



# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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## Glancing Forward to Future Events

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

**Wednesday, 9 June 2010**  
Bald Hills Vineyard, Central Otago

**Wednesday, 14 July 2010**  
The Club's mid-winter dinner



## Next Event

Tyrrell's Wines, Hunter Valley,  
New South Wales, Australia

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April,  
7.45 for 8pm

Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue,  
Johnsonville

Members: \$16, Guests: \$20

Presenter: Richard Winchester,  
International Sales

English immigrant Edward Tyrrell established Tyrrell's Wines in 1858 in the lee of the Hunter Valley's Brokenback Range, New South Wales. This land has become recognised as home to some of the Hunter Valley region's finest vineyards.

Today, Tyrrell's are a truly national wine company, with premium vineyards extending from their legendary home in the Hunter Valley to other distinguished grape growing regions of Australia including McLaren Vale in South Australia and Heathcote in Victoria. The specially selected wines in this tasting have received numerous awards and medals over the years and recently Australian wine expert James Halliday named Tyrrell's his Winery of the Year 2010.

We welcome their local representative, Richard Winchester, who will present the following wines:

### Whites

**Vat 1 Hunter Semillon 2002**  
**Old Winery Semillon 2008**

### Reds

**Vat 9 Hunter Shiraz 2006**  
**Rufus Stone Shiraz 2006**  
**Moore's Creek Shiraz 2008**  
**Moore's Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2008**

Do not miss this opportunity to taste premium wines from one of Australia's most successful privately owned wine companies.

### 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 Robin Semmens.

## From the Editor

This month we have a tasting from one of Australia's best wineries, Tyrell's. Having recently visited them in the Hunter Valley I promise you will be astounded with their wines.

Next month is the **AGM** where we can all enjoy refreshments, including a good selection of wine for the Club's cellar, following the formal meeting. Wendy Somers has submitted her resignation from the Committee and our thanks go to her for her contribution over the past year.

Accordingly there is an opportunity for you to nominate at least one new Committee member. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone you see as being a good candidate, please contact Secretary Mel Ingalls at: [meingalls@gmail.com](mailto:meingalls@gmail.com)

*Terry Friel*  
Editor

## Glancing Back



### Rimu Grove Winery, Nelson

Around thirty members and guests attended Winemaker Patrick Stowe's excellent tasting. The two delicious Pinot Gris examples as well as the delectable Riesling showed that Rimu Grove is up there with the best of Nelson's wineries.

For many the Pinot Noir was the highlight of the evening and we learnt that "masculine wine is fruity and feminine wine is earthy".

Our thanks go to Patrick for an entertaining presentation and also to Mel Ingalls for organising the tasting.

## Future Tasting: Quartz Reef, Central Otago

**We are pleased to announce that Quartz Reef's Winemaker, Rudi Bauer, will present a tasting/master-class at our September meeting.**

Recently awarded Winemaker of the Year 2010 at the Royal Easter Show, Rudi was also one of six people nominated for the Winemaker of the Year at the international DER FEINSCHMECKER Wine Awards in Germany, dubbed the 'wine Oscars'.

## Quote for the Month

"Wine cheers the sad, revives the old, inspires the young, makes weariness forget his toil."

- Lord Byron,  
British poet  
(1788-1824)

## Manawatu Wine & Food Festival

The Festival will be held at the Awapuni Racing & Function Centre Racecourse Road, Palmerston North on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June 2010, 10am to 4pm.

Both floors of the function centre will be utilised featuring wineries and boutique food suppliers from the lower half of the North Island.

Book online at  
[www.ticketdirect.co.nz](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz)

Gate sales from 10.00am.  
Adult \$20.00 (14 Years & Over)  
Group \$18.00 (10 or More)  
Children Under 14 years Free (No Ticket Required)

## Club News

John and Sally's B&B

**Former Club members John and Sally Angus have B&B type guest accommodation in Central Otago and are happy to make it available to folk wanting to spend some time in the heart of pinot country.**

" We now live in the Lowburn Valley (5 minutes drive from Cromwell) and have 2 guest wings each with double bedroom and ensuite, (as well as a bunkroom for the overflow), and all completely independent of the main house! We can provide a hamper breakfast if required. The iconic scenery is a given! We are also delighted to offer people some ideas and recommendations about cafes, restaurants, and wineries in and around Queenstown, Wanaka, Bannockburn and Cromwell. All are within a scenic drive of no more than 45 minutes (and some right at our doorstep) not to mention shopping, adventure tourism and of course the Central Otago rail trail. Check out some of these websites for the area and get in touch if are just a tad tempted, and we can talk about dates and recompense. Closest airports are Queenstown and Wanaka. (30-45 minutes drive away) or Dunedin (2 hours away)."

Rick and Fay Julian have stayed there so could give uncensored reviews!

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## In the News

Top prize for Central wine  
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**Central Otago's rising pinot noir star Mondillo Vineyard has pushed aside more than 1500 other New Zealand wines to scoop the top trophy, Champion Wine of Show, at the country's prestigious Royal Easter Show wine awards.**

The champion Mondillo vintage scooped all the top prizes for its 2008 pinot noir, delighting the Queenstown-based owners of the tiny, 9-year-old Bendigo vineyard, Domenic and Ally Mondillo.

The Mondillo's experienced Cromwell-based winemaker, Rudi Bauer, also won the show's gold medal for Winemaker of the Year.

## Electronic Newsletter Available

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The triumph follows a run of top accolades for the Mondillo wine, which was also awarded a gold medal at the New Zealand International Wine Show, a silver at the London International Wine – the largest wine competition in the world – and a silver at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards last year.

The wine also collected the trophy for Champion Pinot Noir and was awarded a gold when the Royal Easter Show medal awards were announced this month.

Central Otago's Wooing Tree Blondie 2009 picked up the Champion Rose at the weekend awards.

## Fess Parker dies

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**Davy Crockett actor-turned-winemaker Fess Parker has died at his home in California's Santa Ynez Valley at the age of 85.**

Texas-born Parker was credited with helping to put Santa Barbara on the world wine map after setting up The Fess Parker Winery with his family, including son Eli and daughter Ashley, in 1989.

The winery, known for its Syrah, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, also featured

in the hit movie *Sideways*.

Parker earned huge fame as Davy Crockett, the coonskin hat-wearing 'King of the Wild Frontier' in a series of Disney television specials in the 1950s.

He also enjoyed further television success in the 1960s as another famous frontiersman, Daniel Boone.

In the 1970s, Parker turned his hand to real estate, in a series of projects including The Fess Parker Doubletree Resort on Santa Barbara's waterfront in 1985.

A long-time friend of Ronald Reagan, Parker once considered running for public office and was reportedly offered the post of US Ambassador to Australia by Reagan – which he declined.

Fess and Marcella Parker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January this year.

Fess, who had been ill for some time, died of natural causes on 18 March, his wife's 84th birthday.