



The Cellar Club Inc

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Newsletter - September 2015

Next Event: Craggy Range, Hawkes Bay

**Wednesday 9 September 2015, 7.45 for 8.00pm start,
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue,
Johnsonville**

Members: \$18 Guests: \$23.

Presenter: Michael Bancks, Customer Experience Manager



Craggy Range

You will recall that in last month's newsletter I included an item about Mike's appointment to Craggy Range. For this tasting we get the benefit of his wide international experience and his enthusiasm for Craggy Range. This is going to be an exceptional night from a top class Hawkes Bay producer, not to be missed. The three reds listed are from Craggy Range's Prestige range, a real bonus for this tasting. And to top it off they are donating a bottle of the Sophia for the raffle.

Introductory Quaffer: Gimblett Gravels Rose 2015, followed by;

1. Craggy Range Te Muna Riesling 2014
2. Craggy Range Te Muna Sauvignon Blanc 2014
3. Craggy Range Kidnappers Vineyard Chardonnay 2013
4. Craggy Range Aroha (Pinot Noir) 2013
5. Craggy Range Le Sol (Syrah) 2013
6. Craggy Range Sophia (Merlot) 2013

"We believe we produce some of the new World's most inspiring fine wines, wines that are true reflection of the place and the people. We also believe these wines represent some of the best value fine wines in the world."- Terry Peabody, Craggy Range



From the Editor

Craggy Range - What a great tasting on offer. Miss it at your peril. You will note that the door cost is a little higher than usual. This is to ensure that members have the opportunity to taste great wines from a top producer. Enjoy.

Gladstone - At the Gladstone tasting last month the winery set up a draw for any members purchasing case lots. On offer was a magnum of their 2009 Reserve Pinot Noir. This draw was won by Derek Thompson. Attached is a picture of Derek receiving his prize. Congratulations Derek.



Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Forward - October 2015 - Man O' War



The Man O' War Legacy

"The Man O' War story begins with a special piece of land which has a rich history. Located at the eastern end of Waiheke Island, Man O' War is a stunning array of coastal hillsides with high cliffs and pristine beaches forming a ruggedly beautiful coastline.

It was along this coastline that Captain James Cook came to anchor during his first voyage around the islands of New Zealand in 1769. Upon sighting the ancient stands of magnificent Kauri trees ashore, Cook noted in his journals that they would make ideal masts for the Man O' War battleships of the Royal Navy. Thus the name Man O' War was bestowed upon this unique land.

With a desire to protect this treasured land's natural beauty and sense of history for future generations, the owners purchased the four contiguous farms that now form the 4,500 acres of Man O' War in the early 1980s. And so began the adventure of exploring this land, along the way naming our 'discoveries' in honour of family history, naval legacy, and of this special place itself."

Detail for the tasting will be provided in the next newsletter.

Looking Back - August 2015 – Gladstone Vineyard



A great evening with a good range of wines which was evidenced by a very good level of orders from the winery. Wines enjoyed on the evening included the 12,000 Miles Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Followed by;
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.

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

With Christmas just around the corner you might want to follow the advice below for best results on the day.

HOW TO COOK A TURKEY

- Step 1. Buy a turkey
- Step 2. Have a glass of wine
- Step 3. Stuff turkey
- Step 4. Have a glass of wine
- Step 5. Put turkey in oven
- Step 6. Relax and have a glass of wine
- Step 7. Turk the bastey
- Step 8. Wine of glass another get
- Step 9. Hunt for meat thermometer
- Step 10. Glass yourself another pour of wine
- Step 11. Bake the wine for 4 hours
- Step 12. Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 13. Tet the sable
- Step 14. Grab another wottle of bine
- Step 15. Turk the carvey!

In The News - AN EMAIL FROM ASH RIDGE - Lauren wins New Zealand Young Winemaker of the Year 2015



Its now official that Ash Ridge has the best young winemaker in the country. Lauren was awarded the Young Winemaker of the Year trophy last night at the Bragato Dinner, by Mike McRoberts of TV3. Obviously we are all absolutely thrilled. Another huge feather in the cap for this extremely talented winemaker, and I think you can see this in the wines that are being made.

And while on the Bragato Awards... **Romeo Bragato Wine Awards 2015**

An Auckland Chardonnay and a Hawke's Bay Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot shine at this year's Romeo Bragato Wine Awards. Grown by Brett Donaldson, the Villa Maria Single Vineyard Ihumatao Chardonnay 2013 won the coveted Bragato Trophy – Champion Single Vineyard Wine and the Bill Irwin Trophy for Champion Chardonnay. "The Bragato Trophy went to this beautifully handled Chardonnay because in simple terms – it was exceptional. The wine had a sense of place and it was a pleasure to savour and taste" said Chairman of Judges Ben Glover.

Villa Maria's Reserve Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2013, made from grapes grown on the Vidal Vineyard by Phil Holden won the Richard Smart Trophy – Champion Domaine Wine. "This was just a beautifully crafted wine – well done to all on allowing the fruit to shine with deft and subtle winemaking" said Mr Glover.

The Bragato Wine Awards, held each year as part of the New Zealand Winegrowers Romeo Bragato National Conference, are awarded to the grower for viticultural excellence. The competition recognises that growing excellent grapes is the foundation of making wines of true quality. The Trophies were presented at the Bragato Dinner in Hawke's Bay last night.

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Coming Events

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

Wednesday 9 March 2016
Waipara
