



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

MAY 2013

Glancing Forward to Future Events

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



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

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2013, COMMENCING AT 8.00PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2011/12 year held on Wednesday, 9th May 2012:
3. Matters Arising:
4. Financial Report for the Year 2012/13:
5. Membership Report for the Year 2012/13:
6. President's Report for the Year 2012/13:
7. Notices of Motion:
8. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2013/14:

President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Committee

9. Subscriptions:
10. 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.

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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From the Editor

Obituaries At the March meeting Anne raised the point that a long time member, although not recent, Victor Stagpoole had passed away. The sympathies of the Club go to Victor's family.

It was also mentioned that one of the presenters from last month's meeting, Lansdowne's Derek Hagar Jnr, passed away on Easter weekend. Derek junior was only 48 years old, an untimely death. The Club passed on it's heartfelt sympathy to Derek Senior and Margaret.

AGM – And of course another important meeting this month with the AGM. 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. Come along, have your say, and enjoy a snack and some nice wines. The agenda is included on page one, and last year's minutes are attached. Please print these and bring them with you. A few copies will be available on the night but we are trying to cut down on costs to committee members.

Special General Meeting The minutes from the Special General meeting held at the start of the March meeting are being progressed and I will forward these under separate cover shortly.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

June 2013 – Wine and Trivia Night

Our June meeting will involve a trivia session. We will be trying to link some wine choices with some general knowledge questions. Still developing the questions but please note not all the questions will be wine related, and this is not an options evening. More like a high class pub quiz but higher class drinking. More detail next month.

Glancing Back



What a night, some lovely wines, great variety, and the committee members did themselves proud with their research and presentations.

After a quaffer, a Shingle Peak Sauvignon Blanc 2012, that was on the Gold Medal List and exceptional value at \$10.00, the evening progressed with;

- Desert Heart Magic Moments Rosé 2012
- Coopers Creek SV Gisborne Albariño 'Bell-Ringer' 2012
- Brancott Estate Special Reserve Pinot Gris 2012

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The Kings Bastard Chardonnay 2011
Wooring Tree Beetle Juice Pinot Noir 2011
Villa Maria Reserve Gimblett Gravels Hawkes Bay Merlot 2010
Te Awanga Estate Syrah 2011

Lovely wines and interesting deliveries. We may try the format again sometime.

Have you Heard

Caution – New Virus

There is a dangerous virus being passed electronically, orally and by hand. This virus is called Worm-Overload-Recreational-Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from any of your colleagues, your boss or anyone else via any means DO NOT TOUCH IT.

This virus will wipe out your private life completely. If you should come into contact with WORK put your jacket on and take two good friends to the nearest pub. Purchase the antidote known as Work-Isolator-Neutralizer-Extractor (WINE). Alternate products include Bridge-Environment-Eradication-Resolution (BEER) and Benign-Orderly-Overload-System-Enhancer (BOOSE). Administer the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

You should forward this warning to 5 friends. If you do not have 5 friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life.

Update: After extensive testing it has been concluded that Best-Equivalent-Extractor-Remedy (BEER) may be substituted for WINE but may require a more generous application.

In the News

*Some internal Club "News" this month. Our President and Secretary, (with a nominated driver, ie Mr Secretary) embarked on a journey fraught with danger over the recent holiday weekend. The following is Anne's account of the trip. I don't know how they coped. **Ed***

Easter in Hawke's Bay, or.....The Intrepid Trios' Travels

Mission - to experience as many wineries (and other delights), in the Hawke's Bay area as possible in 4 ½ days over the Easter period

Participants - The manager - Jenny Jebson
The driver - Richard Jebson
The navigator - Anne Megget

March 28th - The trio set out from Grenada Village in the morning, following State highway 1 over the Rimutaka Hill. A slight detour to Parkvale mushrooms and then the first stop - Gladstone, where a sticky was purchased to be consumed with Hot cross buns.

Quote of the Month

"Remember gentlemen, it's not just France we are fighting for, it's Champagne!"

- Winston S. Churchill, 1918

Arrived safely in Napier, found the information center, supermarket and accommodation and settled in; had a lovely meal at an Italian restaurant, and an early night.

March 29th - Good Friday - Slight hitch - most of the Christian world was shut for today. We have a good cooked breakfast, just in case we can't find anywhere open, and go for a drive anyway, to find Unison Winery open for lunch but not tastings. Discovered they have a very nice sparkling rose, and a most substantial platter. Drove to the top of Te Mata Peak, saw from there that Craggy Range was open so dropped in.

March 30th - Slight deviation from wine-ing to visit a Book Fair, as Richard has managed to leave all his reading material at home and has already finished one of Anne's chick lit books. Went to Crab Farm, Esk Valley, Eskdale, had tastings and a lovely lunch at Linden Estate, **Visited Mission Estate for a look around, Church Road.** Wonderful dinner at Mission Estate.

March 31st - Easter Day - Hastings Farmers Market, fruit, olive oil, sausages, all very good; Vidals, The Beach House, tiny place, very rustic, very nice riesling, and late harvest riesling, Te Awanga, Elephant Hill, lovely statue, restaurant very up market, but not much appealed in the wine department . Lunch at Clearview table in the vineyard, exceptional afternoon, good, good food, good wine, **a perfect lazy Sunday afternoon among the vines.**

April 1st - April Fools Day - not that any of us remembered ! Off to the Gimlet Gravels - **went to Unison vineyard for a tasting this time, Te Awa Farm, Sileni - wonderful merlot infused chocolate,** Abbey Cellars, Alpha Domus, Trinity Hill was closed - for the whole of Easter, lunch at Ash Ridge, wine and olive oil tasting at Salvare Estate, and way out on the Taihape Road, De La Terre

April 2nd - Up bright and early (ok it was about 8.30am), and engaged in a combined house cleaning and car packing exercise; then off to Havelock North. Called into Advintage and said hello to 'Mac' and then went Te Mata and Black Barn and then headed home.
