

The Cellar Club Inc

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday, 10 November 2010
Christmas Bubbles at Glengarry

Wednesday, 8 December 2010
The Club's Christmas dinner

Sunday, 30 January 2011
The Club's Summer BBQ

Wednesday, 9 February 2011
Coney Wines, Martinborough

Next Event



Quartz Reef, Bendigo, Central Otago
Wednesday 13th October, 7.45 for 8pm
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville
Members: \$16, Guests: \$20

Presenter: Rudi Bauer, Winemaker

Quartz Reef vineyards are in Central Otago's stunning sub-region of Bendigo with New Zealand's largest quartz deposit lying beneath the vineyards. Specialising in premium Methode Traditionnelle, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir, Quartz Reef showcases the proven winemaking talents of Austrian-born Rudi Bauer.

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'.

Rudi's selection of wines for the night:

- **Methode Traditionnelle Non Vintage** - mingling wine from 7.45, followed by-
- **Methode Traditionnelle Vintage 2006 (released 1st October)**
- **Methode Traditionnelle Rose (released 1st October)**
- **Pinot Gris 2010**
- **Pinot Noir 2006**
- **Pinot Noir 2007**
- **Pinot Noir 2008**
- **Bendigo Estate Pinot Noir 2007**

This is a rare opportunity to sample some of the best wine produced in this country and to hear from one of our finest winemakers. Don't miss it.

Members' Discounts

Show your Cellar Club membership card for discounts:

Wineseeker

86-96 Victoria St,
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

The Cellar Room - Johnsonville and Karori

10-20% on items not already reduced

Bladen Wines, Marlborough

10% discount on cellar door sales

Haythornthwaite Wines, Martinborough

10% discount on cellar door sales

In addition...

There's a members' prize draw at each meeting - you must be present to win! It was not won last month so jackpots and **3 bottles** must be won this month!

From the Editor

This month sees one of the Club's premier presentations this year, Quartz Reef. We are very grateful to have founder Rudi Bauer travel from Central Otago to present a marvellous selection of his wines. This event is expected to be very well attended so it will pay to arrive early.

Next month we follow with our traditional 'Christmas Bubbles' evening. Once again we thank Glengarry for hosting it. As usual, a great assortment of Methode Traditionnelle through to vintage French Champagne is assured.

Terry Friel

Editor

New Member

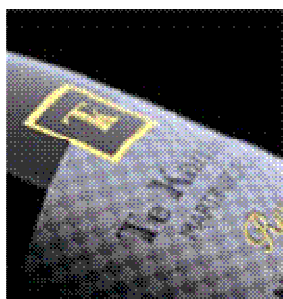
We welcome to the Club:

Maureen Cresswell – Johnsonville

Please introduce yourself to new members at Club events.

Glancing Back

Te Kairanga Wines, Martinborough



The presenter for the evening, Wendy Potts, demonstrated her extensive experience in the wine industry to an audience of over 30 members and guests. Assisted by Area Manager, Natalie Walsh, some excellent wines were presented and prove that TK are still maintaining their standards. Their decision to bring in grapes from outside the Martinborough area has resulted in the diverse Runholder range. In particular the Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2008 was a favourite at our table. But probably the most impressive wine was the Runholder Chardonnay. This had flavours of roasted peaches, creamy nuts and hints of citrus and was the surprise of the evening.

Our thanks go to Wendy and Natalie.

Club News

Christmas Dinner Venue Announced

The Committee is pleased to advise that this year's Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 8th December will be held at **Beach Babylon Cafe**. It is situated on Oriental Parade. Details of the menu will be in next month's newsletter.

Quote for the Month

"Wine is sunlight held together by water" – **Galileo, 1564-1642**

Marlborough Wine & Food Festival 2011

The Marlborough Wine & Food Festival features over forty Marlborough wineries and over 200 wines. The culinary delights of the Marlborough region are also on show. Some of New Zealand's leading winemakers and chefs offer tutorials during the day, and there are live performers to keep you entertained throughout the day.

