

The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

DECEMBER 2013

Glancing Forward to Future Events

Sunday 26 January 2014

BBQ

Wednesday 12 February 2014

Wright's Vineyard, Gisborne

Wednesday 12 March 2014

Alpha Domus Wines, Hawkes Bay

Wednesday 9 April 2014.

Penfold's Bin Release

Wednesday 14 May 2014

AGM / Wooing Tree, Central Otago

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: December Dinner

Cuba Street Bistro – 203/205 Cuba Street, Te Aro

Wednesday 11 December 2013, 7.00 for 7.30pm sit down.



Numbers are looking great with about 50 indicating their desire to attend. A majority of these have paid and listed their dining preference. Looks to be a great night in prospect

The Cellar Club will provide the club champagne glasses and the bistro has enough restaurant type glasses for one glass per person. They also have small dessert wine glasses available. If however, you have a preference for your own glasses, please bring them along. Just remember to take them home again.

I will not repeat the menu as those coming have already indicated preferences. Wayne will have a list on the night to remind you.

From the Editor

2013 – what a great year we have had. Following on from the regular BBQ in January we had the Mission Estate in February, a fantastic start to the tasting year. March saw Lansdowne and Bijou with a look at developing producers in the northern part of Masterton. April covered Easter Gold medal wines presented by committee members, while the AGM was in May, allowing members to enjoy a selection from the club cellar, after the formalities. June saw the trivia evening and July the mid-year dinner at La Cloche.. August re-acquainted club members with Peter Robinson from Brookfields, while September was an aromatics evening with MacVine. We followed this with a great Grant Burge evening in October and Advintage last month with Festive wines. Dinner this month at Cuba Street Bistro will see off the year nicely.

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

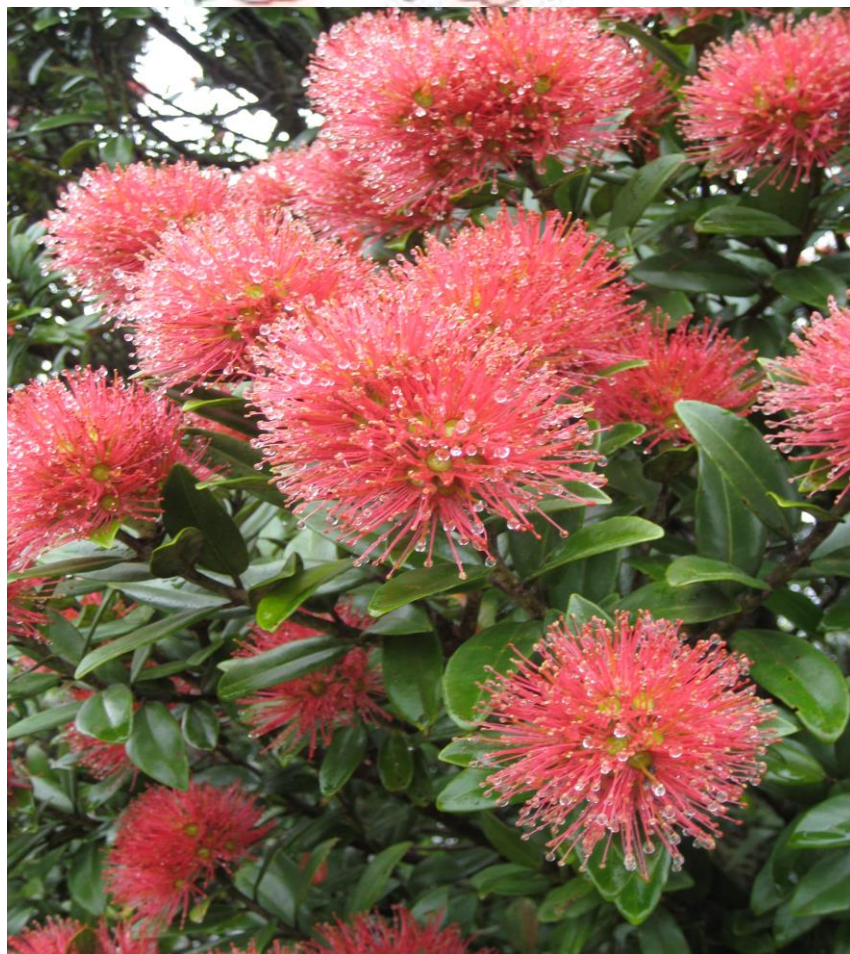
Haythornthwaite Wines,

Martinborough
10% discount on cellar door sales

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Merry Christmas



2014 is looking settled already and we hope members will enjoy the calendar of tastings we are preparing. Compliments of the season to all.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

January 2014 – Cellar Club BBQ

The usual start to our year with the BBQ at 4 Arthur Carman Street, Johnsonville. I will send more information to members in mid-January.

