

The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

JUNE 2013

Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday 10 July 2013

Mid-Year Dinner, La Cloche, Kaiwharawhara

Wednesday 14 August 2013

Brookfields, Hawkes Bay

Wednesday 11 September 2013

MacVine International Ltd - Aromatics

Wednesday 9 October 2013

Grant Burge

Wednesday 13 November 2013

Advintage – Festive wines

Wednesday 11 December 2013

Christmas 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.

Next Event



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**JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
3 FRANKMOORE AVENUE, JOHNSONVILLE**

**WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2013,
COMMENCING 7.45PM for 8.00PM Start
Members and non-members - \$10 per person**

A Fun Night of Wine and Trivia

Something for everyone! Some interesting wines to taste, questions ranging from the obscure to the obvious (especially once you hear the answer) and plenty of frivolity along the way. There'll also be a range of ways to score points – wine knowledge, general knowledge and sheer luck!

It'll be a friendly team competition – you can arrange your own or join other members to make up teams on the night. Your committee will ensure everyone who comes along is in a team. We suggest about six people per team, though it'll depend on numbers on the night.

We welcome your clever team names and will also have some names on hand in case inspiration deserts you.

As always, guests are welcome so bring your friends along for a fun evening.

Please bring your tasting glasses.

From the Editor

The rest of the year – 2013 is pretty much "in the bag" as far as our calendar is concerned. Just look at the line up to the left. A great second half of 2013 in prospect with two great wineries, one from each side of the Tasman, and a number of special events. We hope members are as enthusiastic about the line-up as we are and will give us full support.

Hot Red HB & Negociants Tour – From time to time events come to our attention which, whilst not Cellar Club events, we feel may be of interest to some of our members. Two such events are coming to Wellington later this month.

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

The First is **Hot Red Hawkes Bay**. This is an annual event showcasing Hawkes Bay wines, where 19 wineries will be introducing 170 wines in one place. The Wellington event will be on **19 June** at the Oceania Room, Te Papa from 6.00 to 9.00pm and will cost \$35 per head. Good value for the opportunity to sample so many good wines.

Following closely on the heels of Hot Red HB is the **Negociants Tour 2013**. This is a first time effort and involves a number of New Zealand and Australian wineries, with the possibility of tasting over 100 wines. Wineries include Peter Lehman, Yalumba, Alpha Domus, Black Barn and Dry River just to name a few. Again the price is right at \$35; the date **25 June**; the time 7.30 to 9.30pm; the venue Te Wharewaka Function Centre, Odlins Square, Taranaki St Wharf.

As mentioned this type of event crops up from time to time. Time and space constraints do not always allow us to advertise them through the newsletter. It is our intention in the future to include details of upcoming events of interest on the website. **I would encourage you all to have a regular look at the website if you are interested in knowing about wine events in the region.**

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

July 2013 – Mid Year Dinner



La Cloche is a French café and delicatessen that opened in the Kaiwharawhara industrial area in May 2006, and has known huge success since then. Their team is dedicated to bring to customers a true French experience.

Your committee have organized a three course Menu at a price of \$55.00 per person. This includes the hireage of the whole restaurant, corkage and coffee. The club will provide bubbles at the beginning of the meal. We have agreed to a pre-ordering system and the order form provided to members will include the pre-ordering requirement. Dinner will start at 7pm and we will circulate the menu with the order form in the next newsletter. Anne will organise seating and the orders will be put on each table at the dinner to remind us what we ordered. **If you wish to be in a group please contact Anne, to arrange things.**

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Glancing Back



Annual General Meeting:

The committee felt that this meeting went well but were a little disappointed that only 26 members attended. Nevertheless there were no great issues and the meeting went without a hitch. There was comment that it was great to have a chance to catch-up with other members at the supper as we do not often get the chance to just chat with other members. And, of course, there were some OK wines available to sample.

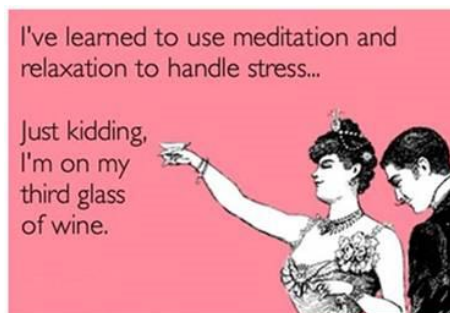
We welcome James Cupit onto the committee, we are sure he will be able to make a substantial contribution to the events we organize. Also we would like to thank Cecilia for her long and dedicated service to the committee. Cecilia has been a valued and long term member of the committee. Best wishes for the future to Cecilia and Brian.

Have you Heard "Magic Wine Glass"

A blonde was walking down the road when she saw a beautiful looking lamp, so she picked it up. She rubbed it and a magic genie came out. "You may have any three objects in the world, oh mighty mistress," said the genie. The blonde thought for a brief moment and replied, "I wish I had an endless glass of wine."

Suddenly a big, crystal glass filled with wine appeared in the blonde's hand. She drank it and to her surprise, it filled up again! "Wow! This wine is really nice, and it can't run out!" the blonde said. "In fact, it's so good, I'll have another two of these, please, genie!"

(And a couple provided by Wayne)



Quote of the Month

Whoever said money can't buy happiness has never bought wine.

- Margot Dillard,
Wine and Sweet Words

In the News



Jayson Bryant – <http://www.unscrewed.co.nz>

There's no doubt about it, Sauvignon Blanc is special. It is the varietal that awoke the world to New Zealand wine and continues to dazzle wine critics across the world. Accounting for 84% of wine exported from New Zealand, the world seems to have an insatiable thirst for Sauvignon Blanc's crisp acidity and unmistakable 'zing'.

May 17 2013 marked the fourth annual International Sauvignon Blanc Day – an online initiative that started in California with St Supery Winery as a global social media wine tasting. The event gets bigger every year and New Zealand Winegrowers are now involved to ensure New Zealand wine is well represented. Restaurants, retailers and consumers around the world – along with global wine brands – celebrated Sauvignon Blanc for the day and participated in a Twitter conversation by using the "hashtag" #SauvBlanc .

New Zealand Winegrowers worked in collaboration with St Supery winery in Napa Valley to facilitate a live panel discussion and tasting of the different styles of Sauvignon Blanc. Panellists included US wine journalists, wine retailers and winemakers. Flying the flag for New Zealand was Bob Campbell MW.

"A huge number of wine consumers are active on social media and events such as Sauvignon Blanc Day provide great opportunities to raise awareness of New Zealand wine globally" said New Zealand Winegrowers Communications Manager Sarah Thornton. "Anyone was able to join the celebration on the day by enjoying a glass of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and telling the world how good it is."

Sauvignon Blanc is the most popular white variety in the UK off-trade and New Zealand holds a 49% share of the UK's Sauvignon Blanc market. Two out of three bottles of Sauvignon Blanc purchased in Australia is from New Zealand and the kiwis have a 22% share of the US Sauvignon Blanc market. New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc exports are worth \$950 million annually.
