



# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

MAY 2012

## Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday,  
13 June 2012**  
Yealands Estate

**Wednesday,  
18 July 2012**  
Mid Year Dinner,  
Weltec Catering  
School, Petone

**Wednesday,  
8 August 2012**  
Mission Estate  
Winery

**Wednesday,  
12 September  
2012**  
Varietal tasting  
hosted by Richard  
Gooch.

**Wednesday,  
10 October 2012**  
Bannock Brae,  
Central Otago

**Wednesday,  
14 November  
2012**  
Bubbles night with  
John (Mac)  
Macpherson from  
Advantage to host

### In addition...

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

## Next Event



### The Cellar Club Inc

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

**WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2011,  
COMMENCING AT 8.00PM**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2010/11 year held on Wednesday, 11 May 2011:
3. Matters Arising:
4. Financial Report for the Year 2011/12:
5. Membership Report for the Year 2011/12:
6. President's Report for the year 2011/12:
7. Notices of Motion:

Election of Life Member

"In recognition of his leadership of the Cellar Club as President, his service on Committee for 8 years, as well as his service as Cellar Master since 1995 and his ongoing support and involvement in the club since 1991, I move that Derek Thompson be granted life membership of the Cellar Club Inc."

Moved Robin Semmens , seconded  
Murray Jaspers

(See background comments attached with other AGM documentation)

8. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2012/13:

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

**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

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Committee

9. Election of Honorary Auditor for the year 2012/13:

10. Subscriptions:

11. General Business:

**At the conclusion of the AGM, a light supper will be served, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar. No need to bring your tasting glasses, we will provide the Club glasses for this event.**

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From the Editor

Wow, a great turn out for Brown Brothers in April, we hope you all enjoyed the occasion. You will be aware that next meeting is the AGM and we look forward to another good turn-out. No cost, and some excellent offerings from our cellar, the business is not onerous, we look forward to seeing you there.

The committee is looking for someone who might be prepared to look after the club tasting glasses on an ongoing basis, can anyone help out? It would be helpful if someone had access to a commercial dish washer, then the glasses can be washed in the trays. Please give this some thought and if you can help let someone on the committee know.

It was noted that some members approached the front table seeking a little extra tasting of one or two of the wines presented last month, during the presentation. The committee has no problem with those attending meetings seeking an additional taste of a wine they like, but would appreciate it if people waited until the formal session was over. Members are welcome to sample any wine that is left over, but it is likely to be disruptive if people approach the front table intermittently through the meeting. We would appreciate it if you waited until the presentation was completed. Thanks.

**NB** Attached to this newsletter are a number of papers associated with the AGM. These include last year's AGM Minutes, a copy of the agenda if you don't want to copy the whole of this newsletter, and a paragraph supporting the motion to be presented at the meeting in relation to life membership.

Cheers

*Robin Semmens, Editor*

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**Quote for the Month**

Recently heard in a Govt office perhaps:

*"Gentlemen, in the little moment that remains to us between the crisis and the catastrophe, we may as well drink a glass of Champagne."* -

Paul Claudel

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Looking Forward

June 2012 - Yealands Estate



Presenters will be Greg Forward - Regional Manager, Mitch Howard - Business Development Manager based in HB, and Melissa Carr - Business Development Manager based in Wgtn. Some nice wines to be presented.

" Yealands Estate Wines is New Zealand's premier sustainable winegrower. Led by legendary entrepreneur Peter Yealands, step by innovative step, we're creating award winning wines and New Zealand's first fully sustainable carboNZero certified winery."

A nice approach for the Yealand's website, have a look at it.

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Glancing Back

Brown Brothers - Bernie Atkins



Nothing but the wine.

What a night, a great turn out of members and guests. The wines were varied and not all hit the mark with members' but there was general agreement that the higher quality wines were excellent. The evening demonstrated the Brown Brothers philosophy of producing a comprehensive range of wine styles and blends, with many being somewhat experimental and innovative. The wines tasted were;

Zibibbo Rosa - a low-alcohol sparkling pink wine; Prosecco; Pinot Griggio; Tempranillo; Patricia Cabernet Sauvignon; Dolcetto & Syrah; Moscato and it was all wrapped up with a Tawny Port.

Clearly the flagship "Patricia" Cabernet Sauvignon was the highlight of the evening, enhanced by early exposure to the air through being decanted at the start of the evening. An enjoyable tasting, a near record turnout, and a great evening for those attending.

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## Have you heard

Some cartoon humour this month.



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## In the News

### **Keeping it in the Family**

Neudorf Vineyards have appointed Todd Stevens from Felton Road as their new winemaker.

Announcing the appointment, Neudorf's co-owner Tim Finn said he was delighted to welcome a winemaker of Todd's calibre to the Neudorf team.

"Both Neudorf and Felton Road are members of the Family of 12 and we share a culture of integrity and excellence. Todd is very familiar with our wines and looks forward to growing the reputation of Neudorf internationally."

Todd will move to Nelson at the start of August.

"Both Todd and Neudorf Viticulturist Richard Flatman are refugees from Central Otago and share a kindred interest in organic viticulture. We see the collaboration between vineyard and winery as essential in the production of fine wine."

The Neudorf winemaker position attracted international interest and Tim says the quality of applicants was stunning .

" We had many fine winemakers to choose from but in the end Todd's varietal experience coupled with an intelligent and sympathetic attitude to winemaking won the day."

Neudorf's vintage is coming to a close and Tim says the crop is in wonderful condition with excellent flavours and he just wishes there was more of it.

"Cold weather in early December effected flowering across all varieties, and 2012 looks like being a much reduced vintage for most regions."

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