



The Cellar Club Inc

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Newsletter - May 2016

Next Event: Cellar Club Inc. - AGM



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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT
THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
3 FRANKMOORE AVENUE, JOHNSONVILLE
WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016,
COMMENCING AT 8pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2014/15 held on Wednesday, 13th May 2015:
3. Matters Arising:
 4. Financial Report for the Year 2015/16:
 5. Membership Report for the Year 2015/16:
 6. President's Report for the Year 2015/16:
7. Notices of Motion:
8. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2016/17:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committee
9. Subscriptions:
10. General Business:

At the conclusion of the AGM, supper will be served,
accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar

From the Editor

It's AGM time so we are looking for a great turnout. The agenda is part of this newsletter and the minutes from the last AGM are attached. Other business matters such as Officers Reports will be available at the meeting.

A couple of committee members will not be able to be present but will be there in spirit. Please come along, the meeting will not be onerous and the company will be pleasant.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Back - April 2016 – Pegasus Bay – Edward Donaldson

PEGASUS BAY
FINE WAIPARA WINE



This was a great meeting with an interesting speaker and good attendance – 34 members and 2 guests. Ed Donaldson was a knowledgeable presenter and the wines were very much appreciated. Murray reported that there were over 100 orders. Pegasus also provided the raffle prize for this tasting.

Great wines, great presentation, yet another prestige tasting. May they continue

Looking Forward - June 2016 - Foxes Island



John Belsham founded Foxes Island in 1992 to focus on exquisitely made, regionally expressive wines; exactly what he had learned to do in France. He initially made the wines for Foxes Island from his Raupara vineyard on the Wairau Plains and produced the very first Foxes Island wine; Chardonnay, vintage 1992.

In search of a Pinot Noir site, Belsham identified the overgrown and neglected 20 hectare Awatere property in 1998 and envisaged the Belsham Awatere Estate. With seven distinct terraces and exceptional soil profiles the land was planted primarily to Pinot Noir.

There were also select blocks dedicated to Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling,

24 Years on Belsham's passion for producing exceptional wines has yet to wane. Limited in production and genuinely hand crafted, all the wines hold pride of place at the Fox House.

Not sure of the wines to be presented yet but rest assured, this will be another quality tasting.

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



Wayne was fond of this

In the News – What are you doing to celebrate International Sauvignon Blanc Day? *(Media Release – NZ Wine – April 2016)*

Festivities celebrating the seventh annual International Sauvignon Blanc Day will kick off on Friday May 6 in New Zealand, home to some of the world's most coveted Sauvignon Blanc wines, before continuing around the globe, following the sun. Wine brands, restaurants, bars, retailers and Sauvignon Blanc fanatics are encouraged to post video clips, photographs and messages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram showing their passion for New Zealand's most popular drop by using the "hashtags": #SauvBlanc and #nzwine.



New Zealand Winegrowers are celebrating the variety that awoke the world to New Zealand wine by running promotions with international retailers, hosting tasting events and holding online competitions around the globe. "2016 has already been a huge year for New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc," said Chris Yorke, Global Marketing Director for New Zealand Winegrowers.

"Our inaugural International Sauvignon Blanc Celebration took place in Marlborough in early February, and saw 300 international guests from 18 countries attending, with over 400 wines available to taste." "We've seen amazing international coverage as a result of the Celebration, and International Sauvignon Blanc Day provides another great opportunity to raise awareness about New Zealand's most popular wine, which makes up 85% of wine exported from New Zealand" said Mr Yorke.

"#SauvBlanc trended at number one on Twitter last year in New Zealand on International Sauvignon Blanc Day, and we'd love to build on that success this year and see how well we can do internationally!"

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Coming Events

Wednesday 8 June 2016

Foxes Island

Wednesday 13 July 2016

Mid Year Dinner – Logan Brown

Wednesday 10 August 2016

Peter Lehmann, Australia

Wednesday 14 September 2016

TBA

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Jane Hunter

Wednesday 9 November 2016