



# The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

## Newsletter - August 2016

**Next Event – Elderton from the Barossa, and South Australia**

**Wednesday 10 August 2016, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start.  
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,  
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

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

**Presenter: Keith Tibble, Eurovintage**



## EUROVINTAGE

A great evening is coming together here. As I mentioned last month we are staying with an Australian theme, with the focus on Elderton Wines in the Barossa and a couple of other wines from South. Our host Keith has a long association with wines and with the Cellar Club, we are sure you will not be disappointed.

A short history - after time spent working in Saudi Arabia, Neil and Lorraine Ashmead, moved to the Barossa in 1979, after Lorraine's father identified a beautiful home with potential. The homestead, in the heart of the township of Nuriootpa, was surrounded by extremely old Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon vines. At a time where demand for Australian table wine was negligible, the vineyard had become derelict. After years of no interest, the real estate agent eventually offered the Ashmeads the 72 acre vineyard as a bonus, as part of the sale of the homestead. Three years later, after restoring the vineyard, Elderton Wines was born.

The wines on the evening will include but will not necessarily be restricted to;

Serafino Fiano 2015 - McLaren Vale  
Pikes Tradition Riesling 2015 - Clare Valley  
Elderton E Series Shiraz-Cabernet - Barossa  
Elderton Altitude Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 - Eden Valley  
Elderton Greenock Two Shiraz- Grenache-Mourvèdre 2013 (Dry grown old vine western Barossa)  
Elderton GTS( grand tourer)Shiraz 2013 – (dry grown / old vine home block valley floor Nuriootpa)

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## From the Editor

**Condolences** - The Cellar Club would like to express its deepest sympathies to Gillian Bohm. Gillian's son Nick died suddenly early in July. We are thinking of you Gillian.

The programme is well in hand for the next six months and some real treats are in store for members. After the success of the quiz night we had in June 2013 the committee have decided we will have another quiz night next February. Sharpen up your quizzing skills for that one.

And just in case you missed it we had a good article in the local "Independent Herald" during the week. I have included the article in the "In the News" section.

Cheers

*Robin Semmens*, Editor

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## Looking Back – July 2016 – Mid-year Dinner – Logan Brown



41 members and 7 guests attended the dinner at Logan Brown. It was a good night out for the most part, but there were some issues. Wayne has emailed Steve Logan to give feedback on the issues which were mainly around time between courses and timing between different tables. Steve has replied to say that the main issue was our large booking plus other customers on the night meaning a fullish restaurant. We accept that there were difficulties with numbers but felt that an establishment such as Logan Brown should have been able to cope, particularly as they knew the numbers up front.

The Allan Scott bubbles were very good value and the food was wonderful but some of the tables were cramped and there was at least a 60-minute wait between courses for some tables. It appears that the Maitre D tried to suit everyone by interspersing our orders between orders from other customers. The staff serving at the tables were fine, and Steve assures us that our custom was valued. We may have to give them another chance to redeem themselves.

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## Looking Forward - September 2016 – Squawking Magpie



Just as the Magpie is synonymous with the Hawkes Bay region, so too is the name Gimblett Gravels with producing world-renowned wines. From the celebrated shingle soils of Gimblett Gravels, hails the boutique label: Squawking Magpie. Squawking Magpie wines come from four Vineyards in Gimblett Gravels. Gavin Yortt first planted grapes in Gimblett Road, namely the Irongate Vineyard, in 1981. From the very first plantings, the emphasis has been on creating outstanding wines focusing on viticultural excellence. Gavin Yortt and his team hold a firm belief that great wines come from great grapes.

Still working on detail for the tasting which will be included in next month's newsletter.

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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 – more from the Adams County Winery, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



*I was in Gettysburg a couple of years ago.  
Should have visited this winery.*



*And with this weekends game in mind. (This was prepared before the Canes clash but you might now turn the thought to a range of Olympic events.*

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## In the News - Wine lovers invited to join Johnsonville's Cellar Club

*Independent Herald – 3 August 2016*

Johnsonville's Cellar Club is looking to extend its membership to those who are interested in wine. Club President Murray Jaspers said the Club, which was established in 1980, was not designed for "wine snobs". It's objective is to allow members to learn about wines and wineries from people who work with and breathe wine – the winery owners, the winemakers or other winery representatives.

The club already has about 60 members but is looking to increase that number and invited locals to join one of the Club's monthly meetings to find out what it was all about. At the monthly meeting in October the presenter will be Jane Hunter of Hunter Wines in Marlborough. Jane has a big international reputation so her presentation will, no doubt, be of immense interest, Cellar Club committee member Richard Taylor said.

"The monthly meetings are relaxed and friendly with plenty of opportunity to mix and mingle with other members." The gatherings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Johnsonville Community Centre with a 7.45pm start time. "There are also other social events staged during the year such as dinners, a barbeque and some tastings from the Club's cellar," Richard said. He said those who were interested should head along to the next meeting on August 10.

The annual membership cost is \$25 per year with a door charge of between \$12 and \$16 to cover the cost of the wines that are on taste that night, room hire and supper. Offsetting this, Richard said, there are sometimes opportunities to purchase the presenters' wines at discounted prices.

**More information can be gathered from the Club's website – [cellarclub.co.nz](http://cellarclub.co.nz) – or by phoning Murray Jaspers on 479 3191 or Anne Megget (Vice President and Membership) 478 8573.**

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## Coming Events

**Wednesday 14 September 2016**  
Squawking Magpie, Hawke's Bay

**Wednesday 12 October 2016**  
Jane Hunter

**Wednesday 9 November 2016**  
Cangrande - Festive Wines

**Wednesday 14 December 2016**  
Xmas Dinner - Venue TBA

**Sunday 29 January 2017**  
Club BBQ

**Wednesday 8 February 2017**  
Quiz Night

