

The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday 13 November 2013

Advintage – Festive wines

Wednesday 11 December 2013

Christmas Dinner, Cuba Street Bistro

Sunday 26 January 2014

BBQ

Wednesday 12 February 2014

Wright's Vineyard, Gisborne

Wednesday 12 March 2014

Alpha Domus Wines, Hawkes Bay

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: Grant Burge

Wednesday 9 September 2013, 7.45 for 8 pm start. Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16

Presenter: Keith Tibble, Eurovintage Account Manager, Wellington



Not even Hawaii will keep me from this tasting. The presentation is arranged by Eurovintage. Independent and privately owned, they have been in the wine distribution business for over 20 years, and are extremely proud of their premium portfolio which includes some of the most exciting brands and estates from New Zealand and around the world. Keith Tibble is not unknown to the Cellar Club having presented in the past, albeit not recently. He has been in the Liquor Industry for over 25 years having worked for Penfolds New Zealand, New Zealand Wines & Spirits, Hancocks, Burleigh Trading, Vintage Wines and Spirits and now EuroVintage since its inception in 2010.

Tonight Keith will be presenting some of the iconic Grant Burge brand wines and a port. Over five generations Grant Burge Wines have brought together the finest vineyards and hands-on techniques with modern winemaking to express the classic Barossa Valley. Share their passion for great wine. A Grant Burge label is your guarantee of quality and integrity. An all red night but what reds. The selection will include;

- **Quaffer – something light and elegant arranged by Eurovintage**
- **Grant Burge Benchmark 2012 Shiraz**
- **Grant Burge Miamba Shiraz 2010**
- **Grant Burge Filsell 2011 (Shiraz)**
- **Grant Burge Cameron Vale 2010 (Cabernet Sauvignon)**
- **Grant Burge The Holy Trinity G.S.M 2010 (Grenache, Shiraz, Mouverde)**
- **Grant Burge Aged Tawny**

From the Editor

November December and May 2014 Meetings – You will note from the email that accompanies this newsletter that I am seeking a response from

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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wayne@paradise.net.nz

members on three upcoming events.

As always we would appreciate some indication from members if they intend to come (and to bring guests) to the Festive Wines presentation in November. This is always a well-supported event and your committee does some catering for the event. To assist us in this it is useful to have an idea of likely numbers.

It also assists planning for dinners if we have an idea of numbers attending the December dinner. An indication of likely attendance would be helpful.

Finally you will be aware that May is our AGM month with the usual format being to hold the meeting then have a supper accompanied by a selection of wines from the Club Cellar. We are negotiating a presentation with Wooing Tree from Central Otago, and their preference is for a May date as they will already be in Wellington around that time. Would members have any objection if we changed the format a little, holding the AGM a little earlier, say 7.30 pm then went on to the Wooing Tree presentation?

Parking – Some of the parking around the Johnsonville Pool is currently closed because of building and extension work being carried out on the Pool complex. Members may have to be prepared to look a little further for a parking spot this month. The situation is likely to be fluid for some time.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

November 2013 – Festive Wines with Advintage.



John (Mac) Macpherson from Advintage will be presenting again in November. Not all sparkling but all with the festive theme. Mac is likely to be accompanied by John Kemble again so be prepared for an entertaining night. The Advintage philosophy, well at least in part.

"When you're a wine store based in the sleepy but ever-so-slightly pretentious Hawkes Bay village of Havelock North (pop. 10,000) and you ship thousands of cases of wine nationwide each month, you must be doing something right. Right? Well, we'd like to think so. In fact doing things right is all we think about. And we've been thinking that way since 1999 when we first embraced internet wine sales. And our humble provincial wine store changed. Forever.

Fast forward to the current day and Advintage is one of New Zealand's largest and most trusted online wine retailers. And while our business has changed dramatically over the years, our basic principles remain the same as the day we opened our doors. We offer really good wines at really good prices. And we give all our clients really good, really friendly service."

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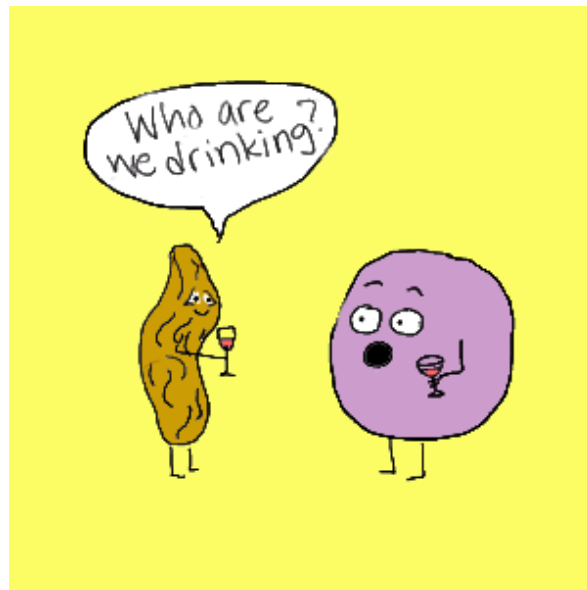
Glancing Back - MacVine, Aromatics



An awful night weather wise which was something of a shame as the attendance was not as good as your committee had hoped. Despite this it was an interesting night with some really good wines, much enjoyed by those who attended. David Hughes was an informative and interesting presenter and he thoroughly enjoyed the evening despite the low attendance. As intended, the evening concentrated on aromatics including;

- Clark Estate Sauvignon Blanc
- Alpha Zeta Pinot Grigio
- Forrest Pinot Gris
- Westbrook Gewurtztraminer
- Kerrpen Kabinett Riesling
- A sticky to finish

Have you Heard ?



"She [Dorothy Parker] was once persuaded to try a vile home-made brew by her hosts, who had converted their garden in Tuscany into a miniature vineyard.

'Where on earth does this wine come from?', she gasped, as the tannin ate into the enamel of her gritted teeth.

'From our own garden', beamed her hosts, with all the smug self-satisfaction of home wine-makers.

'Doesn't travel', said Dorothy."

Quote of the Month

*"What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine."*

- Thomas More

In the News

Haythornthwaite Wines.

Back in early August our own Mark and Susan were featured in a 4 minute slot on Haythornthwaite Wines on Sky Television's "Thirsty Work" programme about Martinborough Producers. Pamela George admits to being a "tad" biased as one of the featured wines is the Auslese style Gewürztraminer called Pamela – after guess who. Congratulations Mark and Susan and my apologies for not covering this sooner. Naming the wines has become something of a theme for Mark and Susan.



In 1998 the release of our first vintage - 1997, Pinot Noir was dedicated to Beverley, a very supportive friend who encouraged Mark to take the risk, sinking all of his superannuation and redundancy from 24 years at IBM into two sheep paddocks with nothing but cattle troughs, some tired fences and a line of large trees down the centre. Beverley's support had been consistent. The wine was supposed to be dedicated for that vintage only however it took a life of its own. People didn't reorder the wine by its varietal name Pinot Noir, rather they ordered it by the name Beverley. Accordingly the naming of our wines had arrived.



From 2011 the Auslese Gewürztraminer was renamed from Susan to Pamela who is a long standing friend of Susan's. Pamela, at the behest of Susan, agreed to undertake her General Managers license so she could run the tasting room when Susan and Mark were away. In return Auslese Gewürztraminer was renamed Pamela as a thank you to her.



2001 also saw the first release of Gewürztraminer. Susan, Mark's wife loves Gewürztraminer, particularly a dry variety. There was no contest - her name went on all three varieties - off dry, dry and the Auslese vintages. For those interested there is more information on the names on their website.

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