



# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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## Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,  
11 Nov 2009**  
Champagne at  
Glengarry

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

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

**Wednesday,  
10 February 2010**  
Beautiful  
Boutique

## Next Event



Haythornthwaite Wines, Martinborough

Wednesday, 14 October, 7.45 for 8pm

Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16

Presenters: Mark and Susan Haythornthwaite

Haythornthwaite Wines, a boutique vineyard of 11 acres in Martinborough, is owned by Cellar Club members Mark and Susan Haythornthwaite. Their focus is on quality rather than quantity. The vineyard is located on the ancient alluvial river terraces of Martinborough which are made up of deep, free-draining gravel overlaid with a gravelly silt loam.

First plantings were in 1992 and the first vintage was 1997 with the release of a Pinot Noir. However, Gewürztraminer is their passion and Mark and Susan have received many medals for this varietal. In August this year at the Bragato Awards the 2008 Gewürztraminer was awarded a Bronze medal, and the 2009 vintage won a Gold medal and was awarded the trophy for the Champion Dessert Wine of the Show.

The wines to be tasted this evening are:

- **Meet and Greet - 2008 Sauvignon Blanc**
- **2008 Dry Gewurztraminer - Susan**
- **2008 Off Dry Gewurztraminer - Susan**
- **2009 Auslese Gewurztraminer - Susan**
- **2006 Petit Pinot - Catherine**
- **2008 Pinot Noir - Beverley**
- **2008 Noble Gewurztraminer - Maureen**
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Come and enjoy an evening with Mark's favourite women!

### **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!

It was won last month and congratulations go to Fiona Shaw. Again. That's the same Fiona Shaw that won it in August!

## From the Editor

My thanks go to Anne Megget for her photo and review of last month's tasting. Unfortunately Carolyn and I missed it because we were on holiday in Australia. The reason for our trip was our niece's wedding on the Sunshine Coast but we did travel to a few other places, including the Hunter Valley.

The Hunter is no doubt one of Australia's finest wine areas to visit. The number of wineries is daunting and at the suggestion of our host at our great B&B we limited our visits to about a dozen wineries. Two immediately come to mind: Tyrrell's (James Halliday's 2010 Winery of the Year) and Audrey Wilkinson for its panoramic views as well as their wine. Don't miss these if you visit the Hunter and consider the B & B we stay at, which is detailed in this newsletter.

*Terry Friel*

Editor

## Glancing Back

Clearview Estate Winery, Hawke's Bay

The September presentation was from Tim Turvey, the founder, owner and winemaker of Clearview Estate. In a highly entertaining couple of hours we heard the story of his life and loves, both wine and women, and anecdotes about the local industry movers and shakers. We tasted a wonderful assortment of wine finishing with an unusual, delicious red dessert wine.

His generous raffle of a magnum of 2007 Reserve Chardonnay was won by Richard Jebson, and several members benefited from his spur of the moment order form raffle.



## Quote for the Month

"Consuming wine in moderation daily will help people to die young as late as possible"

– Dr Phillip Norrie,  
(The Wine Doctor)  
Winemaker & GP,  
Lower Hunter Valley

## Hunter Valley B&B

If you are planning to travel to the Hunter Valley I can recommend a very good B&B, the **Hunter Haven**. It is situated at Bellbird between the two main entries to the vineyards. The couple that run it will even provide a drop off and pick up service to the wineries and local restaurants. See their website: [hunterhaven.com.au](http://hunterhaven.com.au)

If you wish to recommend holiday accommodation in 'wine country' anywhere, just let me know and I will publish details in the newsletter – Editor.

## Club News

Life Members Page now on Website

Work to add the new Life Members page to our website is now complete. The page can be found by clicking **Life Members** on the home page [www.cellarclub.co.nz](http://www.cellarclub.co.nz)

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## Life Members

A highlight of the mid-winter dinner on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 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 Fountain 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 25<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner in 2007 and has been our Honorary Auditor since 1995.



Ron Thomson 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.

## Christmas Dinner Venue Announced

The Committee is pleased to advise that this year's Christmas Dinner will be held at **3C bar and restaurant**. It is situated in the heart of Wellington's new Chews Lane precinct. Details of the menu will appear in next month's newsletter.

## In the News

### Marlborough wine offerings tops

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### Marlborough wines won the lion's share of medals at the 2009 New World Wine Awards.

Stoneleigh Marlborough Chardonnay 2008 was named the best white wine, Montana Reserve Chardonnay Pinot Brut Cuvee the best sparkling wine and Australian wine Grant Burge Miamba Shiraz 2007 the best red wine. Marlborough won 144 medals: eight gold, 35 silver and 101 bronze out of 289 entries. All wines entered had to retail for below \$25 per bottle and have at least 500 cases of each wine available for sale.

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## NZ achieves \$1 billion wine export milestone

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**New Zealand Winegrowers announced the wine industry has achieved its milestone of \$1 billion in exports, a year ahead of schedule.**

Chief executive of New Zealand Winegrowers, Philip Gregan, said the industry exported \$1.01 billion of wine in the year to 31 July 2009, according to Statistics New Zealand. \$1 billion in wine exports is the equivalent of five bottles per second.

"The phenomenal long-term growth of New Zealand wine exports has been based on a industry-wide commitment to world class quality, in our vineyards, in our wineries and in our marketing and sales efforts."

A 2009 report from New Zealand Institute of Economic Research showed wine exports have grown at a compound rate of nearly 24% (23.8%) each year for the past 20 years, four times the growth rate for all goods exports.

Wine exports represent 2.2% of total goods exports and the industry supports 16,500 full-time jobs. The industry contributes more than \$1.5 billion to New Zealand's GDP.

"New Zealand wine still has enormous opportunity globally with strong demand from key markets, notably Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as increasingly from Asian and continental European markets."

## Region rallies to help victims

© The Marlborough Express, October 2, 2009

**Marlborough is preparing to rally around its Samoan and Tongan communities as they wait to hear from their families affected by the recent tsunami.**

The region's wine industry, churches and service groups are considering how they can help.

Wine Marlborough marketing manager Marcus Pickens said the organisation hoped to speak with contractors and Pacific liaison workers to find out how best to help tsunami victims.

New Zealand Winegrowers chairman Stuart Smith said he was sure something would be done, but at this stage people were just stunned by what had happened.

"We are certainly well aware of the contributions that people from those parts make to the wine industry and the number of permanent residents who live in New Zealand."