



The Cellar Club Inc

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Glancing Forward to Future Events

**Wednesday 10
September 2014**

RM (Rod MacDonald)
Wines - Hawke's Bay

**Wednesday 8
October 2014**

Villa Maria

**Wednesday 12
November 2014**

Bubbles and Festive
Wines - Advintage

**Wednesday 10
December 2014**

December Dinner

**Sunday 25 January
2015**

Summer BBQ

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: Cangrande Italian Wines

Wednesday 13 August 2014, 7.45 for 8.00pm start, Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville

Members: \$14, Guests: \$18

Presenter: Michele Marai, Importer.

Cangrande
ITALIAN WINE

Cangrande proudly presents the widest and highest quality range of Italian wines in New Zealand. They have chosen to focus on excellence, in order to ensure the exceptional standard reached in the last few years by Italian winemakers is fully represented in their catalogue. They currently offer several product lines, based on value, which can meet and satisfy the demands of mass retailers, restaurateurs, caterers, wine shops and any kind of wine traders in New Zealand. However, for all of these ranges the price/quality ratio remains outstanding.

All of Cangrande's wines have been carefully selected to ensure they reach the quality standard which is part of the company mission. Cangrande realizes that some varieties of Italian grapes have not been deservedly valued and welcomed in the new world, due to the fact that the products available on the market do not fully represent the potential of these grapes. They want these varieties to be appreciated for their real value; a goal they aim to reach by introducing some of the finest, classiest expressions of wine making from Italy

The wines on offer will be;

Quaffer; Prosecco Superiore Valdobbiadene Docg - Bortolomiol (Veneto)

1. Pinot Grigio Doc - Masut da Rive (Friuli - Venezia Giulia)
2. Soave Superiore Doc "Monte Sella" - Le Mandolare (Veneto)
3. Negroamaro del Salento Igt - Cignomoro (Puglia)
4. Nebbiolo Langhe Doc - San Biagio (Piemonte)
5. Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Doc - Caterina Zardini (Veneto)
6. Il Fortificato, Fortified red wine based on Recioto della Valpolicella - Giuseppe Campagnola (Veneto)

There will be an Italian Wine, Falanghina Beneventano Igt - Donnachiara [Campania], as a raffle prize, and there will be an offering of olive oil along with a Modena balsamic to have at the break. Looking forward to it.

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

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

Newsletter – We apologise to members for the lack of a newsletter last month. If you read these newsletters you will know that your editor was "swanning off" in USA & Canada while poor Wayne had work related and home problems to cope with. Never mind we are back in business this month with a couple of great events coming up. We were pleased that Francesca was able to attend the July Dinner when her life membership was formalised. Congratulations Francesca.

Programme changes roll on – In the June newsletter I mentioned a couple of changes. The late change to the Cuba Street Bistro was a success. Moving on though the astute among you will also have noticed that this month's meeting is also a change from that previously notified. There was a misunderstanding about scheduling with Millton. Cangrande have stepped in and as you will have noted have offered a great chance to sample some high quality Italian wines. And I have already mentioned Villa Maria coming in for October. Some members of your committee have had to step up and do great deal of negotiating to re-arrange the programme at short notice. Congratulations for the great work.

Subscriptions – A friendly reminder that subscriptions are due. Wayne will be happy to accept subs at next week's meeting. In addition Membership cards will be available at that meeting.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward

July 2014 – RM (Rod McDonald) Wines.



ROD McDONALD WINES

Presenter will be either Rod himself or Jason Pearce. Rod Mc Donald Wines is a Hawkes Bay producer. They source grapes from a variety of areas and produce four lines of wine.

Their **Quarter Acre** series is a collection of single vineyard wines that represent the ground and place they came from while at the same time tell a story about making wine in Hawke's Bay. **Te Awanga Estate** is a special piece of dirt. Planted 25 years ago in one of Hawke's Bay's oldest wine growing areas. The Estate produces a range of single estate wines that are rich, mouth filling and long-lived. Planted on old river terraces at Maraekakaho, their **Two Gates** vineyard is the perfect place to earn their organic grape growing stripes. Finally their **One Off** follows the notion of blending and bottling a wine with a healthy disregard for brand families, consumer research and marketing fundamentals. But they only do it once.

We do not have a list of what they will be presenting, more next month.

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Quote of the Month

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- **Heraclitus**

Glancing Back – July Dinner – Cuba Street Bistro



Another great meal at Cuba Street Bistro. Convivial company, nice wine what more can you expect and what more can I say.

Our thanks to Wayne for organising the dinner. The committee thought that the dinner was nice and the evening has great. We have had several positive reports from those attending The Restaurant was very accommodating and easy to deal with. We will consider preordering in the future to speed up the serving of meals.

Have you heard?

While in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, (purportedly the second largest Amish community in America) I came across the glasses pictured below. While I respected the sentiment I wondered if the Amish drink wine. It varies from community to community but drinking (particularly of wine and cider) is not unusual.



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.

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[Heraclitus](#)

Wine News French winemakers furious at Internet administrators



Just one month after Mother Nature defeated Jeff Bezos in a battle for the .amazon domain name, a new conflict is fermenting in these Internet suffixes. This time around, the hotly contested properties are .vin and .wine, and the broad-based attack is being led by a very rankled France.

Winemakers in Europe, Australia and California are protesting a decision by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to move forward with the introduction of .vin and .wine as so-called top-level domains - the familiar appendixes to Web addresses like .com and .edu. The problem, as fine winemakers see it, is that opening up access to .wine and .vin will make it easier for unethical wine sellers to deceive customers about the origin and quality of their goods.

Geography is a big deal when it comes to winemaking and the European Union has strict rules that govern the use of "geographical indications" in marketing and labeling. The best-known example of this is how in the EU and many other countries the word champagne can only be applied to bubbly beverages from the Champagne region of France. Made anywhere else in the world, it's simply called sparkling wine.

The concern France shares over domain names with other winemakers around the world is that a company could register a Web address like champagne.wine but not sell the authentic product. "Internet users could indeed be deceived into believing that they are buying a genuine product with specific qualities and characteristics, when they are in fact getting an imitation," Linda Reiff, president of the Napa Valley Vintners, wrote in a letter to ICANN that was cited by the *Wall Street Journal*.

France has gone so far in the debate over .wine and .vin as to demand an overhaul of how ICANN is structured and run. The French have said that proceeding with the domain names could "imperil" talks on a trans-Atlantic trade deal between the EU and the US.