

# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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## Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday 10 April 2013**

Easter Show Tasting, James Cupit, Johnsonville Cellar Room providing the wines.

**Wednesday 8 May 2013**

AGM

**Wednesday 12 June 2013**

A fun wine and trivia evening is being planned.

**Wednesday 10 July 2013**

Mid-Year Dinner

### 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

**Wednesday 13 March 2013, 7.45 for 8 pm start.  
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

**Members: \$12, Guests: \$16**

**Presenters: Derek Hagar, Lansdowne Estate  
Alex Johnston, Bijou Estate**



I outlined something of the history of Lansdowne last month. Hopefully Derek will expand on this and his philosophy for the area during the evening. Whilst this was the original site for the first Wairarapa commercial winery, these are not the original vines. Derek and Margaret have spent some years establishing strong stock on the site and are looking to produce quality wines in the future.

Derek will be combining with Alex from Bijou for the evening's presentation, and together they will present wines from around the northern region of Masterton. Interestingly, this area has not been known as an acknowledged Wairarapa wine region with the southern part of the region enjoying greater popularity in recent times. Lansdowne and Bijou are trying to re-establish a link to the qualities that were recognised by the wine pioneers of the Wairarapa. We would appreciate a good turn out to support some up and coming wine producers with a point of difference.

Lansdowne will concentrate on two of their wines, a 2009 Pinot Gris and a Pinot Noir from the same year. Bijou has a more extensive range which will include Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier as well as the pinots. We may get an opportunity to compare the Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc from different vintages as a taste comparison.

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## From the Editor

**Summer BBQ** – Thank you for all those members who responded to the survey about the Summer BBQ. If you still wish to comment please feel free to do so, the survey form is available on the Club website. Instructions to use the survey were included in last month's Newsletter, also a hard copy was attached if you prefer. The committee thanks you in advance for your interest.

**Special General Meeting** – This is an early notice that the committee intends to include a special meeting in conjunction with the April Monthly Meeting.

**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

**Electronic Newsletter Available**

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[waynek@paradise.net.nz](mailto:waynek@paradise.net.nz)

The meeting is necessary to consider some constitutional changes around financial reporting and any change agreed to will need to be in place for the AGM. More detail and proposed resolutions will be forwarded later this month.

**December Dinner** – Anne has asked me to remind members that she still has a blue wine bag that was left at Hazels after the December Dinner. Check your cupboards at home, and let Anne know if you are short of a wine bag.

Cheers

*Robin Semmens, Editor*

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Looking Forward – April - Easter Show Wines



The April meeting will consist of a selection of wines coming with some recommendation from this year's Easter Show. Because of the very tight timeline between the awards and our meeting, we haven't yet obtained a presenter. We are currently organizing that your committee, or other members will provide individual background to the chosen selection, and of course the Special General Meeting as mentioned above will be part of the evening. Wines will be available through James Cupit, The Cellar Room, Johnsonville.

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Glancing Back



As expected this was another stellar evening for the Club with an excellent presentation, and some lovely wines, from the Mission Estate.

The tasting included; a Sauvignon Blanc as a quaffer followed by the Fete Sparkling, Reserve Chardonnay, Reserve Pinot Noir, Reserve Syrah, VS Pinot Gris, and was rounded off with a Reserve Noble Harvest.

A great and entertaining meeting with a brilliant turnout of 43 people. There was a good range of wines and Trevor was one of the best presenters the club has had in a while. An order form was not available on the night but Wayne arranged for it to be emailed out with the club prices, which last for the rest of the month.

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**Quote of the Month**

"A mind of the caliber  
of mine cannot derive  
its nutriment from  
cows."

- *George Bernard  
Shaw on wine*

**Have you Heard – The Dinner Guest**

A woman was walking down the street when she was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked her for a couple of dollars for dinner. The woman took out her billfold, extracted ten dollars and asked,

"If I give you this money, will you buy some wine with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless woman replied. "Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?" the woman asked.

"No, I don't waste time shopping," the homeless woman said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive." "Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?" the woman asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless woman. "I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!" "Well," said the woman, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my hubby and myself tonight."

The homeless woman was astounded. "Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The woman replied, "That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments and wine."

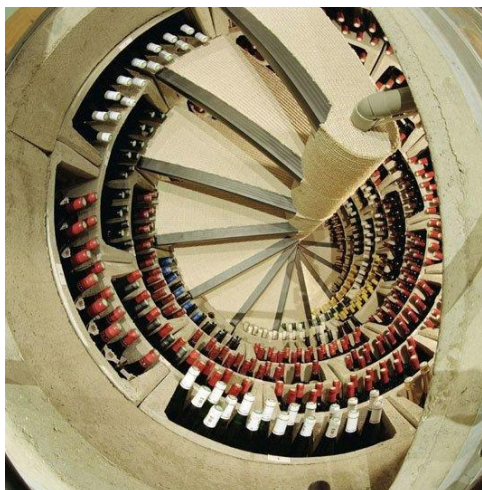
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**In the News**

**Senior's Medicine Cabinet**

It's taken me many months of my retirement time but I just finished building a new medicine cabinet in my kitchen. Here, take a look...





<b>Disease</b>	<b>Wine</b>	<b>Daily Dose</b>
Acne	MÃ©doc, Cabernet Franc	1 glass
Anemia	Barbera, Dolcetto	2 glasses
Allergies	Pinot Noir	1 glass
Bronchitis	Brunello, Cabernet Sauvignon	2 glasses
Constipation	Chardonnay	2-4 glasses
Cholesterol	Dry Champagne	2-4 glasses
Diabetes	Beaujolais Nouveau	1-2 glasses
Diaherria	Champagne sec	1 bottle
Gerd (Acid reflux)	Burgundy , Santenay Rouge	1-3 glasses
High Uric acid (Gout)	Sancerre , Pouilly Fume	2 glasses
Hypertension	Alsace , Sancerre	4 glasses
Menopause	Grenache, Syrah	4 glasses
Depression	MÃ©doc, Tempranillo	1-3 glasses
Bladder Infection	Sangiovese	1-3 glasses
Obesity	Syrah	1 bottle
Rheumatism	Malbec or Merlot	1-2 glasses
Sleep Apnia	Port	1 glass (4 oz)
Poor Memory	Any of the above	Doesn't matter

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