

The Cellar Club Inc

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

Bubbles with John Forrest

Wednesday, 14 December 2011

Christmas Dinner at Jackson Cafe and Bistro

Sunday, 29 January 2012

Club BBQ, guests welcome

Wednesday, 8 February 2012

Saint Clair is looking most likely for this slot.

Wednesday, 14 March 2012

Stonecroft Wines.

Payment Form

See attached payment form which covers both November and December functions.

Next Event – Bubbles with John Forrest

**Wednesday 9 November, 7.45 for 8 pm
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members: \$20, Guests: \$25

Presenter: John Forrest



Please note the departure from November Bubbles evenings of recent years where we have been hosted by Glengarry Wines in Thorndon Quay. **This year we are hosting the event ourselves at the usual Community Centre venue.** We have also been able to source wine flutes for the night, and can use the Club glasses for the still wines, so it is not necessary to bring your own glasses.

In the first half of the meeting John will showcase Forrest wines with "the Doctor's Riesling" as a quaffer and a Rose as a second quaffer or first off the rank. He will also present 3 bubbles; Brigit, Doctors Remedy and Bubbles for Beth.

In the second half of the meeting we will sample a Duval-Leroy Fleur De Champagne, a Jean Marc Vigneux Frere, and a Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut NV. John will be asked to provide comment on these wines. At the end of the evening John will present his botrytis Riesling.

You will appreciate that the above list represents a wider range of tasting than normal. Also with "bubbles" it is more difficult to be precise about measures. We would ask those attending to have some regard for this and ensure that; they eat well before coming to the tasting, if necessary they make arrangements to be picked up or if one of a party to designate a driver. **Driving after tasting up to 9 wines could be perilous. Be careful. And don't forget you need to email Robin if you want to attend the November "Bubbles" meeting.** Numbers will be controlled so that there will be sufficient wine and nibbles available for those attending the tasting.



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

From the Editor

Seems to be a habit for recent editorials to commence with an apology, so my turn now. Sorry about the lack of an October Newsletter. Unfortunately, for the moment I have lost all my electronic Cellar Club resources and am building up from scratch. Perhaps a salutary lesson for us all about backing up, no matter how new your computer might be.

However all was not lost, Patricia and I had a most enjoyable 9 weeks in Europe, got back just in time to use my tickets for the Wellington World Cup games, and despite the hassles from friends and relations in England, Wales, Ireland and France, **we won the Cup.**

If there was a bad moment it was on our river cruise, can you imagine being on a boat with 146 people (130 of whom were Australian) when we lost the Tri-Nations game. Doesn't bear thinking about.

The cruise covered four waterways, the Danube, the Main-Danube Canal, the Main and the Rhine and included some 68 locks. Much of the terrain we passed through in Germany was hilly, dotted with countless castle ruins and lots of small parcels of land with apparently young, or perhaps struggling, vines. The picture below was in the village of Rudesheim in Germany, this was one of the larger vineyards I observed. Rudesheim also boasted a fascinating Mechanical Music Museum. The elaborate mechanical music makers had to be seen to be believed.



There are a number of important messages included in this newsletter. Grateful if you keep them in mind to ensure that you all enjoy the Club activities leading up to Christmas. And with so much going on I have not included an "In the news" item this month. We will pick that up again next month.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

In addition...

There's a members' prize draw at each meeting - you must be present to win, and it must be won each meeting.

Quote for the Month

"Wino Forever."

~ Johnny Depp

(The tattoo originally said "Winona Forever" - aah the transience of modern relationships and the difficulties of the current tattoo fad.)

Electronic Newsletter Available

If you prefer to be emailed this newsletter, send a quick email to: waynek@paradise.net.nz

Looking Forward

Christmas Dinner

The End of Year dinner is now booked at **Jackson Cafe & Bistro** (Adam's new place, pictured below) on 14th December 2011.



Their website states "Renowned Trafalgar Square Bistro and Adam Café and Bistro chef, Adam Li has recently opened a brand new restaurant – Jackson Café and Bistro. Adam's cooking philosophy is straight forward – innovative cuisine using the best of local produce."



We, of course, have previously dined at Adam Café when it was situated in Lower Hutt. The map shows the site, address is 306 Jackson Street.

The price for person has been set at \$50.00 allowing for corkage, pre dinner drinks, and coffee.

A payment form is attached. Please let us know your intentions as early as possible so that we have an accurate idea of numbers.

Please also note that the payment form canvasses members about the possibility of using shuttles. We would love to get an early indication as to whether there is any interest in this approach.

Glancing Back

The world in grapes – Malcolm McIntyre

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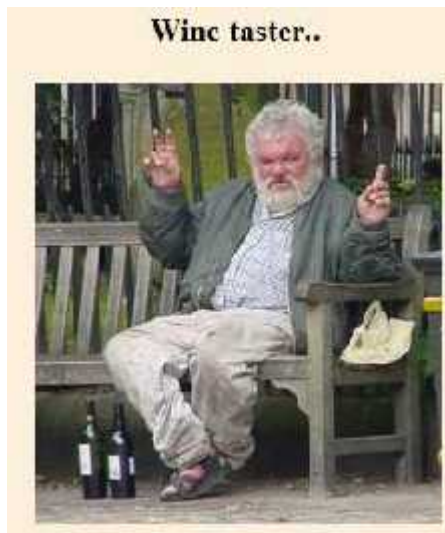


Malcolm is involved in wine distribution through Blackboard Wines. An enjoyable evening and some nice wines. The theme was to align the presentation with those countries in the World Cup that are recognized as wine producers. The link was not always clear but this did not stop those attending from enjoying an informative presentation and some nice wines.

The numbers attending the meeting were lower than usual and this was put down to a mixture of the rugby world cup, school holidays, and the lack of a newsletter. Malcolm mentioned that he would like to come back next year. We will look to an appropriate theme, and the offer is much appreciated. Your committee will work on a possible future event.

Whilst this tasting was intended as a fun tasting, Malcolm's company, Blackboard Wines is the distributor for a number of very good value wines from around the world. Club members would do well to put Blackboard on their list of potential wine sources. Visit their website at www.winesale.co.nz

Have you heard – this months contributor is Wayne Kennedy



At a wine merchants, the regular taster died and the director started looking for a new one to hire. A drunkard with a ragged, dirty look came to apply for the position. The director of the warehouse wondered how to send him away.

They gave him a glass to drink. He tried it and said, "It's a Muscat, three years old, grown on a north slope, matured in steel containers". Low grade but acceptable. "That's correct", said the boss.

Another glass.... "It's a cabernet, eight years old, a south-western slope, oak barrels, matured at 8 degrees. Requires three more years for finest results." "Correct."

A third glass..."It's a pinot blanc champagne, high grade and exclusive" calmly said the drunk. The director was astonished. He winked at his secretary to suggest something.

She left the room, and came back in with a glass of urine. The alcoholic tried it. "It's a blonde, 26 years old, three months pregnant and if you don't give me the job, I'll name the father."