



# The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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## Glancing Forward to Future Events

**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.

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

## Next Event: Mid Year Dinner

**Wednesday 10 July 2013. 7.00 pm for 7.30 start.  
La Cloche, 134 Hutt Road, Kaiwharawhara,  
Wellington (between Spotlight & Jeff Grey BMW)**



*A French Affair*

## Entrées

- *Lamb Sweetbreads in Madeira Sauce and Puff Pastry*
- *Smoked Salmon Rillettes on Toasted Brioche*
- *Pork and Pistacchio homemade terrine*

## Mains

- *Beef Cheek Casserole and Tagliatelle Pasta*
- *Braised Duck Leg, Sauteed Potatoes and Green Salad*
- *Fresh Fish, Beurre Blanc, and Saffron Rice*

## Desserts

### *Medley of La Cloche Patisseries*

A great menu and a great evening to anticipate for those attending. Please enjoy. I presume you have all preselected from the menu in any event. There may not be room for late additions but if you find you might like to attend please contact Wayne, no promises though as without withdrawals we are at the maximum.

Vive la France (except at rugby)

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Show your Cellar Club membership card for discounts:

**Wineseeker**

86-96 Victoria St, 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

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From the Editor

**The rest of the year** – I mentioned in the last newsletter that 2013 is pretty much "in the bag" as far as our calendar is concerned, and suggested members look at the line up in "Glancing forward to future events". I can report a "not only but also" in that the programme for 2014 is now well under way with a great mix being planned for next year. Your club has had considerable interest from wineries, both established and boutique, wanting to present their wines and this is looking like a marvellous 2014 for the Cellar Club

**Editorial Privilege** – Often editorials are opportunities for opinion pieces for publications, or for the editors themselves. My option this month is to extend the quiz mantra.

- o Despite my hassling members to join in the enjoyment of the July Dinner at La Cloche, I will not be there. Instead I will be doing an Aaron Gilmore on the night, where will I be?
- o As an ex public servant with some 49 years of service where might I have been found on the Wednesday before the July dinner?
- o In case people think I am single minded "and his name was ....., and he drove the fastest milk cart in the west. What was his name?"
- o Which producer presented in June last year, and plays classical music to the vines? (I wonder what Rap would do for them)

I have a chiller sleeve for the first person who gives me the correct answers.

Cheers

*Robin Semmens, Editor*

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Looking Forward

August 2013 – Brookfields, Hawkes Bay



Founded in 1937, Brookfields Vineyards is Hawke's Bay's Oldest Boutique Winery, situated alongside the glistening waters of the Tutaekuri River, between Napier and Hastings.

The winery was purchased by the current owner, Peter Robertson, in 1977, who has since transformed Brookfields into a leading winery for New Zealand premium wines.

Brookfields is built on tradition and sustainability, combining the best techniques from the past and today, to produce exciting wines each year from their own or shared ownership Hawke's Bay vineyards.

Peter (or in his absence John Thirkell) will be presenting a range of Brookfields wines including 3 whites and four reds plus a "sticky". A tasting not to be missed.

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## Glancing Back



### Quiz Night:

The feedback from members indicated that this was a most enjoyable evening with some pleasant wines and diverting questions. The wines included;

2007 Josmeyer Pinot Gris [Alsace]  
2011 Villa Maria Viognier Cellar Selection  
2011 Milton Te Arai Chenin Blanc  
2011 Twisted Old Vine Zinfandel [California]  
2011 Chateau Roustaing Bordeaux [France]  
2011 Waipipi Henry Pinot Noir

The wine was complementary to the question, or was it vice versa, Mel was somewhat perturbed when he did not recognize the Zinfandel. However despite the limits of wine appreciation, or identification, members thought that the format was well worth repeating. Your committee have given some thought to how a similar evening might be incorporated in future programming bearing in mind that we have quite a number of producers interested in presenting to the club. We will keep our options open. You might just need to keep the Jolly Swagman's name in mind for the future.

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## Have you Heard ?

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis, he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then, finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down.

The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a pleasant smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: 'Shall We Gather At the River.'"



## Quote of the Month

*Alcohol is necessary for a man so that he can have a good opinion of himself – undisturbed by the facts.*

- Finley Peter Dunne (not the local politician I suspect, but on the other hand....)

## In the News

### **Popcorn a treat for gourmets with money**

By Jamie Morton, NZ Herald

Monday Jun 24, 2013



You may have thought a glass of vino with your popcorn was the height of class at the cinema snack bar, but a product using Kiwi wine has gone a big step further - combining the two. Winemaker Kim Crawford has paired its brand with a US gourmet popcorn company to make pinot noir- and sauvignon blanc-flavoured popcorn.

New York-based Populence's new Pinot Noir Chocolate Drizzle and Sauvignon Blanc Kettle brands are infused with flavours of the familiar Kiwi wines, but at this stage there are no plans to bring the product to New Zealand. The fancy novelty is non-alcoholic, GM-free and, unsurprisingly, has a hefty price tag - US\$28 (\$36) a tin.

Kim Crawford marketing spokesman Nila Vermiglio told Britain's Daily Mail Populence had done a "fantastic job of capturing the wines' notes". "The lemony Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc Lemon is bright and zesty, bursting with flavour and pairing beautifully with the wine, while the indulgent Kim Crawford Pinot Noir Chocolate Drizzle uses the classic pairing of wine with chocolate to harness the wine's flavours into an indulgent treat."

One of the newspaper's reviewers described the popcorn as tasting not like wine, but cherry chocolate-covered salted popcorn and lemon-infused candied popcorn. Another wrote: "The lemon zest in the kettle corn was delicious, but too overpowering to detect any taste of wine."

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