



The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

Newsletter - April 2015

Next Event: Ohau Wines.

**Wednesday 8 April 2015, 7.45 for 8.00pm start,
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue,
Johnsonville**

Members: \$12, Guests: \$16.

Host: Chris Morgan, Wine Consultant for Ohau.



OHAU WINES



There are a couple of changes to our tasting line-up for the year with Waipara and Akarua having to postpone their presentations. This month's tasting is from Ohau Wines. Ohau are pioneering Wines from New Zealand's newest wine region.

Just north of the Kapiti Coast in New Zealand's lower North Island, Ohau Wines specialises in producing award-winning aromatic wines with unique aromatic expressions. Ohau's river terrace soils are similar to some of the better sites in Marlborough with a temperate climate comparable to Nelson and Hawke's Bay. Wines are marketed under the Ohau Gravels, Woven Stone labels and Selected Vines brands with cleanskins available for those wishing to have their own label. Ohau's wines are available in many international markets including China, Malaysia, Singapore, The Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia and Korea. The wines we'll be tasting are:

Woven Stone Sauvignon Blanc 2014; Ohau Gravels Sauvignon Blanc 2012
Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2011; Woven Stone Rose 2014
Woven Stone Pinot Gris 2014; Ohau Gravels Pinot Gris 2014
Single Vineyard Pinot Gris 2011; Woven Stone Pinot Noir 2014.

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From the Editor

Tasting programme – Some unique situations have arisen and we are having to be somewhat more versatile with our arrangements than we have been in the past. As mentioned earlier both the Waipara and Akarua tastings are being postponed for future evenings at the club. This is not dissimilar to the Central Otago tasting organised for March.

For April however we have managed to obtain the services of Ohau Wines. This is New Zealand's newest wine area, but I am sure most of you have seen the vines on your way to Levin. We are very pleased to have Chris Morgan to present and are looking forward to a great tasting. Don't miss out.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward - May 2015 - AGM

The Cellar Club Inc Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

When: 8pm Wednesday 13 May 2015
Where: Johnsonville Community Centre Moorefield Road, Wellington

Please give some thought to any proposals you might want to introduce for the meeting, and if you would like to make a nomination for anyone to represent the club on the committee. We are always eager for new ideas or different points of view.

As always members will be provided with a light supper and the opportunity to sample some wines from our cellar after the formal part of the evening. We will send out a formal notice and documents closer to the meeting in accordance with our Club rules.

Looking Back - March 2015 - Journey to the Cellar and a quiet night with friends.



The evening was excellent and the presenters were superb. Well, we have to say that - don't we? Some committee, and club members, presented the wines for the evening which mainly came from the Club's cellar. Whilst numbers attending was a little disappointing, those who were there thought it was a quality evening.

The evening provided the following; the Quaffer was a Waimea Sauvignon Blanc 2012 (Wayne did a brief rundown on this wine before we proceeded with the rest of the tasting)

Following this we had the following selection; Esk Valley Chenin Blanc – (Michael Kuus presented); Esk Valley Verdelho – (Murray presented) These wines were selected on the basis that many members will probably not have tried them. We then enjoyed a Haythornthwaite Rose presented by Mark himself. After this Derek gave a brief outline of how he developed his cellar, and how the Cellar Club wine is kept.

After a short break we enjoyed a Shot in the Dark Cab Sav/Shiraz 2010, and followed this with a comparison of the Rufus Stone Heathcote Shiraz 2006, and an Alpha Domus Barnstormer Syrah 2012. The wines were presented by your editor who discussed the connection between Canadian interests and Quarisa Wines in NSW in the development of the "Shot in the Dark" label; the Australian use (or was it misuse) of South East Australia as a geographical indication (GI) for wine sales in Europe and the rising importance of Heathcote as an Australian wine region. Interesting feedback was that some thought the Rufus Stone was passed its best while others preferred it to the Barnstormer. A great night.

