



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

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

Wednesday 14 August 2013

Moana Park or Brookfields at this stage

Wednesday 11 September 2013

An aromatics evening

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 10 April 2013, 7.45 for 8 pm start.
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members: \$16, Guests: \$20

**Item 1 – Special Annual General Meeting
Item 2 – Gold Medal Wines from the Easter Show
presented by your committee.**



Your committee has looked at the Gold medal wines from the Easter and is organizing the following list for the tasting. There may be late changes due to availability, please bear with us.

The quaffer will be a Trinity Hill Chardonnay Viognier from the Club's Cellar followed by;

Desert Heart Magic Moments Rosé 2012 (Anne)
Coopers Creek SV Gisborne Albariño 'Bell-Ringer' 2012 (Cecilia)
Brancott Estate Special Reserve Pinot Gris 2012 (Murray)
The Kings Bastard Chardonnay 2011 (Wayne)
Wooing Tree Beetle Juice Pinot Noir 2011 (Robin)
Villa Maria Reserve Gimblett Gravels Hawkes Bay Merlot 2010 (Jenny)
Te Awanga Estate Syrah 2011 (Steve)

We expect that most of the wines will be available through James Cupit, The Cellar Room, Johnsonville. Clearly we will not be able to offer special deals on the night.

From the Editor

Special General Meeting – I have now sent out details of the remits for the Special General Meeting next Wednesday and some explanatory words. I hope people generally have the gist of what is being recommended. This is not about keeping members in the dark over financial matters, rather we are looking to ensure we do not incur substantial, and unnecessary, auditing costs.

AGM – And of course another important meeting in May with the AGM.

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

If you prefer to be emailed this newsletter, send a quick email to:

waynek@paradise.net.nz

We are happy to get feedback from members about the way the club is being run, about future ideas for events, and of course, indications of any potential new committee members. One committee member at least will be standing down.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

May 2013 - Annual General Meeting

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

When : 8pm Wednesday 8th May 2013
Where: Johnsonville Community Centre
Moorefield Road, Wellington

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.

As always members will be provided with a light supper and the opportunity to sample some wines from our cellar after the formal part of the evening. I will include a reminder in next month's newsletter.

Glancing Back – Lansdowne and Bijou Estates

The evening went well with members enjoying the contrast in speaking styles and the differing philosophies from two producers, without a background in the sector, and trying to develop in an area without a strong recent wine history. As to be expected each producer had their fans. There was comment that Alex from Bijou was a good presenter and she presented some good wines. Some felt that Derek, despite his passion for his wines, was a little inexperienced in presenting to an audience that includes a number of members with very well developed tasting skills. It was, none the less, an engaging meeting with a lively discussion about cork versus screw cap.

Interestingly the stand-out wine, which was not tasted on the evening, was the Lansdowne Syrah, which a number of members purchased, despite not having tasted it. Murray, Dinah, Patricia and I had the opportunity to compare it with a Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Syrah from 2007 recently, and it suffered nothing in the comparison. A lovely drop and if you get a chance don't hesitate to purchase some.

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Quote of the Month

*"It is well to
remember that there
are five reasons for
drinking wine: the
arrival of a friend,
one's present or
future thirst, the
excellence of the
wine, or any other
reason."*

- Latin Proverb

Have you Heard

When Paddy walked into the pub it caused a snigger amongst his mates at the bar "Boy, the joke was on you last night Paddy," they said. "You left your bedroom light on and the blind was up. You put on a great show with your missus."

"Well, the jokes on you lot." countered Paddy. "I wasn't home last night."

In the News

Waipara West signs deal to supply Japan Airlines

Written by Richard Siddle
Thursday, 14 March 2013 09:56

New Zealand winery Waipara West has signed a deal to supply Japan Airlines.

It will initially supply Sauvignon Blanc to the airline's business class customers on all international flights. The move is part of Japan Airline's upgrading of its wine offer to business and first class customers.

The new wine list has been put together with the advice of sommeliers and leading chefs including Seiji Yamamoto from 3-star Michelin restaurant RyuGin in Roppongi, Tokyo, and JAL's wine advisor Fumiko Arisaka.

Paul Tutton, of Waipara West, said: "This deal is fantastic news for our small winery. It is nice to be recognised for the style of wines that we produce. Our wines are food orientated and I look forward to seeing how they fare with JAL's Japanese and western dishes."

Waipara West is looking to expand its export market and in 2013 has opened up markets in Latvia, France, Canada and Russia.

And – Dompost 30 March, Joelle Thomson

A reader writes: I try to have 5+ fruit and vegetables a day as recommended by the NZ Nutrition Foundation. I have red or white grapes and they come in a glass. Do they count as part of my 5+ a day?

If you're looking for health benefits, you've come to the right place. Grapes are full of them. Before they become wine, a large handful equates to one serving of fruit and vegetables, says nutritionist Carolyn Cairncross. But it's a different story after fermentation. Once alcohol's involved, the polyphenols, which carry colour and contain antioxidants, no longer have any fibre. So they're good for our arteries and hearts but not for the fibre of the 5+. Oh, and when we talk about wine being good for the heart, it's in moderation; not five plus glasses a day.

(Nice try but bad luck - Ed)