Tickets: \$40.00 plus booking fee. Tickets are available from **TicketDirect 0800 224 224**

In the News

Coveted Trophy for Cobblestone Vineyard Pinot Noir

© Wairarapa Times-Age, 31 August 2010

A Martinborough pinot noir has been awarded Champion Wine of Show at this year's Romeo Bragato Wine Awards.

The Cobblestone Te Muna Pinot Noir 2009, grown by Saul Levine of Cobblestone Vineyard in Martinborough, took home the coveted Bragato Trophy for Champion Wine of Show, along with the Mike Wolter Memorial Trophy and Champion Pinot Noir at the awards in Blenheim.

The 15 Romeo Bragato awards were largely spread across the wine-growing regions of Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, Martinborough and Nelson, with one winner coming from Auckland, chairman of judges Olly Masters said.

The awards, held each year as part of the Romeo Bragato conference, are New Zealand's only grape grower awards.

Mr Masters said the Cobblestone Te Muna Pinot Noir 2009 is a great example of what New Zealand pinot noir offers to the world. "The Cobblestone Te Muna Pinot Noir 2009 achieves the difficult balance between having good structure and being fruit expressive. The great thing about this pinot noir is you can drink it now but also know it will cellar well."

The other top award - the Richard Smart Trophy and Reserve Champion Wine - was claimed by Phil Holden, of Omahu Vineyard, Hawke's Bay, for his Vidal Reserve Syrah 2007, which was also awarded the Alan Limmer Trophy and Champion Syrah as well as the sustainability trophy.

New World Wine Awards Top Wines

20 September 2010

This is the eighth year of the New World Wine Awards, a unique international competition for wines retailing under \$25 and available in a commercial quantity (over 500 cases).

The top three wines:

- Top Red Wine - Wolf Blass Gold Label Shiraz 2008 (Australia)
- Top White Wine - Dashwood Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (New Zealand)
- Top Sparking Wine - Brancott Estate Reserve Brut Cuvee Chardonnay Pinot Noir (New Zealand)

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Christchurch earthquake cuts beer supply

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As if they haven't suffered enough, Cantabrians toiling to clean up after Saturday's quake now face a potential shortage of Canterbury Draught beer.

And the rest of the country also faces running out of a number of well-known brands, including Guinness, Beck's and the Macs Craft range.

Lion Nathan's Christchurch brewery - which suffered heavy damage in the 7.1 magnitude quake - is closed, and likely to stay that way until the end of the week. It is the sole producer of the four popular labels.

Lion Nathan spokeswoman Judy Walters said it was not clear whether supplies of the brands could be maintained during the week, although reserve stock around the country could be shifted to meet demand. She said many of the company's other brands were manufactured at multiple sites around the country.

The Christchurch factory is being assessed by structural engineers.

"At this stage we're saying that it's unlikely that we'll be doing any production or deliveries [from Christchurch] this week ... [but] I don't think people will be going thirsty."

New retailer offers 'try before buy' on 100 wines

© William Reed Business Media, 20 September 2010

A new wine retailer in London is offering customers the chance to try all 100 of its wines before they buy.

Vagabond claims to be the first UK firm to allow customers to buy 35ml samples, for 50p, of all 100 wines it stocks. The wines can be tasted through a custom-made wine serving system, which is similar to those used in some New York outlets.

Vagabond worked closely with wine system company By The Glass to design their in-store 20-bottle sampling machines. BTG's nitrogen refrigeration system preserves opened bottles against oxidation for up to two to three weeks.

The company was founded by Stephen Finch, who said: "It's just crazy that in this day and age customers should have to part with a good sum of money on a bottle of wine without knowing what it is they're buying. That's why we're allowing customers to taste 100% of our red, white and rosé wines before they buy anything".

Vagabond organises wine by style grouping "crisp" whites or "bold" reds, and purchase occasions like "Pairs with Thai Food" or "Friday Night In".