



The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

Newsletter - June 2016

Next Event:



FOXES ISLAND

Awatere Valley, Marlborough

Wednesday 8 June 2016, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start.

**Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members: \$16 Guests: \$20

Presenter: John Belsham, Founder



John Belsham's wine credits are formidable. An international winemaker, businessman, consultant and critic, John has 40 years of wine industry experience that has shaped and guided some of the most successful wine companies today. As a student, John learned to make wine in Bordeaux, France where he lived from 1977 to 1981. A natural entrepreneur, he founded Rapaura Vintners in 1991, the first contract winemaking company in New Zealand; a business whose tipping point took NZ winemaking from a select few and made it a commercial and viable option for many.

Re-focusing his attention on producing premium, single vineyard wines he founded Foxes Island wines in 1992. For 25 years the winery has had a dedicated focus on pinot noir and chardonnay along with prestigious selections of riesling and sauvignon blanc.

The list of John's achievements and activities is significant. He is an internationally respected wine judge and critic, he is the wine panel chair for Australasia's leading food & wine magazine, Cuisine, and has held the role of wine consultant to Air New Zealand since July 2000. He is a founding member of the New Zealand screw cap initiative, continues as chair of the NZSCI, he was a board member of the international conference Pinot Noir NZ in 2007 and 2010 and a distinguished speaker in 2004 and 2007 and is an expert on cool climate winemaking. On the night we will be tasting;

FOX Sauvignon Blanc 2014 (Quaffer)

Foxes Island Dry Riesling 2011

Foxes Island Sur Lie Aged Sauvignon Blanc 2014 (new release)

Foxes Island Icon La Lapine white 2012

Foxes Island Chardonnay 2011

FOX Pinot Noir 2014

Foxes Island Pinot Noir 2009



From the Editor

We are coming into a great second half of the year for club members. With the line up over the next few months including Foxes Island, dinner at Logan Brown, and then Peter Lehmann, Squawking Magpie and Jane Hunter. Phew.

There are a couple of attachments to this newsletter. There is a payment advice which includes the June meeting, the July dinner and, it's that time of year again, subscriptions. Please print off the form and bring it to next week's tasting. Alternatively you can arrange payment direct to the Club bank account as set out on the form.

Also attached is the sample menu for the July dinner. No point trying to resist it, just come along.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Back – May 2016 – Cellar Club Inc - AGM

Not much to be said about the AGM. I wasn't there but I am reliably informed that it was completed in record time. Clearly allowing for more time to be spent on enjoying the wines from the Club's cellar. On a level we see this as confirmation that the committee is on the right track and that members generally approve of the programme we arrange.

We would like to welcome Richard Taylor onto the committee. We are sure he will make a valuable contribution to our work.

Looking Forward - July 2016 - Mid Year Dinner



This year's mid-year dinner is at Logan Brown in Cuba Street, This, as most of you know, is a seriously good restaurant and therefore comes at a cost. In order to mitigate that cost and make it more affordable, we have had to restrict the menu options and remove the tea and coffee from the inclusive price, although that still includes bread, sides and corkage.

Tea and coffee will still be available but you will need pay for those when you order. You also need to be aware that this venue does have some historical features that make it highly unlikely that tables can be grouped together in a manner that allows for some of the larger seating requirements that have been requested in the past. So please be prepared for this. We will update you all closer to the date should that change.

Arrival time is 7pm for seating and orders at 7:30pm. See you there.

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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They're barbarians!"

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In the News – Hunter's Riesling Double Trophy Win

(Candice Sears – NZ Wine – 1 June 2016)

(In anticipation of a not too distant tasting)



Hunter's Riesling 2015, Best Riesling and Judges' Best New Release at
the International Cool Climate Wine Show 2016

Friday 27 May 2016, Hunter's Wines collected not one but two trophies for the Hunter's Marlborough Riesling 2015 at the International Cool Climate Wine Show.

The trophies were presented at Friday evening's awards dinner at Mornington Racing Club in Melbourne, Australia.

Riesling has always been a winning variety for Hunter's Wines. The 2012 vintage collected a trophy last year at the Marlborough Wine Show showing the age-ability of Riesling. Every vintage of Hunter's Riesling has won at least a gold medal in the last five years. But the awards started many more years before.

Jane Hunter commented: "It an incredible result. To win a trophy is always very gratifying and one to be proud of. To go on and win two trophies in the same show is spectacular. It's very reassuring that our style of Riesling stands up year after year."

Jane Hunter's nephew and winemaker, James Macdonald said he has always enjoyed making Riesling saying: "Riesling is a fun variety for Inus [Hunter's other winemaker] and I as it reflects Hunter's personal style. Riesling has fallen away in popularity in the last few years but for the more astute wine drinker, it offers so much. Our off-dry style makes it very versatile and food friendly. The double trophy win is a pat on the back for both the vineyard and winemaking teams."

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Coming Events

Wednesday 13 July 2016

Mid Year Dinner – Logan Brown

Wednesday 10 August 2016

Peter Lehmann, Australia

Wednesday 14 September 2016

Squawking Magpie, Hawke's Bay

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Jane Hunter

Wednesday 9 November 2016

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Wednesday 14 December 2016

Xmas Dinner

