



The Cellar Club Inc

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Newsletter - September 2017

Next Event – What Age can do for Wine

**Wednesday 13 September 2017, 7.45pm arrive for 8.00pm start.
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members \$10

Presenter: Wayne Kennedy.



This month's tasting is truly different. We will be tasting some wines that have serious age on them. There is no guarantee of quality but I'm sure we will be surprised. And as part of the evening, Wayne will be explaining how we came by them. The wines include:

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| 1 | 1994 | UK - Southacre Muller Thurgau & Madeleine Angevine |
| 1 | 1996 | UK - St Annes Schonberger/Wurzer |
| 1 | 1974 | McWilliams Napier Pinot Chardonnay |
| 1 | 1980 | McWilliams Napier Pinot Chardonnay |
| 2 | 1990 | McWilliams Mount Pleasant Elizabeth Chardonnay [Aus] |
| 1 | 1975 | McWilliams Napier Cabernet Sauvignon |
| 1 | 1994 | Leconfield Coonawara Cabernet, Merlot, Cabernet Franc |
| 2 | 1986 | Matua Valley Cabernet Sauvignon |
| 1 | 1985 - 95? | Mystery Double Magnum/Jeroboam from Chris Pask |

Not everyone will get to taste the same wine as many of the bottles are singletons so as one side of the room tastes one, the other side of the room will taste another. And the highlight is sure to be the last one. A Bordeaux style red [we think] from one of the pioneers of the Gimblett Gravels, C J Pask. This wine is somewhere between 20 and 30 years old and its presentation in a large bottle dating back to 1893 offers its own intrigue. Adding to the fun, we have recruited noted wine writer **John Saker** to join us and to provide us with his expertise as both a wine writer and wine judge as we try to assess just how age has affected each of the wines. This night is very much a learning occasion that offers a lot of fun and enjoyment as we try to find the best aged wine. But the limited number of bottles does mean that we will need to limit numbers to no more than 36 and so if you want to attend, please email me ASAP. Your attendance will be confirmed back and please, members only.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, the door raffle will be \$2 a ticket and is for a bottle of 2002 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz from the club's cellar. I'm told that on the internet, this wine is being offered for sale around \$189 a bottle, so whoever wins this wine is going to be very pleased with him/herself.



So don't delay, email your attendance to me (Robin) ASAP at semmens@xtra.co.nz.

HINT: Just go Reply to this email and say YES I want to attend.

From the Editor

Things are getting back to normal and it seems like we were never away. Although numbers were down due to the inclement weather last month's Seifried tasting was a most enjoyable event. Seeing out the year we have the "Aging of Wines" tasting, Stonecroft from Hawkes Bay, a November Festive theme concentrating on Spanish wines and the Christmas Dinner. A great finish to the year, but surely it is not September already!!

It is interesting to note that since September last year, and up to our October tasting next month, we will have had five wineries featured, the other meetings being dinners, a quiz night, AGM, and supplier presenters. Of those five three will have been supported by women presenters. Jane Hunter, Anna Siefried and in October Andria Monin from Stonecroft.

What an opportune time to highlight women in wine in New Zealand. The "In the News" section this month features a media release from New Zealand Winegrowers about the launch of a new group "Women in Wine NZ". Women are having an increasingly significant role in the New Zealand wine industry, to the great benefit of consumers and the country alike.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Back – August 2017 – Seifried – Nelson



Anna Seifried gave a presentation about the history of her family and the vineyard, where the wines were not the focus of the tasting, leaving the wines to speak for themselves. It was an enjoyable, fascinating presentation which was well received by those who attended the meeting. Anna was a confident and polished speaker and the presentation was well supported by a slide show. She intends to use the presentation in the near future on a planned overseas trip to potential markets. The weather was not the best on the night and a number of people were away due to sickness and other reasons.

24 people attended the tasting which was slightly lower than we had hoped for but despite this orders were good and Anna was pleased with how the meeting had gone.

Just to recap, the wines tasted included; the Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc 2017 (pre-release) as a quaffer and was followed with;

- Seifried Nelson Gewürztraminer 2016
- Seifried Nelson Würzer 2016
- Seifried Winemakers Collection Barrique Fermented Chardonnay 2015
- Seifried Nelson Pinot Noir 2015
- Seifried Nelson Zweigelt 2014
- Seifried Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling 2016

A most enjoyable tasting.

Looking Forward - October 2017 - Stonecroft, Hawkes Bay



Stonecroft is a small, family owned winery making organic Gimblett Gravels wines in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. The owners are Dermot McCollum and Andria Monin, who live on the Roy's Hill vineyard with their two children Emer and Oscar, plus Jasper the cat and Stanley the chocolate lab.

At Stonecroft, they seek to express through their wines the unique character of their vineyards and each vintage. The intention is to make wines which are intense, full-bodied, elegant and fruit-driven, but capable of significant bottle development. The ability of the wines to improve in bottle has been demonstrated over more than 20 years, with many of the early examples still drinking well. Their total production is very small; with around 3,500 cases produced annually. Both the vineyards and the winery are certified organic.

Andria will be presenting on the night. A tasting not to be missed. More next newsletter.

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Coming Events

Wednesday 11 October 2017
Festive Wines - A Spanish Theme

Wednesday 8 November 2017
Festive Wines - A Spanish Theme

Wednesday 13 December 2017
Christmas Dinner - Venue TBA

"Have you Heard"



"NO, YOU CANT BE CHARLIE SHEEN FOR HALLOWEEN!"



"I ain't particular, but are you sure a '71 claret is the right choice for these here beans?"

In the News – Women in Wine NZ launch.

(New Zealand Winegrowers Media Release – 28 August 2017)

The inaugural Women in Wine NZ launch event sold out. The first New Zealand Winegrowers' Women in Wine NZ event, sponsored by Plant and Food Research, drew a capacity crowd with all 165 tickets snapped up. The event took place last week at the ASB Theatre in Blenheim, and marks the official launch of the Women in Wine NZ initiative.

New Zealand Winegrowers is keen to support women in the industry and encourage more to take up roles of leadership and governance, said Jeffrey Clarke, Acting CEO of New Zealand Winegrowers. "This first event is a great way to kick-start Women in Wine NZ. Having such a strong turnout for the first event just goes to show how much our members value the initiative."

New Zealand Winegrowers teamed up with three speakers who shared personal accounts of their professional journeys to date:

- Nadia Lim, NZ MasterChef Winner 2011, co-founder of My Food Bag (NZ)
- Sandra Taylor, CEO, corporate sustainability expert and writer (US)
- Jeni Port, wine writer and journalist (Australia)



The speakers discussed the challenges they have encountered along their careers and offered insights into how they overcame them. Women in Wine NZ is not just about networking, and is open to anyone involved in the industry – regardless of gender or role, said Mr Clarke. "We are an innovative industry and it is proven that diversity – gender, experience, perspectives and backgrounds – contributes to the development of new ideas. If we want to continue moving forward, initiatives that foster a more diverse and engaged industry will only drive our success."
