



The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

Newsletter - May 2019

Next Event: Our AGM

**The Cellar Club Inc
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD AT
THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
3 FRANKMOORE AVENUE, JOHNSONVILLE
WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2019,
COMMENCING AT 8pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies:
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2017/18 held on Wednesday, 9th May 2018:
3. Matters Arising:
4. Financial Report for the Year 2018/19:
5. President's Report for the Year 2018/19:
6. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2019/20:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committee
7. Subscriptions:
8. General Business:

**At the conclusion of the AGM, supper will be served,
accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.**

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From the Acting Editor

Well Robin and Pat are off on their cruise. I'm not sure their itinerary allows much chance to try local wines, but I'm sure that they will have fun working their way through the selection provided by their cruise liner.

I was sorry that I missed our last tasting, but as fortune would have it, I did get to taste some of the left-over wines at our committee meeting the following week and I particularly enjoyed the Montepulciano D'Abrusso, I have even made a mental note to call by Regional wines and grab a bottle or two.

Your committee has been busy preparing for the AGM and finalising our calendar for the rest of the year. Have a look later in this newsletter to see the exciting events that are now all in flight.

Attached to this Newsletter you will find the minutes from the 2018 AGM. The President and Treasurer will present their reports on the night and details will subsequently be made available on the Club's website for those who might be interested.

This is **your** club and the AGM does offer an opportunity to have your say and/or raise matters of interest. If you have ideas or thoughts to offer please don't be shy to raise them.

See you there next week,

Cheers *Wayne Kennedy*, Acting Editor

Looking Back – Top Drops under \$25

Presenter: Joelle Thomson - Writer, author, etc

Our April tasting was a great success and certainly slightly different to other tastings, given the perspective of our presenter and her knowledge of wines in the current market.

Having someone of Joelle's experience was certainly a coup for the club and we would like to acknowledge Regional Wines contribution in making this event happen.

The committee will be approaching Regional to see if we can re-establish some permanent benefits for club members and we will advise further if and when this is finalised.

As for the wines themselves, I have already said earlier that I really enjoyed the Montepulciano. But given the number and cross section of orders that Joelle took away with her, it's clear that all the wines were greatly appreciated.

Thank you Joelle for a very interesting tasting. Hopefully we can arrange another tasting sometime in the future.



Looking Forward – South Australian Wines presented by Simon Bell, Colab Wine Merchants Limited.

Members may recognise Simon's name. He presented to the club back in April 2018 but has recently moved to a new company in wine and spirit wholesaling, Colab Wine Merchants Limited.

This company is interesting in that its 2 principle shareholders are 2 well known wineries: Alpha Domus Limited [Hawkes Bay] and Terra Sancta [Central Otago]. But of equal importance to us, Colab also handles 3 South Australian brands:

- Woodstock from McLaren Vale
- Some Young Punks from the Adelaide Hills and
- Adelina from Clare Valley.



As you can see, all 3 of these areas are in the state of South Australia which is one of the iconic new world wine regions and so we are really looking forward to tasting some great wines from this area. More details in the next newsletter

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.

Did you know?



OK, so for most of us in NZ, all we do is return the screw cap to the wine bottle. But if you want to reduce the rate of oxidation, then I would recommend you click on this link and watch the video from Wine Spectator. I especially liked the Pro tip at the very end of the item.

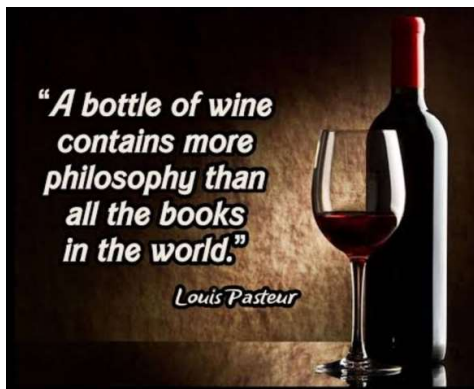
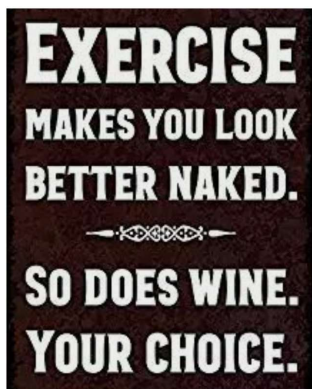
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Facebook tit bits

I was catching up on facebook recently and came across something posted by our former club member Mel Ingalls who now lives in USA. Apparently in the town of Indian Hills, Colorado, they have the funniest billboards ever. Here are two of my favourites.



More Wine humour



105 year old lady's advice to us all



"For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps."
"When do you drink water?"
"I've never been that sick!"

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Coming Events

Wednesday 12 June 2019
South Australian Wines

Wednesday 10 July 2019
Mid-Year Dinner

Wednesday 14 August 2019
Waimea Estate

Wednesday 11 September 2019
Central Otago Wines

Wednesday 9 October 2019
Rugby World Cup Tasting

Wednesday 13 November 2019
South American Wine & Food