General Information

Screwcaps - Anne collects screwcaps at meetings. As mentioned she gives them to the Lions organised Kidney Kids Support Group. No food lids or beer tops please.

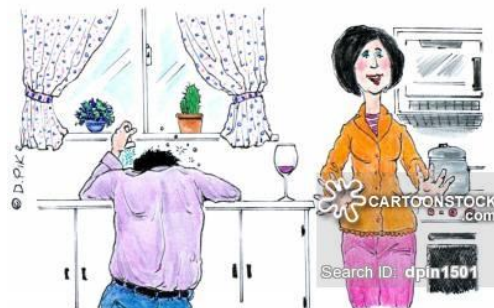
Drinking and Driving - Members will be aware that the drink/drive limits have now been lowered. We ask members to always be conscious of the new limits and to take care when attending Club events.

Members Draw - There is a members prize draw at each meeting, you must be present to win, and it must be won each meeting.

Have you Heard



"I WAS WORKING AS A WINE-TASTER UNTIL THE BOSS FIRED ME FOR NOT DRINKING ON THE JOB."



You're always complaining that red wine gives you bad breath, so I added mouthwash.

In the News - New Zealand wine region honoured with its own Riedel glass

New Zealand wine has captured the attention of Riedel Crystal, the 300-year-old world leader in varietal-specific glassware, resulting in the launch of a Central Otago Pinot Noir glass.

The reputation of Central Otago's wines prompted 10th generation Georg J. Riedel to run a sensory workshop in the region in 2013 to discover the perfect glass for Central Otago Pinot Noir. Riedel Glass Owner, Georg J. Riedel, returned from Austria to launch the new glass at a media workshop tasting in Auckland today.

Unique from other Pinot Noir glasses in the Riedel portfolio, the Central Otago Pinot Noir glass accentuates the aroma and taste of the region's typical pure fruit-focussed and intense mineral style said Rudi Bauer, spokesperson for the Central Otago Winegrowers Association.

"The unique attributes and consistent quality of Pinot Noir from Central Otago has captivated critics and consumers around the world, and we're excited about taking yet another step forward."

Central Otago Winegrowers Association has worked closely with Riedel for over two years, and have reason to celebrate the attention their region has generated from the world-leading glass company. "Riedel brought vision and endorsement to the creation of the perfect glass to enjoy Central Otago Pinot Noir. It is an important milestone in the development and reputation of our spectacular wine region", said Mr Bauer.

Pinot Noir is New Zealand's second most exported wine. There has been 30% growth in export sales of New Zealand Pinot Noir in the last five years, with 10.7 million litres exported in the 12 months to June year-end 2014. Pinot Noir is the most planted grape variety in Central Otago accounting for 77% of all plantings in the region.

Implementation of Act is a big step forward for the New Zealand wine industry *(After a discussion at last month's meeting re Geographical Indications this item seemed appropriate)*

New Zealand Winegrowers warmly welcomes the announcement that Government will implement the Geographical Indications Registration Act. Geographical indications identify wines as originating in a region or locality says Philip Gregan, CEO, New Zealand Winegrowers. The Act will set up a registration system for wine geographical indications, similar to the trademark registration system.

"It will equip the wine industry with the tools to protect its premium brand from misappropriation or misuse, as well as help secure market access in some regions. It's a big step forward for the industry" said Mr Gregan.

Wine exports stand at \$1.37 billion to the year January 2015, up 9%, propelling wine to New Zealand's 6th biggest export good.

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Coming Events

Wednesday 13 May 2015

AGM

Wednesday 10 June 2015

To be arranged

Wednesday 8 July 2015

Mid-Year Dinner TBA

Wednesday 12 August 2015

Gladstone, Wairarapa

Wednesday 9 September 2015

Craggy Range, Hawkes Bay

Wednesday 14 October 2015

Man 'o War, Waiheke Island
