



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

MAY 2011

Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,
8 June 2011**
Esk Valley,
Hawke's Bay –
Gordon Russell

**Wednesday,
13 July 2011**
The Club's Mid-
Winter dinner

**Wednesday,
10 August 2011**
Central Otago v.
Martinborough

**Wednesday,
14 September
2011**
Neudorf
Vineyards, Nelson

**Wednesday,
12 October 2011**
Saint Clair,
Marlborough

**Wednesday,
9 November 2011**
Bubbles

Next Event



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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
3 FRANKMOORE AVENUE, JOHNSONVILLE**

**WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2011,
COMMENCING AT 8.00PM**

AGENDA

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2009/10 year held on Wednesday, 12 May 2010:
3. Matters Arising:
4. Financial Report for the Year 2010/11:
5. President's Report for the year 2010/11:
6. Notices of Motion:
7. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2011/12:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committee
8. Election of Honorary Auditor for the year 2011/12:
9. Subscriptions:
10. General Business:

Last year's minutes are appended to this newsletter

At the conclusion of the AGM, a light supper will be served,
accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar

Members' Discounts

Show your Cellar Club membership card for discounts:

Wineseeker

86-96 Victoria St,
Wellington
10% 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, and is must be won each meeting.

Have you heard?

It was a beautiful early Autumn evening and a fellow, with his wife, sat on their patio enjoying the balmy Indian summer evening and sharing a rather nice Shiraz.

They had sat for some time in silence which was broken when the wife said "I really, really love you, you know."

The husband stirred and said "Is that you, or the wine talking?" She replied "It's me..... talking to the wine."

(Courtesy of Carolyn Hooper.)

From the Editor

A reminder that this (May) is the month for the Cellar Club Inc, Annual General Meeting. This is the one chance each year when Club members have an opportunity to have their say and to make suggestions about the direction of the Club, and the types of events we run. The committee welcomes your attendance, and any suggestions from the floor, about how the Club organises and arranges it's activities.

Progress is being made in establishing a venue for the Mid-Winter Dinner - possibly at the Tinakori Bistro. More detail soon.

November Bubbles. The committee has arranged for John Forrest to present to this meeting at the Johnsonville Community Centre. As far as we know at this stage, John will present 3 Champagnes and 1 sticky. Forrest will either present 3 or 4 other champagnes or the club will arrange for someone to present alongside John.

Note that this will be a departure from previous years when we have gone to Glengarry. We are convinced however that the usual high quality of the November meeting, and the accent on festive bubbles, will be maintained.

Robin Semmens, Editor

PS I pondered about the inclusion of this clearly inappropriate cartoon, but, the Devil made me do it.



Quote for the Month

"Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized."
- Andre Simon,
Commonsense of Wine.

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New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Club:
Evelyn Dawson
Adil Okyay

We failed to mention them in our earlier newsletters but I am sure this hasn't reduced their enjoyment of our tastings and we encourage you all to make them welcome.

Glancing Back

Central Otago Boutique Wineries
Presenter: Neil Hickling of Co-Pilot Distributors.

The tasting included wines from 3 small Central Otago producers.

Locharburn Estate provided;
Locharburn Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Locharburn Pinot Noir 2008

Alexandra Wine Company provided;
Alex Wine Co Chardonnay 2007
Alex Wine Co Davishon Pinot Noir 2007.

Domain Road Vineyard provided ;
as a starter their Domain Road Dry Riesling 2010
Domain Road Pinot Gris 2010
Domain Road Pinot Noir 2008

And to round it all off there was a Forrest Estate 2009 "Tatty Bogler" Pinot Gris. For those who do not know, Tatty Bogler is the name Forrest use for wines made from grapes sourced in Central Otago.

Rather than speak a great deal about the wines, Neil preferred a less formal approach and generally just circulated during the tasting discussing the wines with individual groups, not the whole meeting. This approach did allow for a more relaxed tasting and for greater discussion at the tables but did mean that there was some lack of structure to the meeting. Not a format I personally would like to see as a regular feature though it does work on the odd occasion.

The gaps were filled to some extent by a discussion on some of the wines by Derek Thompson and Mark Haythornthwaite. Mark also gave an interesting backgrounder on Pinot Noir in Martinborough and also lead a short discussion on "screw caps" which can lead to hints of sulphur in some wines at first opening. He has a preference to return to corks for his own wines.

The Cellar Club wishes to formally thank Neil Hickling for his generous contribution to the success of the evening.