



# The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

## Newsletter - October 2015

**Next Event: Man O' War, Waiheke Island**

**Wednesday 14 October 2015, 7.45 for 8.00pm start,  
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue,  
Johnsonville**

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

**Presenter: Ben Coles, Global Sales Manager**



## MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND  
NEW ZEALAND WINE

The Winemaker at Man O' War is Duncan McTavish. His heart and soul, and enormous talent, are all reflected in each of the extraordinary wines he crafts at Man O' War. Of singular personality they are indeed the "definitive translation of our land."

The inaugural graduate of the Viticulture & Oenology degree at Lincoln University in 1998, Duncan spent the following three years working harvest for some of the best producers in Burgundy, Germany, California, Australia and New Zealand. This apprenticeship culminated in 2001 when he landed a job with one of New Zealand's best wine producers, the Waipara Valley's inimitable Pegasus Bay. After nearly four years under the wing of Pegasus, Duncan left to develop his own winemaking ideas at Waipara Springs. In 2008 Man O' War were fortunate enough to entice Duncan to go north to Man O' War. He now makes his home on Waiheke living above Onetangi Beach with his partner Vanessa, son Tommy and a baby daughter.

We look forward to sharing the Man O' War philosophy and wines with Ben who is the Global Sales Manager for the winery. The line-up will be as follows:

Gravestone Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013  
Valhalla Chardonnay 2014  
Exiled Pinot Gris 2015  
Pinque Rose 2015  
Dreadnought Syrah 2011  
Man O' War Merlot Cabernet Malbec 2012  
Ironclad Bordeaux blend 2010



## From the Editor

The year speeds by but there are still interesting options for Cellar Club members. With Man O' War, November's festive offering and the December dinner still to come, there is much to look forward to.

Members might note that we are being a little less forthcoming with details of future events. We have found this to be a testing year with a number of presenters dropping out after tastings have been arranged. With this in mind we are waiting until a little closer to an event before finalising arrangements. Despite this we have plenty of interesting events in prospect. We have quite a number of producers contacting us wanting to present, and we are well placed for future tastings.

**NB,** The committee think it might be helpful at tastings if people could send their glasses to the centre end of the table to make it easier for pourers. We will give it a go at this month's meeting and see how it works. On the subject of pouring, we always welcome assistance. If you are happy to pour at a tasting please let someone on the committee know.

Cheers

*Robin Semmens*, Editor

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## Looking Forward - November 2015 - Festive Wines



This year our festive wines presenter will be Andrew Yates, the Wellington Sales and Marketing Executive for Macvine International Ltd. Macvine are boutique wine importers and distributors. The company was established in 1999, and they import and distribute top quality, specialist wine from New Zealand and around the world. They also import and distribute Spiegelau Glassware - one of the world's top specialist producers of glassware designed for wine lovers.

Wines for the event will include offerings from Australia, Germany, Italy, France and New Zealand. More information in next month's newsletter.

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## Looking Back - September 2015 - Craggy Range



A great evening with a good range of wines which was evidenced by a very good level of orders from the winery. Some of the wines were very expensive, I am sure members are keeping them for a special occasion.

Just to recap, the selection included the Gimblett Gravels Rose 2015, followed by the Te Muna Riesling 2014, the Te Muna Sauvignon Blanc 2014, and the Kidnappers Vineyard Chardonnay 2013. The reds included the high range Aroha (Pinot Noir) 2013, the Le Sol (Syrah) 2013 and the Sophia (Merlot) 2013.

Altogether an excellent tasting, thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

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## 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.

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## Have you Heard



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## In The News - WINE GROWERS WELCOME TPP – RADIO NZ (7 OCT)

Philip Gregan, the CEO for NZ Winegrowers said the trade deal agreed yesterday would provide improved access into key TPP markets and a secure rules-based system that would help improve market access.

"TPP countries account for about 60 percent of our wine exports at the moment and we face tariffs going into a number of those countries, including the United States, Canada and Japan - and as we understand it, those tariffs are going to be eliminated. So that's a great deal for NZ wine exporters," Mr Gregan said.

He said at current volumes, the TPP would be worth at least \$10 million a year to wine exporters, and they had great ambitions to export considerably more in the years to come. "Some of our competitor countries such as Australia have had the benefit of free trade agreements going into the United States. This is going to place us on an equal footing with them, which is great."

### **The "New World" Wine Awards. – Press Release, 8 October.**

The New World Wine Awards Champion wines are proving to be more popular than ever this year. The Champion Pinot Gris, The Luminary Martinborough Pinot Gris 2014, and the Champion Sparkling Wine, Hunter's MiruMiruTM NV, are on the brink of selling out just ten days since the awards were announced on 28 September.

"The fact that the Champion Pinot Gris and the Champion Sparkling Wine have been snapped up so quickly reflects the recognition among consumers of the credibility of the New World Wine Awards for identifying top quality wines at affordable prices," says Jim Harré, chair of the judging panel.

While there might be limited opportunities for consumers to buy the Champion Pinot Gris and the Champion Sparkling Wine given they are close to selling out, the good news is there are lots of other Gold medal wines showcased in New World's 137 supermarkets nationwide, in the New World Wine Awards 2015 booklet and on the internet

In order to be eligible for entry to the New World Wine Awards the wines entered must retail for \$25 or less and there must be at least 5,000 bottles available for sale.

This year there were 1,309 entries in the New World Wine Awards, including a full range of varietals. The 13-strong independent panel of wine experts who judged the wines using the same internationally recognised points system as all other major wine shows, awarded 86 Gold, 236 Silver and 483 Bronze medals.

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## **Coming Events**

**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

**Wednesday 13 March 2016**  
TBA

