



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday, 8 August 2012
Wynns Coonawarra Estate

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 Advintage to host

Wednesday, 12 December 2012
Christmas Dinner, venue to be arranged

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 18 July 2012

Cellar Club, Mid-Year dinner at Bistro 107, Wellington Institute of Technology, 11 Kensington Ave, Petone



NB. A reminder that the dinner is on the third Wednesday in July, there is no meeting on Wednesday 11 July. Also note the earlier than usual start time, 6.00pm to sit down at 6.30pm

The menu will be along the following lines;

Entrees

French Onion Soup
Nicoise Salad
Mussels Grilled with Sauce Provencale

Mains

Layered Gnocchi Romaine (V)
Chicken Breast with Herbed Rice Pilaf and Madeira Jus
Grilled Sirloin Steak with French Fries and Béarnaise Sauce

Desserts

Lemon Meringue Pie
Tiramisu
Vanilla Pannacotta with Raspberry Coulis and Praline

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

From the Editor

July Dinner - Weltec caught us on the hop a little over timing of the dinner. Seems they have to clear the campus by 9.30 pm so we are in for an early dinner with a 6.00pm start. Everyone seems happy with this. We do have two places available as the result of a late withdrawal. If anyone was contemplating going but didn't get their request to Wayne in time, please let me know if you want to come, it will be on a first in basis.

In the news - This month's "In the News" is a backgrounder on Wynns Coonawarra estate from James Halliday. James is a wine critic in Australia associated with the "Australian Wine Companion" Lots of good info on the Australian industry on his website. He gives Wynns a five star rating.

Mission Estate - And don't fret that we will miss out on the Mission tasting. They are more than happy to pick up a slot early next year, probably February.

Website - Steve Eades is doing some great work on the Clubs website. We encourage you to have a look, indeed we welcome feedback from members.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward -Wynns Coonawarra Estate



You might recall that we had indicated that the August meeting would involve a presentation from the Mission Estate Winery. However, an opportunity has arisen, at short notice, to have a presentation from another iconic Australian winery following on from our Brown Brothers meeting in April. Mission have kindly agreed to take a date in early 2013 leaving the way for a presentation from Luke Skeer, one of the senior winemakers at Wynns on 8 August. The wines will mainly be from their latest range and hopefully will include a John Riddoch Cabernet blend and possibly a Michael Shiraz. Sadly the Michael Shiraz is unlikely to be available for sale in New Zealand.

Another great evening in prospect, Thanks to James and the Cellar Room who have made this possible.

Quote for the Month

"In Wine there is wisdom. In Beer there is strength. In water there is bacteria" ~ Old German Proverb

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Glancing Back - June 2012



Greg Forward was to be the presenter for this meeting but he had not recovered from jet-lag. Despite this Mitch Howard with able support from Melissa Carr carried the day with a range of 7 wines presented.

The wines included the Violet Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris 2011, Yealands Estate Gruner Veltliner 2011, Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Pinot Noir 2010, Merlot 2011 and the Yealands Estate Tempranillo 2010.

An interesting collection which resulted in a mixture of responses. The Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc was a pleasant surprise but there was a feeling that some of the wines lacked a little grunt and would benefit from a little more bottle time. Also Mitch's association has been with Crossroads (recently taken over by Yealands) and he may not have been as familiar with some of the varieties. We wondered if they might have incorporated one or two wines from the Crossroads brand just for comparison.

Have you heard

Famous Quotes

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." -Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949.

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." --The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." - Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977.

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." --Western Union internal memo, 1876.

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"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" --David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible." --A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)

"Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?" --H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927.

"I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." --Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

In the News

Comment on Wynns from James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion.

Wynns Coonawarra Estate

The original winery that is now known as Wynns Coonawarra Estate was founded by Scottish pioneer John Riddoch. He planted vineyards in 1891 and completed the estate's three-gabled winery.

In 1951 Melbourne wine merchants Samuel and David Wynn purchased Riddoch's original vineyards and winery and renamed the property Wynns Coonawarra Estate.

The Wynns family recognised the intrinsic qualities of Coonawarra wines - their richness and intensity of fruit character - and set out to build an independent identity in the region.

They created the famous label that has made John Riddoch's winery one of Australia's best known buildings.

Today Wynns Coonawarra Estate is the region's best known wine producer and largest single vineyard holder, with the best and longest established vineyard sites in Coonawarra. Its wines are regarded as benchmarks for the district, lauded for their consistent quality and depth of flavour.

Coonawarra is a relatively tiny, cigar shaped strip about 15 kilometres long and just two kilometres at its widest point. Its most famous feature is the terra rossa soil, a rich red topsoil which lies over soft porous limestone. As the vines have to struggle and stress in extending the roots through the thin layer of terra rossa and limestone, the vine is limited to producing low yielding, intensely flavoured grapes.

Coonawarra's cool climate ensures a long ripening period that slowly builds up the intensity of flavours in the grape. The resulting wines are among Australia's greatest wines for their intensity, depth of flavour and excellent longevity.