



The Cellar Club Inc

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday 9
October 2013**

Grant Burge

**Wednesday 13
November 2013**

Advintage – Festive
wines

**Wednesday 11
December 2013**

Christmas Dinner

**Sunday 26 January
2014**

BBQ

**Wednesday 12
February 2014**

Wright's Vineyard,
Gisborne

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: MacVine International Ltd

Wednesday 11 September 2013, 7.45 for 8 pm start.

**Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16

Presenter: David Hughes



I mentioned last month that Macvine International is an importer and distributor of top quality, specialist wine from New Zealand and around the world. They include Bridge Pa, Forrest (including the John Forrest Collection and Newton Forrest), Clark Estate, Gladstone, and other wineries among their New Zealand clients.

The evening will concentrate on aromatics and will include the following offerings;

- Clark Estate Sauvignon Blanc
- Alpha Zeta Pinot Grigio
- Forrest Pinot Gris
- Westbrook Gewurtztraminer
- Kerrpen Kabinett Riesling
- surprise wine (Possibly a sticky !)

Those of you who know the editor will understand he prefer reds however even he would enjoy this selection. (Unfortunately, chuckle chuckle, Hawaii calls)

From the Editor

Message from the President – Anne has prepared new Membership Cards for the year and they are available for collection at monthly meetings. Unless there is a special need Anne will not be posting cards out.

When you arrive at meetings please remember to place your number into the membership draw. This will save time at the meeting by ensuring the draw does not include members who are not present. Thanks for your cooperation.

Public Address System – The club is seeking to acquire a portable loud speaker/sound system for use at meetings. We are unable to access existing facilities at the community centre. Have any of our members

Members' Discounts

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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expertise in this area, we are looking for someone to assist in sourcing a suitable, and appropriately priced, system. Please let someone on the committee know if you can assist.

Peter Lehmann – Many of you will be familiar with Peter Lehmann and his wines. The Lehmann brand has been a leading Barossa winery for many years. Your committee has noted that Peter passed away on 28 June 2013.

He was born in Angaston in the Barossa Valley in 1930. His father was a Lutheran Pastor, Franz Julius Lehmann, and Peter may have joined his father in the ministry but for Franz' sudden death in 1945, aged 55. Peter soon dropped out of school "ostensibly to be some support to my recently widowed mother," he says. After working at the Yalumba winery then becoming Winemaker/Manager at Saltram Wines. He parted company with Saltram to become the Chairman of Peter Lehmann Wine. Peter Lehmann has been described as one of Australia's most respected and innovative wine makers. Sad to see some of the older "characters of the Australian wine industry go, but his son does take over the work.

Offers to Members – The question of putting offers and advertisements to our members for wine or other products has been discussed. Your committee is concerned that we cannot be seen as acting as agents for the selling of wine or other products as we do not carry a license to do so. We are however a wine appreciation club and like to be able to ensure our members can access deals if they arise.

We have therefore adopted the following policy; *"If the club receives an request to offer wine specials for whatever purpose, the club will be happy to publicise the "deal" or offer, but not to sell. We will inform club members about the deal only on the website as a link or email. The link/email will be directly to the supplier so that any transaction is between the supplier and the member, not the Cellar Club Inc."*

Offers will need to have a close off date and will be removed from the site after that date. We currently have a Member discount page on our website <http://cellarclub.co.nz/membership/member-discounts/>. These currently contain links to the clubs long-term supporters. Please check this page frequently as some offers only last for a short time."

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

October 2013 – Grant Burge



We are still sorting out the line-up for this evening so more next month. Suffice it to say this is a quality Australian producer who won't let us down. The first wines your editor ever purchased through the Cellar Club, many years ago, were the Grant Burge Holy Trinity. I kept them for many years but temptation got the better of me in the end. Looking forward to a great night

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Glancing Back - Brookfields Winery



A thoroughly enjoyable presentation from Peter Robertson. Peter had some interesting anecdotes including explaining that China would be our next big market. The wines were well received with excellent orders for the winery. Feedback from Peter Robertson indicated that he was pleased with the meeting, and the orders received.

The committee was a little disappointed that only 22 members attended the evening, although there was a high number of visitors.

The wines tasted were; the Ohiti Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2012 as a quaffer; followed by the Robertson Pinot Gris 2012, Bergman Chardonnay 2012, Back Block Syrah 2012, Burnfoot Merlot 2012, Ohiti Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012, Sun Dried Malbec 2012, and rounded off with the Indulgence sticky, 2012

A great selection with the Sun Dried Malbec standing out.

Have you Heard ?



The Experiment

A professor of chemistry wanted to teach the 5th grade class a lesson about the evils of alcohol, so he produced an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey and two worms. "Now, class. Observe closely the worms," said the professor putting a worm first into the water. The worm in the water writhed about lustily, as happy as a worm in water could be.

The second worm, he put into the whiskey. It writhed painfully, and quickly sank to the bottom, dead as a doornail. "Now, what lesson can we derive from this experiment?" the professor asked.

Little Johnny, who naturally sits in back, raised his hand and wisely, responded..."Drink whiskey and you won't get worms!"

Quote of the Month

*Hide our ignorance
as we will, an
evening of wine
soon reveals it.*

- Heraclitus

In the News – Nelson Mail, Peter Watson
(courtesy of Francesca Menzies)

Trev puts his name to a winner



A wine with a real bloke's name and a bold style has shown Nelson can produce top reds as well as whites. Waimea Estates' Trev's Red 2012 - named after the winery's founder Trevor Bolitho - has just been judged champion red wine blend at the Bragato Wine Awards after earlier winning a pure gold medal. It's a big result for a wine that was first produced three years ago as an experiment by Mr Bolitho, a red wine lover, and was only supposed to be a one-off. But the blend of cabernet franc and syrah with a touch of voigner has proved increasingly popular among regular customers and gained plaudits from wine critics, with production increasing from a tiny 100 cases to 500.

Waimea's sales and marketing manager Martin Carrington said his boss was stunned by the trophy. "Trevor always thought it was a good drinkable red but he didn't think an independent panel of judges would rate it so highly in a blind tasting." Like Mr Bolitho, the wine was "full of character and not shy". It came about after he decided he wanted a red wine with "more body and oomph" than the pinot noir Waimea also produces. After harvesting the grapes himself, he challenged head winemaker Trudy Sheild to come up with something different.

Unlike most other blends, she co-fermented the two red grape varieties with a small amount of voigner, a white wine, which was then matured in oak. The Trev's Red name came as a surprise to Mr Bolitho, who wasn't told until the labels were made, Mr Carrington said.

Waimea general manager Ben Bolitho said it was exciting the winery could go head to head with some of the best single vineyard reds in the country and it showed that the South Island could produce reds other than pinot noir. It also meant that Waimea had now won gold medals for all its major wine styles in the last few years. Nelson Mail wine columnist Neil Hodgson said it proved again that Nelson was good at making wines across many varieties and was much more than a "one-trick pony".

