



The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

Newsletter - May 2017

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, 10 MAY 2017,
COMMENCING AT 8pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2015/16 held on Wednesday, 11th May 2016:
3. Matters Arising:
4. Financial Report for the Year 2016/17:
5. Membership Report for the Year 2016/17:
6. President's Report for the Year 2016/17:
7. Notices of Motion: Proposed Rules Changes

Resolution 1

That the existing rule 2[b] be amended to read
All monies received shall be banked in the name of the Club in a suitable bank account with a registered bank in New Zealand

Resolution 2

That the existing rule 2[i] be replaced by
To invest, lend and deal with the moneys of the Club not immediately required upon Securities with at least an AA credit ranking as the Club may think fit.

Resolution 3

That the existing rule 5 be replaced by

Signatories

The Signatories of the Club's Bank Accounts shall be the Honorary Treasurer and a minimum of two other members of the Committee. Electronic Payments to be authorised and Cheques to be signed by any two of the Signatories.

Rationale for rule changes

The change to rule 2[b] is simply to add clarity and provide security by stipulating that the bank account must be "with a registered bank in New Zealand".

The other two changes are required because the current rules of the club make reference to the appointment of Trustees and with investing in Trustee Securities. This terminology implies the existence of a Trust Deed outlining the duties, office and powers of the trustees, as well as a set of processes around their appointment, retirement and removal. In fact, there is no Trust Deed for the club and the use of "Trustee" in our rules harks back to language and use which differs to that in vogue today. The above resolutions are intended to remove any confusion or misunderstanding that the previous terminology might cause.

8. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2017/18:

- 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 time for our AGM and we are looking forward to a great attendance. Look at the benefits, scintillating company, some nice food, some even nicer wine, and all at no cost to you personally'

The notice is incorporated above and a couple of the supporting documents are attached to this newsletter. Other information will be available at the meeting. No need to bring your tasting glasses, Cellar Club glasses will be available.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Back – April 2017 – Trivia Quiz Night



What a great night, a lot of fun, enjoyed by all who attended. A little low in numbers but this was not surprising given that it was somewhat inclement weather and just before Easter where some may have been planning their Easter activities.

A great range of questions which made people put on their thinking caps. The quiz master was putting up with no nonsense from participants and no correspondence was entered into.

An impressive 100% of our quiz teams knew (we'd never say guessed) that the total yield of New Zealand wineries is 313.9 million litres, and 80% that GK Chesterton was responsible for the quote "And Noah he often said to his wife, when he sat down to dine, I don't care where the water goes if it doesn't get into the wine". However, no team knew that Elton John sang 'Elderberry Wine'. It seems that when it comes to wine our members only take notice of the product of the vine. Rest assured we aren't planning any elderberry wine tastings in the foreseeable future.

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Looking Forward -



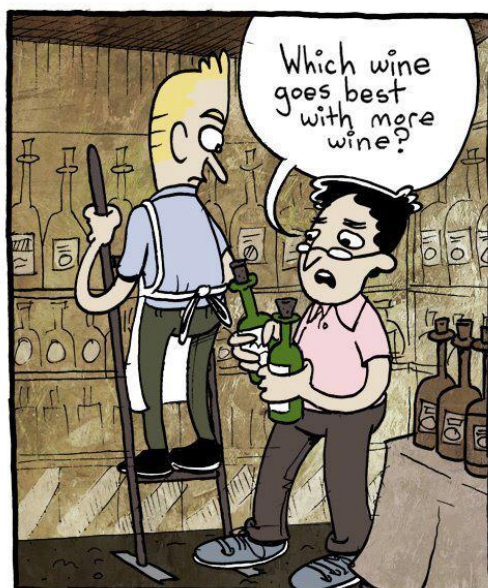
Growing up in Germany as the sons of a stonemason may not be the most likely start for the founders of a New Zealand winery, but when you look closer, wine is practically running in Theo, Alex and Marcel Giesen's veins. For centuries, their family members have been involved in the culinary and wine trades, as sommeliers, restaurateurs and other related careers. As youths, the boys had a hobby vineyard that first ignited their interest in grapes.

While Alex and Theo were initially travelling abroad in Australia and then through New Zealand, they quickly fell in love with the lands. The brothers noticed a limited range of wines available during a chance visit to a local wine shop, with most bottles from the warmer North Island. Alex and Theo agreed the cooler climate of the South Island would be an ideal place to grow certain wines like Riesling, a popular German varietal. This was the catalyst to purchase their first land, in Burnham on the outskirts of Christchurch.

Today, They're proud to have operations throughout the Marlborough region. The company is built on the brothers' shared passion and family values – every member of the Giesen Wines team works together on building up and maintaining the reputation of the Giesen name worldwide. More next month.

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"Have you Heard"



Screwcaps

A reminder that 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.

In the News – Size does matter!!

All you wanted to know about bottle sizes, but were afraid to ask.

Split

187 ml

Half-Bottle

Holds 375 ml or one half of the standard bottle size.

Bottle

Holds 750 ml - the standard size.

Magnum

Two bottles or 1.5 litres.

Double Magnum

Twice the size of a magnum, holding 3.0 litres, or the equivalent of 4 bottles.

Jeroboam

There are two sizes of Jeroboams: the sparkling wine Jeroboam holds 4 bottles, or 3.0 litres: the still wine Jeroboam holds 6 regular bottles, or 4.5 litres.

Rehoboam

Champagne only - 4.5 litres or 6 bottles.

Imperial

Holds 6 litres or the equivalent of 8 bottles. Tends to be Bordeaux shaped.

Methuselah

Same size as an Imperial (6 litres) but is usually used for sparkling wines and is Burgundy-shaped.

Salmanazar

Holds 12 regular bottles (one case), or 9.0 litres.

Balthazar

Holds 16 bottles or 12.0 litres.

Nebuchadnezzar

Holds 20 bottles of wine or 15.0 litres. According to my colleague John Ager, quoting from [Fogwells Wine Guide](#), it is equivalent to 20 standard bottles (15 litres, 3.96 US gal., 3.3 UK gal.). Bill Tighe says that the Nebuchadnezzar, according to the "Random House unabridged Dictionary of the English language, as she is spoken here in the colonies, is 20 quarts, or 18.9 liters". I suspect something amiss here! The Concise Oxford doesn't mention the word. The Encarta World English Dictionary refers only to the Babylonian king.

Coming Events

Wednesday 14 June 2017
Giesen / Peter Lehman

Wednesday 12 July 2017
Mid-year Dinner – Venue TBA

Wednesday 9 August 2017
Seifrieds - Nelson

Wednesday 13 September 2017
Richard Gooch Memorial

Wednesday 11 October 2017
Stonecroft – Hawkes Bay

Wednesday 8 November 2017
Festive Wines

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On quiz night we asked on which river and its tributaries do the bulk of German wineries are to be found. This is the answer – The Rhine.