



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

DEC 2009 – JAN 2010

Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,
9 December 2009**
The Club's
Christmas dinner

**Sunday,
31 January 2010**
The Club's BBQ

**Wednesday,
10 February 2010**
Beautiful
Boutique

**Wednesday,
10 March 2010**
Rimu Grove
Winery, Nelson

**Wednesday,
14 April 2010**
Tyrrell's Wines,
Hunter Valley,
NSW

**Wednesday,
12 May 2010**
The Club's AGM

Next Events

Christmas Dinner at 3C



Wednesday 9th December 7.30pm for 8pm
3C bar and restaurant, Chews Lane, Wellington

While bookings are now closed, if you haven't completed the booking form but still wish to attend, please contact Wayne Kennedy by 1st December. Email waynek@paradise.net.nz, text to 027 452 3802 or a phone call to 04 971 7184 evenings.

The Committee is delighted to have secured 3C for this year's Christmas Dinner. Situated in the heart of Wellington's exciting new Chews Lane entertainment precinct, 3C is one of Wellington's up and coming venues. A special Christmas menu has been prepared – it is reprinted in this newsletter. Remember, as with all our dinners, it is BYO wine to share with your table, so take the opportunity to get those special bottles out of your cellar. From 7.30pm the Club will be providing quality bubbles - featured at a tasting this year - with seating scheduled for 8pm.

Summer Barbecue at Derek's Place



Sunday 31st January from 4pm, wet or fine

**Derek Thompson's residence
4 Arthur Carman Street
Johnsonville**

No charge

Our first event for the year is the traditional Club Barbecue. We are very grateful to Derek for continuing to make his place available.

The Club will supply steak, salmon, potatoes, bread and a BBQ chef! You do not need to bring your tasting glasses as the Club will provide glassware. Members are requested to bring wine plus a **salad** if you live at an **odd** numbered address and a **dessert** if you live at an **even** numbered address. For the information of our newer members, we suggest that your salad/dessert serves about 8 people.

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

Haythornthwaite Wines, Martinborough

10% discount on cellar door sales

In addition...

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

It was won last month and congratulations go to new member Rod Smith.

From the Editor

Last month's Champagne evening was yet another stellar event at Glengarry Thorndon. Thanks go to Murray Jaspers for his extensive review of the event in 'Glancing Back'.

Our festive season events continue this month with the Christmas Dinner at 3C bar and restaurant on 9th December. In choosing this restaurant the Committee hopes to maintain the high standard set over the last few years – although Bistro Breton is a hard act to follow!

On Sunday 31st January we hold the Summer Barbecue, an event which many regard as one of their summer highlights.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you all for your participation this year and wish you all the best for Christmas and the holiday season.

Terry Friel
Editor

Christmas Dinner Menu

\$55 includes the 3-course meal, corkage, bubbles and tea/coffee.

.. FOR STARTERS ..

A selection of New Zealand seafood, cured meats, marinated vegetables, breads, cheese and dips served to the table

.. THE MAIN EVENT ..

Beef fillet with creamy garlic mash, thyme & merlot jus

Free-Range Chicken Supreme with pomme anna, sweet onion relish and chicken jus

Roasted Groper Fillet with potato & caper salad, tomato & avocado salsa

Potato Gnocchi with wild mushrooms, baby vegetables, beurre noisette and parmesan shavings

.. SWEETS ..

Black Forest Cream Brulee, vanilla cream and biscotti

Millefeuille of fresh berries, meringue & whipped cream

Chocolate & Orange Fondant & vanilla bean ice cream

Quote for the Month

"Let us have wine, women, mirth and laughter, sermons and soda water the day after." –

**Lord Byron,
English poet
(1788-1824)**

Pinot Noir 2010 Grand Public Tasting

Pinot Noir 2010, to be held in Wellington, is New Zealand's – if not the southern hemisphere's – most significant international wine event.

Unashamedly bringing together our best 100+ wineries with some of the world's most influential wine writers and trade, Pinot Noir 2010 is a four day wine and food extravaganza.

