



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

AUGUST 2012

Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

Varietal South African 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, probably Hazel's, Wellington

Sunday

27 January 2013
BBQ

In addition...

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

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

Next Event 8 August 2012

**Wednesday 8th August, 7.45 for 8 pm
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members: \$10, Guests: \$10

Presenter: Luke Skeer - Wynns Coonawarra Estate



Luke Skeer is one of the team of senior wine makers from Wynns. Among the wines to be presented will be the Michael Shiraz and John Riddoch Cabernet along with other prestigious wines from the Wynn's range from the renowned Coonawarra Estate. There are reserve wines, some new elite releases and new labels not previously seen in NZ, and great examples of shiraz, cabernet and blends from arguably the premier wine producer in South Australia.

All in all 8 - 10 wines will be presented (keep this in mind for the drive home) in a quality range that the club has seldom seen before. We have presented at least four other prestigious Australian wine houses in the last 4 years but his one probably exceeds them all for that "wow" factor and with the winemaker as the presenter. A truly special evening usually reserved for the trade elite and special guests. This time it is the domain of cellar club members".

This evening has been made possible through James Cupit and the Cellar Room, Johnsonville. Any purchases will be arranged through the Cellar Room. Please be generous in your support. Wynns are providing the wines without cost to the Cellar Club. Any proceeds from door receipts, after costs are met, will be donated to the Johnsonville Community Centre Food Bank.

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

Subscriptions - The annual subscription of \$25 is now due. If you are one of the 41 people that has already paid your subscription, we thank you for your promptness. We will have your membership card at the August tasting to give to you unless you ask for it to be mailed out in the meantime. These cards will be also available to life members at this tasting. If you are entitled to a card and do not attend the tasting, we will post it to you instead.

If you have not paid your subscription you will receive an email reminder from our treasurer Wayne to that affect. It will also detail your payment options and request that you contact the club if you are intending to resign this financial year. We hope you don't, unless you are moving out of the area

July Dinner - Some comments on the July dinner are included in "Glancing Back". Bistro 107 has indicated that they would appreciate feedback from Club members about the evening. If you would like to make a comment please email me, and I will pass them on to Bistro 107.

Wynns Presentation - This is a prestigious presentation, but do take care, it is quite a large tasting range.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

Varietal Tasting from South Africa - Richard Gooch

We don't get much opportunity to sample SA wines but Richard is threatening to talk in Afrikaans about Cecil Rhodes as he provides an update on 7 South African Wines, including a bubblyIt will be entertaining and informative in Richard's usual happy style.

Richard is extremely knowledgeable about SA wines so it seems a waste not to hear what he has to say about some of the wines from this region. We hope you agree. Unfortunately this may be a tasting where there is not much opportunity to purchase some of the wines as Richard is going to pick up some of the wines in his travels, he returns from the UK on the 4th September.

Glancing Back - June 2012

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Quote for the Month

"A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I have never met a miserly wine lover"
— Clifton Fadiman

Electronic Newsletter Available

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In discussing this evening the committee agreed that it was all right on the night but there were issues with the organisation of the dinner. The main issue was the late change of menu, with less than a day's notice and no reason given, from the Kensington menu to the Settler's menu which included no red meat main. The Bistro did provide a limited number of steak meals on the evening.

There was a little mismanagement in the service with some desserts coming down before the presentation while other tables had not even had dessert orders taken. Also it was felt that the menu items needed a little more description and perhaps the menu should have been more seasonal with too many cold dishes provided. However, it was commented that generally the service was good and the bistro did provide value for money.

It was also commented that the menu provided at the dinner was different to the one provided the day before. It was thought that was due to having "specials such as the pavlova" where the waiters were supposed to tell each table about these specials, however not all tables were told.

Have you heard

Actual excuse notes from parents (including original spelling)

- My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please excuse him.
- Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- Dear School. Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.
- Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
- John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
- Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.
- Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
- Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.
- Please excuse Ray Friday from school He has very loose vowels.
- Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
- Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.
- I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wears...
- Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday, We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.
- Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.
- My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.
- Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

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- Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.
- Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.
- Please excuse Burma, she has been sick and under the doctor.
- Maryann was absent December 11-16 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around her father even got hot last night.

In the News

Cheers for Champagne

Recent research from the University of Reading has found champagne has the same health benefits as found in red wine.

Champagne contains polyphenol antioxidants, which are believed to reduce the effects of cell damaging free radicals in the body. In particular, these antioxidants slow down the removal of nitric oxide from the blood, lowering blood pressure and therefore reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Lead researcher Dr Jeremy Spencer says, "Our research has shown that drinking around two glasses of champagne can have beneficial effects on the way blood vessels function, in a similar way to that observed with red wine.

We always encourage a responsible approach to alcohol consumption, but the fact that drinking Champagne has the potential to reduce the risks of suffering from cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease and strokes, is very exciting news."

(Shall we assume that that is two glasses a day, not just two glasses ever. Despite this research I will continue to take my medicine in the form of red wine. - Ed)