Glancing Back - Festive Wines – Advintage



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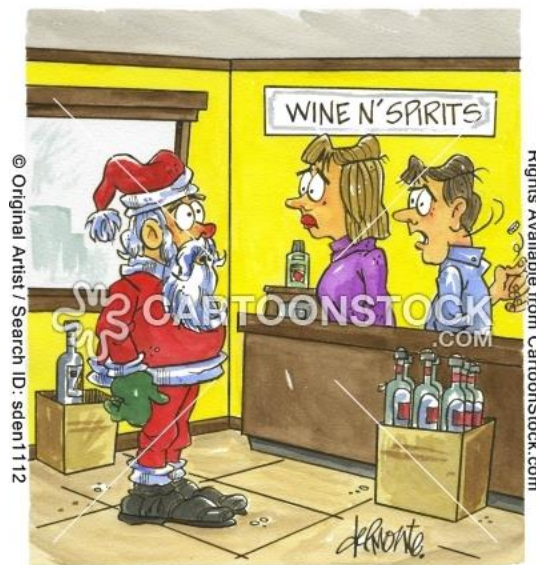
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A festive theme with "Advintage" and Mac and John presented a great evening. Excellent attendance with 43 members and guests. The committee felt that the food selection and quantity hit the mark and it did involve less work than previously. There were good orders but Mac viewed the gig as a brand builder for Advintage.

Although most attending enjoyed themselves, there were some matters arising that we need to consider.

- Did we have one too many wines to taste or perhaps were we just slow to react to getting the pace of pouring right on the night. With the planned reduction in the drink drive limit next year we are going to have to give a little thought to what is an appropriate number of wines tasted of an evening.
- We daudled over supper a little and need to keep the evening moving to ensure we finish at a reasonable time.
- There was just a little criticism as to whether the evening truly hit the mark of providing "festive" wines. A few prefer the evening to be restricted to bubbles. The committee agreed to reconsider this with a view to concentrating on bubbles with perhaps a rose and a sticky to complement the bubbly wines.

Have you Heard ?



"What wine goes well with venison?"

Christmas Crackers (a preview)

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
"Tinselitus"

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?
"You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit"

What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a duck?
"Christmas Quackers"

Quote of the Month

"I'm like old wine. They don't bring me out very often, but I'm well preserved."

- Rose Kennedy

Drinking and Driving

Members will be aware of the proposed lowering of drink/drive limits coming next year. We ask members to always be conscious of these limits and to take care when attending Club events.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
"He had low Elf Esteem"

What's the most popular wine at Christmas?
"Do I have to eat my Brussels Sprouts?"

What does Santa Claus like to do in his garden?
"Santa likes to hoe, hoe, hoe."

What did Jack Frost say to Frosty the Snowman?
"Have an ice day."

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas eve?
"Because it suits him so well."

If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
"Mistletoe"

What do elves learn in school?
"The Elf-abet!"

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
"Claustrophobic"

In the News

Church Road Winemaker Chris Scott named New Zealand Winemaker of the Year

Hawke's Bay winemaker Chris Scott has today been named New Zealand Winemaker of the Year 2013 by Winestate Magazine. With a passion for Chardonnay and red blend winemaking, and the support of an outstanding viticulture and winemaking team, Chris has been crafting award-winning Hawke's Bay wines for thirteen years.

"Winemaking at Church Road is a team effort," says Chris, on receiving his award today. "Our vineyard team have an outstanding knowledge of the region and the individual vineyards, and deliver outstanding fruit year after year. Our cellar team has a dedication to wine quality that far exceeds what anyone could hope for. I know everyone at Church Road is extremely proud of the wines we make and this win reflects the passion and commitment of the entire team."

Chris began working during his summer holidays in the vineyards and cellar door, before joining Church Road as a cellar hand in 1998 and working his way to Senior Winemaker in 2005. Since then, Chris has been the driving force behind Church Road TOM Chardonnay and Church Road TOM Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, which are widely regarded as two of New Zealand's most iconic wines.

The Winestate New Zealand Winemaker of the Year award is given to the individual who achieves the highest score from the top 10 different wines judged throughout the year.