And on February 3, 2010 the doors are opened to the public in what has become one of the signature parts of the event – the Pinot Noir 2010 Grand Public Tasting. For details: www.pinotnoir2010.co.nz

Glancing Back - Festive Champagne Evening



Forty-four members and guests enjoyed this meeting which was hosted at Glengarry's Cask Room. It continued the "bubbles" tradition established over recent years, but this year with a difference. Allan Scott from Allan Scott Wines in Marlborough jointly hosted the evening in conjunction with Vaughan Hooper of Glengarry's. The evening was divided into two sections, the range of Allan Scott "bubbles" and then the four champagnes of the evening.

Allan reflected on his company's distinguished wine heritage, their more recent ventures into Methode styles and the recent advent of sparkling Sauvignon Blanc. This wine as our "mingling" wine and won many friends. It was followed by three non vintage styles: the Blanc de Blanc, the "Cecilia" Reserve Brut and, to conclude, the Les Jouis Rouge Sparkling Rose.

From 100% chardonnay, the blanc de blanc was a wine that captured the attention of most present. With its layers of obvious pinot noir and being in a more classical and familiar style, the "Cecilia" reserve brut proved to be an acclaimed favourite. Sparkling rose is a new addition for the winery and was the wine in the flight that generated perhaps most discussion.

Vaughan presented the four champagnes, all distributed by Glengarry's, in the second half of the evening. Does price matter with champagne? It does, but more so the house style is what captures the attention. We were treated to wonderful examples: three non vintage and a sensational vintage 2002 Drappier.

Each of the NV styles was both discernable and distinctive. The Piper Heidsieck Cuvee Brut was popular and at the current price had a strong following. It is a recognisable wine and many indicated their familiarity with the style. A number present indicated they would be looking for this for sure. Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve was a standout wine, something really special and displaying a great flavour spectrum and appeal. Nicholas Feuillatte Brut Reserve was one for the purist, least known, but a house style to enjoy that was different and a privilege to try.

The 2002 Drappier Grand Sendree was a standout. Those present took little persuading that this was a \$100 vintage wine. It culminated the evening well and "saving the best till last" certainly still has its place.

Our thanks go to Glengarry's for hosting and Vaughan Hooper for showcasing the evening for us. We look forward to continuing this association that has been a feature of the club's annual tasting calendar. Be determined to enjoy your bubbles this Christmas.

Murray Jaspers

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New Members

We welcome these new members to the Club:

Darran Hunt and Pamela Bromley – Johnsonville
Brendan Cuneen and Judy Strydom – Wellington City
Rod Smith – Khandallah

Please introduce yourself to new members at Club events.

In the News

Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2009

Nov 21, 2009

Following the announcement at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards Gala Dinner, here are our trophy winners for 2009.

Air New Zealand Champion Wine of the Show Trophy:
Julicher Pinot Noir 2008

Other Trophy winners:

- **Olssens Annieburn Riesling 2009**
- **Julicher Pinot Noir 2008**
- **Villa Maria Reserve Barrique Chardonnay 2007**
- **Catalina Sounds Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009**
- **Church Road Reserve Viognier 2007**
- **Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008**
- **Coopers Creek SV Hawkes Bay Syrah Chalk Ridge 2008**
- **Couper's Shed Pinot Gris 2009**
- **Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Tempranillo 2008**
- **Forrest The Doctors' Riesling 2009**
- **Johanneshof Cellars Marlborough Gewurztraminer 2009**
- **Villa Maria Reserve Merlot 2007**
- **Esk Valley Marlborough Riesling 2009**
- **Mills Reef Elspeth Cabernet Merlot 2007**
- **Deutz Marlborough Cuvee Blanc de Blancs 2006**
- **Farmgate Noble Harvest Riesling 2007**
- **Villa Maria Reserve Marlborough Chardonnay 2006**
- **Georgetown Vineyard Pinot Noir 2007**