



The Cellar Club Inc

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,
9 May 2012**
AGM

**Wednesday,
13 June 2012**
Yealands Estate

**Wednesday,
11 or 18 July
2012**
Our mid-year
dinner

**Wednesday,
8 August 2012**
Still being
arranged, but some
interesting events
during this month
and towards the
end of the year.

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

Save your wine bottle screw caps and bring them to the monthly meetings. Anne will willingly take them off you.

Next Event – April 2012

Wednesday 11 April, 7.45 for 8 pm
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16

Presenter: Bernie Atkins, Central Representative, Brown Brothers.



Nothing but the wine.

In 1885 John Francis Brown, aged 18, planted 10 acres of mostly Riesling, Muscat and Shiraz grapes on the Milawa property that the family had purchased in a land auction back in 1857. Located in the lower reaches of the King Valley in North East Victoria, the Milawa Vineyard is the birth place of the Brown Brothers company. The Milawa Vineyard has become the fruit source for renowned wines such as Patricia Noble Riesling, Shiraz Mondeuse & Cabernet and Dolcetto, and is the home to Brown Brothers' winemaking facilities.

Brown Brothers believe that wines are as different as the people who drink them which is why they have developed such a comprehensive range of wine styles and blends. With vineyards located in a diverse range of climatic regions and a 'kindergarten' winery specifically designed for innovation, you can be sure there's an exceptional Brown Brothers wine to suit every palate.

Bernie will be presenting the following wines from their extensive range:

Quaffer: Zibibbo Rosa - a low-alcohol sparkling pink wine.
1: Prosecco
2: Pinot Griggio (this will be a nice contrast to the Pinot Gris we have been 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

- 3: Tempranillo
- 4: Patricia Cabernet Sauvignon (this will be the highlight of the evening)
- 5: Dolcetto & Syrah
- 6: Moscato
- 7: Tawny Port

Let's sit back and enjoy a presentation on wines produced by an iconic Australian wine producer.

From the Editor

Our President, Anne is collecting **screw cap tops** for charitable purposes. She would very much appreciate members saving caps and bringing them along to meetings - there will be a reminder in the regular items column.

The AGM is coming up next month. See below under "Looking Forward" for detail.

Mid Year Dinner - While we are aware that some members are unhappy to come to dinners outside the Wellington CBD. During the March tasting we canvassed interest among members with regard to going out Petone way again this year. The idea had wide support. As a consequence Anne is currently in negotiation with the Weltec Catering School to see what they can offer for the July dinner. If negotiations are successful the dinner may be held on the 3rd Wednesday of July.

There is some concern within the committee that **door pricing** for monthly meetings might reflect in attendances i.e. that if the door price is low, the quality of the wines might be similar. We would just like to point out that the door price is not necessarily set on the basis of wine cost. The Club is fortunate in that a number of presenters are very generous when it comes to charging us for wines consumed. This allows us to benefit members in a number of ways, for example by subsidising door prices or by providing extras like cheese and crackers, bread and pate and other items that might complement the wines being tasted.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

May 2012 - Annual General Meeting

The Cellar Club Inc Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

When :	8pm Wednesday 9 th May 2012
Where:	Johnsonville Community Centre Moorefield Road, Wellington

Quote for the Month

*"Diogenes was asked what wine he liked best, and he answered as I would have done when he said, "Somebody else's."
~ Montaigne*

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Please give some thought to any proposals you might want to introduce for the meeting, and if you would like to make a nomination for anyone to represent the club on the committee. We are always eager for new ideas or different points of view.

I will include a reminder in next months newsletter.

Glancing Back

Stonecroft - Dermot McCollum



Yet another excellent presentation enjoyed by all who attended. It was agreed that this meeting went well although numbers were down. Reaction to some of the wines was mixed with some thinking that the wines were a bit on the young side. The Reserve Syrah 2010 was excellent however.

Members were interested in the discussion relating to organic production and its problems / advantages and those who have a history with the producer were interested to see if there continued to be an impact from the previous owner Dr Alan Limmer. While Alan continues to provide guidance as a consultant, clearly Dermot and Andria, the current owners, have their own views and it will be interesting to see how Stonecroft wines progress in the future.

Have you heard

A small boy had been to a wedding unaccompanied by his parents, and on his return home his mother was anxious to hear all the details. "Who was there dear?" she asked.

"Well there was Uncle George and Auntie Kate, and cousin Billie and Fred Green. Mummy? What's fornication?" His mother jumped. "What did you have to eat dear?" she asked hastily.

"We had ice cream and buns and lollies and lemonade and lots of cake. Mummy? What's fornication?" His mother tried again. "And was there a band?"

"Yes Mummy, a big band and they played loud. Mummy? What's fornication?" His mother thought she had better get to the bottom of this, so she asked, "Where did you hear that word?"

The lad looked up. "Uncle George said that fornication like this we really needed champagne."

In the News

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A long time member of the Cellar Club, Dennis Mann, on the right, was the subject of an item in the City Life Independent Herald on 14 March.



Drinking a toast in the picture above are Adrienne Wholey, Junette Mann, John Wholey and our Dennis. The couples have been married

It seems that a chance meeting ten years ago between the Manns and the Wholeys led to the discovery of an extraordinary set of coincidences that they have celebrated every year since. They met at the Probus Club and while chatting realised that both couples were married in Wellington on the same day at the same time. The coincidences did not stop there, they also used the same photographer, the same florist, and the same catering company.

So on the March 5 each year for the past ten years, they have met up to celebrate that special day with one of the four keeping the day's events a mystery. This year it was Dennis' turn and at 11.00am the cork popped on a bottle of French Champagne at a table set up at the rose garden in Grasslea Reserve, Tawa.

Dennis and Junette were married at St Mary's Anglican Church in Karori on 5 March 1960. This year was their 52nd anniversary. Congratulations Dennis.
