Wednesday,
11 Nov 2009**

Champagne at
Glengarry

**Wednesday,
9 December 2009**

The Club's
Christmas dinner

**Sunday,
31 January 2010**

The Club's BBQ

Next Event



Forrest Estate, Marlborough

Wednesday 12 August, 7.45 for 8pm

Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville
Members: \$16, Guests: \$20

Presenters: Dr. John Forrest & Dr. Brigid Forrest

Drs John and Brigid Forrest are Forrest, a small, very much "hands-on" producer, of premium quality white wine from their home vineyards in Marlborough, whilst in, partnership, they produce the Cornerstone Bordeaux red from their vineyard in the Gimblett Gravels Region of Hawkes Bay and premium Pinot Noir from their vineyards in Bannockburn and Waitaki Valley, Otago.

Leaving behind careers in molecular biology and medicine John and Brigid returned to Marlborough in 1988 to establish their first vineyard at Renwick - at the heart of the stony Wairau River Valley.

Vintage 1990 saw the first Forrest wine and immediate success with a trophy at the national wine awards - success that has been repeated many times both nationally and internationally over the subsequent vintages.

John and Brigid will present these wines:

- **Mingling wines: Bubbles for Beth 2005 and Bubbles for Brigid 2005**
- **2007 The Valleys Sauvignon Blanc**
- **2001 The Valleys Dry Riesling**
- **2009 The Doctor's Riesling**
- **2008 Tatty Bogler Pinot Gris**
- **2006 Tatty Bogler Pinot Noir**
- **2003 Brancott Valley Pinot Noir**
- **2004 Newton Forrest Cornerstone Cabernet Merlot Malbec**
- **2005 John Forrest Collection Noble Riesling**

This is a chance to sample some of the best wine produced in this country - don't miss it.

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

Bladen Wines, Marlborough

10% discount on cellar door sales

In addition...

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

From the Editor

This month sees the first of what must be two of the Club's premier presentations this year, Forrest Estate. We are indeed grateful to have founders John and Brigid Forrest present a marvellous selection of their wines. Such is their wide range on offer, John had a problem restricting the wines and hence we have 8 wines to sample from throughout the country.

Next month we follow with Clearview Estate's Tim Turvey. Tim established the winery at Te Awanga, Hawke's Bay back in 1988 and has a great story to tell.

My thanks go to Cecilia for her review of the Mid-winter Dinner which included the Life Membership presentation. It seems this was a very enjoyable evening. As mentioned in the past, we are limited in the choice of BYO restaurants that can cater for our numbers at a reasonable price. Members' suggestions on this subject are always welcome.

Terry Friel
Editor

New Members

We welcome these new members to the Club:
Moses Te Whiu and Helen McVicar - Te Aro

Please introduce yourself to new members at Club events.

Club News

Membership Cards

Have you received your new membership card in the mail yet? If not, please contact Anne Megget. If you have yet to renew your subscription please contact Wayne Kennedy.

Members' Discounts

Don't forget that discounts are available at a variety of businesses listed on this page. Our latest addition is Bladen Wines who presented to the Club in June. Dave and Christine have generously offered a 10% discount on cellar door sales.

The Club's website www.cellarclub.co.nz

Do tell friends and acquaintances about our website. It gives prospective members a good feel for the activities and makes it simple to join up. It has been our main source of new members for over two years.

We will soon be adding new content to the website which will feature our new Life Members.

Quote for the Month

"...then the streams would run with wine instead of water and the whole forest would give itself up to jollification for weeks on end." –

C. S. Lewis in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Wellington On a Plate

Wellington On a Plate celebrates the capital's fondness for flavour and fun. The inaugural two-week festival will centre around

Dine Wellington, a foodie fortnight from 17–30 August where Wellington's finest restaurants offer scrumptious set menus at irresistible prices. Some great restaurants are on board so far: Logan Brown, Martin Bosley's Yacht Club Restaurant, Arbitrageur, Monsoon Poon, Osteria Del Toro, and Plate. More details in the Dominion Post.

Glancing Back

The Mid-Winter Dinner, Adam's Bistro, Lower Hutt

Great food, service, wine and company were the ingredients for another great club evening for all those who attended our 2009 mid-winter dinner, which also celebrated the awarding of our first Life Memberships.

The room was spacious and you could move around without problem, which really helped the mix and mingling. Other diners created no problem. The birthday girls at another table settled down, and we knew that any noise we made was not an issue.



We were impressed by the quality of choices. Food and service were both excellent, especially when related to the price charged. An absolute bargain was the comment made by many as the courses were served.

The evening started well with Brian pouring the Bubbly in his efficient way. As many of us know, pouring bubbly wines can be tricky. The Australian bubbles were a great tasting Taltarni cuvee which set the mood for the evening.

All those who dine out regularly know that it is not always easy to provide excellent food and service to all in a large group. I believe that Adam proved his professional expertise in achieving this. My own order was a taste delight. Unfortunately I could not manage to finish my beautiful sticky date pudding, although I did try. The steaks were cooked beautifully, and a very generous portion.

I have dined at Adam's previously, as have other members. We know that the quality is maintained every time. The menu is extensive and well priced. Being a BYO I am sure that members will consider this venue for further dining out.

Attendance by so many of our new members was a pleasure to see and they have indicated how much they enjoyed the evening.

A great evening was had by all and special thanks go to Robin who took a number of photos throughout the evening.

Cecilia Parker

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Life Membership Awards

A highlight of the mid-winter was the presentation of life membership to Graeme Fountain and Ron Thomson. These awards are tangible recognition of those whose early ideas and efforts have resulted in a club which so many have enjoyed over the years.

Graeme arranged for the inaugural meeting to be held and became the Club's founding president, a role he held from 1981 to 1986. He has presented at meetings, he spoke at the club's 25th birthday dinner in 2007 and has been our Honorary Auditor since 1995.

Graeme Fountain receives his award from Club President, Cecilia Parker



Citation: "In recognition of his leadership in the formation of the Cellar Club and then his continued service as founding president and then later as Honorary Auditor, Graeme Fountain is hereby awarded the first life membership of The Cellar Club Inc."

Ron was also a founding member of the club and one of its original committee members. He served on the committee for 9 years, becoming the Vice president in 1982 and then its president in 1986, a role he continued until 1989. He was also editor of the club's newsletter from 1982 to 1989. He continued to attend meetings each month until he moved to Waikanae in mid 1998. He and his partner Barbara have continued to attend most club dinners and barbecues.

Ron Thomson with his award

Citation: "In recognition of his leadership of the Cellar Club as Vice President and then President, as well as his service as Editor of the club's newsletter for 8 years and his ongoing support and involvement in the club since its inception, Ron Thomson is hereby awarded life membership of The Cellar Club Inc."

