



The Cellar Club Inc

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Established in 1980

MARCH 2014

Glancing Forward to Future Events

Wednesday 9 April 2014.

Penfold's Bin Release

Wednesday 14 May 2014

AGM / Wooing Tree, Central Otago

Wednesday 11 June 2014.

Moana Park, Hawkes Bay

Wednesday 9 July 2014.

Mid Year Dinner

Wednesday 13 August 2014

Millton Vineyards and Winery, 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: Alpha Domus Winery

**Wednesday 12 March 2014, 7.45 for 8 pm start.
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members: \$14, Guests: \$18

Presenter: Joyce Verhoeven



ALPHA DOMUS
— HAWKES BAY —

The Logo – As Alpha Domus is in the vicinity of an historic airfield (Bridge Pa), important for training pilots throughout New Zealand's aviation history. The aircraft used was the de Havilland Tiger Moth which is depicted on the Alpha Domus labels. The Tiger Moth also has connotations of romance, history, lasting design, beauty and passion; all elements found in great wine. The Tiger Moth and other colourful vintage planes are often seen in the skies above the vineyard.

Joyce is presenting the wines. She is in charge of sales and logistics at the winery. She will be offering the following wines for the evening. Looks a great selection, don't miss out, it will be a top tasting.

Quaffer - The Pilot Sauvignon Blanc 2012

Tasting Wines;

- The Wingwalker Viognier 2012
- AD Chardonnay 2012
- The Pilot Merlot 2012
- The Navigator 2011
- The Barnstormer Syrah 2012
- AD Noble Selection 2011

Golden Success for 2012 Barnstormer Syrah

The results of the 33rd Sydney International Wine Competition are out – and the Alpha Domus 2012 Barnstormer Syrah has been included in the Top 100 and awarded a prestigious Blue-Gold medal.

Alpha Domus love this competition because it judges the wines with food, so it's all about the end purpose of the wine. Sounds like a great competition to judge!

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

Electronic Newsletter Available

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From the Editor

We've got away to a great start for the year with a successful BBQ at the end of January (even though it rained) and the Wrights presentation in February. Good turnouts for two enjoyable events. Let's keep the ball rolling for March, an established Hawkes Bay producer and some excellent wines in prospect.

The Alpha Domus logo reminds me that as a boy I was raised in Taradale and a significant memory revolves around regularly seeing tigermoths flying through the skies. In more recent times art deco events have seen a variety of vintage and veteran aircraft in the skies. The attached picture was taken in Emerson Street, Napier, looking towards the sea one fine art deco weekend during an air display.



Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

April 2014 – Penfolds Bin Release



The detail of this evening is still being worked on but, take my word for it, it is bound to be a beauty. Look forward to some vertical tasting with some stock from our own cellar that we have retained for just such a purpose. More detail next month.

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Glancing Back



A few moments worry when Geoff was nowhere to be seen as 8.00 pm loomed up, however he was just a little caught up in traffic. Despite the concern we started at about the right time and had a really enjoyable evening. A good presentation with some lively discussion on issues about producing organic wines, Verjuice and de-alcoholizing wine.

During the evening we tasted their Entity Methode Traditionelle, the Natural Wine Company 2013 Sauvignon Blanc and 2013 Merlot, the Wrights 2012 Gewurtztraminer, and 2 Reserves, the 2013 Chardonnay and 2013 Syrah.

An interesting presentation from a less well known producer.

Have you Heard ?



A Good Wife is Hard to Find

Nigel and Trevor, are keen fishermen and wine drinkers; below you can see a photo taken while they are enjoying some evening fishing while on holiday, with their wives, in Les Lacs du Verger, France, last year.

Quote of the Month

"He spoke with more claret than clarity."

Susan Ertz

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.



Slurping a large Château Mont-Redon, Nigel announces, 'I think I'm going to divorce my wife, she hasn't spoken to me in eighteen months.' Trevor downs his glass of the red wine thoughtfully and after a while responds, 'Think it over a bit more, Nige; women like that are hard to find.'

In the News

Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District Launched



Bridge Pa Triangle
Wine District Hawke's Bay

Alpha Domus is one of a group of wine producers responsible for the establishment of the Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District. The promotion of this area as one of the premium wine growing sub-regions in the country is one of the main purposes of the group, who are also excited at the prospect of working together with Hawkes Bay Winegrowers to tell the Hawkes Bay wine story promoting the region for the good of all producers. Establishing the Bridge Pa Triangle Wine District Sub Region in Hawkes Bay is leading the way to evolving the region, clarifying the offer of many different wines from different soils, climate and communities throughout the region.

This is the brainchild of a small group of local winegrowers: Paul Ham (Alpha Domus Winery), Stephen Daysh (Bridge Pa Vineyard), Grant Edmonds (Sileni Estate), Steve Nathan (Salvare Estate) and Peter Cowley (Te Mata Estate). It now includes ten wineries and seven individual grape growers. Our managing director Paul Ham comments that "This area is ideally suited to the production of quality wines, is proven by the awards won. We excel at full flavoured Syrah, Merlot, Red Blends, Chardonnay and Viognier. These wines are characterised by excellent varietal expression, depth of flavor, generosity, and ample fruit sweetness".