

The Cellar Club Inc

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Newsletter - August 2015

Next Event: Gladstone Vineyard.

**Wednesday 12 August 2015, 7.45 for 8.00pm start,
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue,
Johnsonville**

Members: \$12 Guests: \$16.

Presenter: Christine Kernohan, Owner/Chief Winemaker.



**GLADSTONE
VINEYARD**

Christine is chief winemaker at Gladstone, involved in all stages of winemaking, and manages the business. One of only three Scottish women winemakers in the world (it not being a common career aspiration where or when she grew up), Christine 'fell' into the wine industry after a happenstance visit to Gladstone Vineyard with David one spring weekend in 1995. She previously worked in the computer industry in business analysis and project management, and was also involved in social research and agriculture industry research. She has an MBA from Massey University and farming experience from involvement in a goat, sheep and beef farm at Hunterville. Gladstone Vineyard was the opportunity to run her own business, bring together the rural life with business, and apply her scientific bent from way back.

David Kernohan is owner/taster, architect and former Associate Professor at the School of Architecture at Wellington's Victoria University. He has been operating his own research and building heritage consultancy, Architecture Diagnostics, from the vineyard for the past eight years. He is author of five books on architecture including Wairarapa Buildings published in 2003. David is a Deputy Environment Commissioner, was co-author of the Hunn Report on the weather-tightness of buildings that precipitated the Building Act 2004, and is a former Director of Wellington Waterfront Limited.

The quaffer will be the 12,000 Miles Sauvignon Blanc 2014 while other wines on offer for the evening are likely to include;
Gladstone Vineyard Viognier 2014,
Gladstone Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2013,
12,000 Miles Pinot Gris 2014,
Gladstone Vineyard Rose 2014,
12,000 Miles Pinot Noir 2013 and
Gladstone Vineyard Pinot Noir 2011.

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From the Editor

Special Draw – Gladstone. As always there will be a chance to order wines from the Gladstone presentation. As a tempter however Gladstone are making a special offer – for any case purchased, you will go into the draw to win a magnum of their reserve 2009 Pinot Noir. Might like to keep that in mind when planning the evening come Wednesday.

Future Programme - You may note in the Coming Events section at the end of this newsletter that presentations for early 2016 are not fully finalised. Your committee has decided that on occasions we are confirming presenters a little too far in advance, and that circumstances change as the event draws nearer. This led to some issues earlier in the year as you will be aware. As a consequence we have decided not to organise presenters quite so far in advance. Planning is well on the way for early 2016, and we will confirm details as soon as possible.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward - September 2015 - Craggy Range



When Australian businessman Terry Peabody visited New Zealand in 1997, he immediately recognised his odyssey had reached its destination. He realised very quickly that the promise he'd made to his wife and daughter – to create an enduring family wine legacy – had come to fruition. They may have expected Old World France. What they got was something altogether more interesting.

Terry sensed a new and exciting possibility in New Zealand, a potential he hadn't seen elsewhere despite an extensive search of the world's well known wine regions. The exceptional climate and the spirit of the people aligned with his own philosophy and desire to cut a new path. His ambition was not merely to emulate the greatest examples of wine styles in the world - it was bolder. He wanted to create new benchmarks with wines that would become internationally regarded as World classics - wines that would be listed in the world's greatest restaurants and sold by fine wine merchants.

This is the philosophy behind our presenters for September, continuing with the fine list of Hawkes Bay wineries who have presented at our club. More detail next newsletter, but clearly an evening to look forward to.

Looking Back - July 2015 – Bistro 52



bistro 52
WellTec's training restaurant

The July dinner was a beautiful night, very enjoyable. The food was good and the atmosphere is lovely. The change to Wellington City has resulted in a great venue. The students were good with their service given that this was only their second week. However, there was some spread in service with the first tables finishing the course before the last of that course had come out. One member of your committee commented that he had the best blue steak ever but some members found the steak was cold. There was some confusion about the vegetables and it was decided that we do need to find out if vegetables are included on the plate or separately. Despite these small problems we feel it is a venue we could use again.

General Information

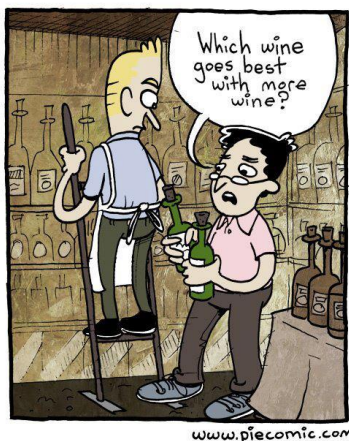
Screwcaps - Anne collects screwcaps at meetings. As mentioned she gives them to the Lions organised Kidney Kids Support Group. No food lids or beer tops please.

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

An evening at the Cellar Club perhaps



In The News - WORLD EXPERIENCED SOMMELIER JOINS CRAGGY RANGE

- (Craggy Range Release 15 June 2015)



One of the country's most experienced Sommeliers has been appointed Customer Experience Manager at Craggy Range Winery in Hawke's Bay. Advanced sommelier Michael Bancks is working towards becoming New Zealand's second only Master Sommelier and returns to Craggy Range after three years in France. Formerly Manager of Craggy Range's Terrôir Restaurant for six years from 2004, Bancks was awarded the title of Sommelier of the Year at the Culinary Fair in 2008 while in that role.

During his time in France Bancks developed his fine wine and hospitality skills as Maître d' at the Michelin Star restaurant of famed chef Michel Guerard at Les Prés d'Eugénie. Les Prés d'Eugénie served as the inspiration for Terrôir Restaurant after Terry and Mary Peabody shared a memorable meal at the estate.

At Craggy Range he is responsible for the Visitor Hosting Programme showcasing the winery's unique experience to visitors and key influencers from around the world. He is also responsible for managing the Cellar Door. Bancks says he is delighted to be coming home to Hawke's Bay, one of New Zealand's most popular food and wine regions. "I am really enjoying being home in the Bay and very much looking forward to working with the Craggy Range team again. It was a tremendous three years in France where I was fortunate to be under the patronage of such a brilliant restaurateur as Michel Guerard.

"Working in an establishment that has famously held three Michelin Stars continuously since 1977 has provided a wonderful benchmark for my career. Craggy Range wines are inspired by the old world styles I have experienced in France but nurtured in the finest new world terroir and I am excited to share the Craggy Range philosophy with visitors from around the world."

Craggy Range Chief Executive Officer Michael Wilding says everyone is delighted to welcome Michael back to the Craggy Range team. "Michael's passion and experience as both a sommelier and Maître d' brings enormous credibility to the role. The Visitor Hosting Programme is an integral component of growing our brand globally and we look forward to extending our hosting programme, creating and launching more layers to our Craggy Range experience over the coming months.

"Michael always has been a phenomenal Craggy Range ambassador and truly understands and shares the Craggy Range philosophy, so we are very fortunate to have him leading our visitor hosting programme and the cellar door." Michael took up his role at Craggy Range in May.

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Coming Events

Wednesday 9 September 2015

Craggy Range, Hawkes Bay

Wednesday 14 October 2015

Man 'o War, Waiheke Island

Wednesday 11 November 2015

Festive Wines - MacVine

Wednesday 9 December 2015

December Dinner - TBA

Sunday 31 January 2016

BBQ

Wednesday 10 February 2016

Central Otago
