



# The Cellar Club Inc

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## Newsletter - June 2017

### Next Event: Cellar Club Inc. – Giesen's Wines



**GIESEN**

### Giesen's Wines

**TASTING WILL BE HELD AT  
THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
3 FRANKMOORE AVENUE, JOHNSONVILLE  
WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2017,  
COMMENCING AT 8pm**

**MEMBERS \$16 GUESTS \$20**

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Based at the top of the South Island, Giesen's wines have developed a huge reputation for producing quality white wines such as riesling, gewürztraminer and chardonnay. To round out this presentation, as Giesen are the representatives for Peter Lehman of Australia, they will be offering two shiraz' for tasting.

Up on the night will be – Organic Sauvignon Bland (as the quaffer)  
Giesen Rose (Hawke's Bay merlot based)  
The Brothers Gewurtztraminer (Trophy Champion at 2017 Royal Easter Wine Show for the 2014 vintage)  
The Fuder Clayvin Chardonnay  
The Brother Pinot Noir  
Peter Lehman H&V Shiraz  
Peter Lehman 8 Songs Shiraz

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### From the Editor

Your regular Editor is currently offshore enjoying weather that can only be warmer than here. I hope you find this edition, which is just a little shorter, of equal value to Robin's.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Giesen/Lehman tasting. It has all the potential to be a winner.

Cheers

*Richard Taylor, Acting Editor*

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## Looking Back– May 2017– AGM

There was a good turnout of 27 at the AGM. Whilst the meeting was not over in the record time set in 2016, there were no contentious issues to deal with. The President gave a very full report in which he referred to the passing of two long-standing members – Maureen Davies and Ron Thomson. The supper after the meeting was enjoyed by all those attending.

The existing Committee were all re-elected. Since the AGM there have been some issues around the need for licences which are being addressed. This has entailed a fair amount of to-ing and fro-ing with WCC as can be imagined. We do not agree entirely with their view but appear to have little option but to fall into line.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Committee noticed there had been a small typographical error in the Notices of Motion. The reference to Clause 2(b) should have read Clause 4(b). To leave it unchanged makes a nonsense of Rule 2(b) so it is the intention of the Committee to implement the change as though Rule 4(b) was always the intention with appropriate advices to all members. There will also be a footnote to this effect in the AGM Minutes so the matter can be ratified at the next AGM.



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## Looking Forward -

### July is Mid-Winter Dinner Month!

The Committee was looking to arrange the always-popular Cuba Street Bistro once again. But as the saying goes, the best laid plans of mice and men oft gang awry. The building's owner decided the chosen date would be a good time to undertake earthquake strengthening so the evening had to be scrapped.

However do not despair! Bistro 52 has been selected as the replacement. This is located in Lower Cuba Street and the Club has been there previously – and it very good it was too. The venue has been booked for Wednesday 19 July, with a 6.00pm start for a 6.30pm ordering of your meal. You will be welcomed with a glass of bubbles! Attached to this Newsletter is a payment schedule (for both the dinner and your subscriptions). Price for the dinner is \$52 per person including corkage – it's BYO of course.

Note the date – this is a week later than the Club's usual meeting evening. It's the first week of the students' new semester and they are still finalising the menu, but they have never let us down before!

This looks even now as though it will be a definite winner!

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### 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.

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### In the News

#### **Wine Exports to the USA surpass \$500 million for the first time**

The latest data from Statistics New Zealand show wine exports to the USA have surpassed \$500 million for the first time, up 11% in the last year.

As the wine industry advances towards its goal of \$2 billion of exports in 2020, there is significant potential for further growth in North America said Philip Greegan, CEO of New Zealand Winegrowers.

"New Zealand wine, especially Sauvignon Blanc, is very popular in the US and we expect consumer demand to continue to grow.

The new record level of wine exports into the world's largest and most competitive market is an outstanding achievement for New Zealand wine exporters and testifies to the strong global demand for our wines."

New Zealand wine exports reached a new record of \$1.63 billion in the March year end 2017. Wine is now New Zealand's fifth largest export good by value.

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## Coming Events

**Wednesday 19 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

**Wednesday 12 December 2017**  
Christmas Dinner – Venue TBA

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