

The Cellar Club Inc

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Newsletter - November 2019

Next Event: South American Wine & Food Matchings

**Wednesday 13th November 2019,
7:45pm for 8:00pm start**

**Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

**Members \$18; Guests \$20
Presenter: Cenna Lloyd - Negotiants**



As Wayne advised last month, our November tastings over the last three years, have been a bit different with an emphasis on a foreign country and wine and food matches. November this year will be no different although this year it is a region, rather than a country.

Our presenter, Cenna Lloyd, departed after September's tasting for a 3 week tour of South American vineyards so her offer to return and give us her insight into the wine sub regions we will taste was just too good to pass up.

The wines to be tasted are ;

- 2018 Vina Aquitina Rose [Chile]**
- 2018 Casa Marin Cartagena sauvignon Blanc [Chile]**
- 2018 Tilia Mendoza Chardonnay [Argentina]**
- 2018 Alamos Malbec [Argentina]**
- 2015 Catena Alta Malbec [Argentina]**
- 2012 Queulat Cabernet Sauvignon [Chile]**
- 2014 Queulat Carmenare [Chile]**

Because we are organising food matches for the wines to be presented there will be a need to control numbers attending. I know time is running short with the tasting being less than a week away (partly my fault, but there is just so much going on at present) however it would be appreciated if you could let Wayne know of your intentions relating to attendance. We would prefer not to have to restrict attendance to such a great tasting but the food is limited to 45 servings.

See you on Wednesday and let's enjoy.

From the Editor

Rest easy team, I am back. I would like to follow up on Wayne's message re the bit of disorganisation over the newsletter. Much has been happening in the last couple of months and Pat and I have spent six weeks in Sydney and are still getting back into a groove. Overseas visitors and other activities have further impacted. Please bear with us, things will come right in time. Some really excellent events coming up over the next year so there is much to look forward to.

Save the Date. This feature will continue over the next few months with the March event being the first of 3 special themed events your committee is planning in 2020 to celebrate our 40th anniversary. A full calendar of events will be sent out separately so you can update your diaries.

Please find attached the menu for the December Dinner. The second attachment is the payment advice for the November tasting. This includes a section allowing you to indicate preferences for the Dinner. The ability to let the restaurant know our requirements in advance is of benefit in keeping costs down.

See you there Wednesday,

Cheers *Robin Semmens*, Editor

Looking Back – Rugby World Cup - Keith Tibble - Eurovintage



The Rugby World Cup might not have panned out as we would have hoped but this did not include our October tasting.

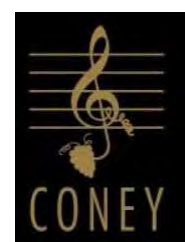
It was great to have Keith Tibble presenting again. Keith has been a valuable contact for our club and has been responsible for a number of great tastings over the years.

I don't have a list of the wines that were tasted but my information is that as usual Keith was easy to deal with and came up with a format for the evening that worked well. A Gin and Tonic was the quaffer to represent Ireland and England. Feedback received from one member indicated that it was the best tasting in years. It was lots of fun as attendees turned up in their rugby gear. Having a similar theme tasting for the Olympics in 2020 could be a great idea for the committee to consider.

Saturday 21st March 2020



We want to keep this date uppermost in your minds so we will be repeating the message. This is the date of our planned day trip to the Wairarapa the highlight of which will be a wine tasting and a lunch at Coney Wines.



Looking Forward – December Dinner – Cashmere Lounge

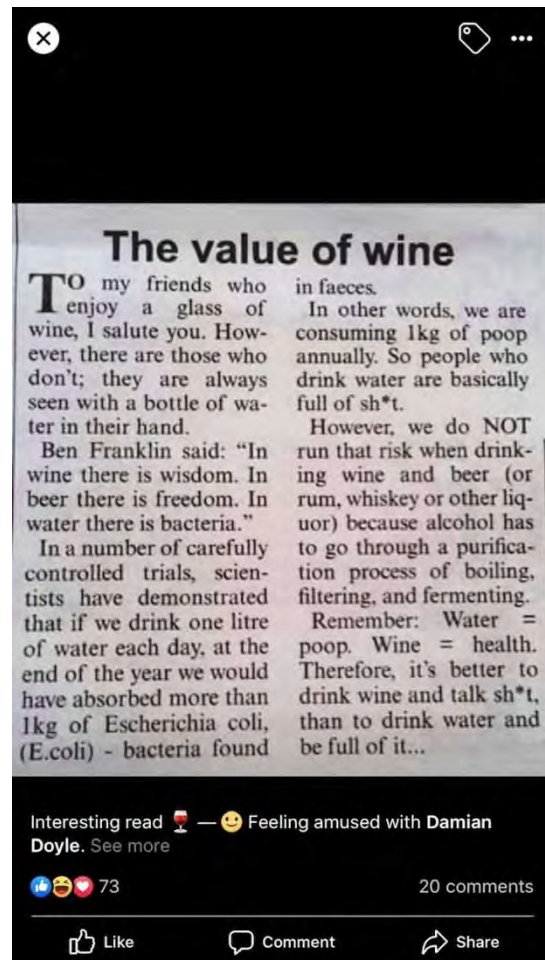


Cashmere Lounge. We enjoyed the lounge last time we were there and they are looking forward to having us back. Not much more to say other than this will be another enjoyable festive occasion.

The menu is attached so don't forget to set out your preference in the payment advice form.

The things people suggest I include in the newsletter.

However could it just be true



In the News - Seifried Estate Shines with Sauvignon Blanc - Seven Gold Medals and Best of Show

Press Release - Quality and consistency have put Seifried Family Winemakers on the map with their 2019 Nelson Sauvignon Blanc releases – awarded a combined haul of seven gold medals and the “Best of Show” trophy.

The winery’s premium **Aotea by the Seifried Family Sauvignon Blanc 2019** has been awarded three gold medals across New Zealand and international wine shows, including the title ‘Best of Show NZ White’ in the MUNDUS VINI 2019 in Germany. Their **Seifried Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2019** has now achieved its fourth gold medal since release to market.

Both Sauvignon Blancs have just been awarded gold medals at the 2019 New Zealand Wine of the Year™ (the official NZ wine industry competition, replacing the Air New Zealand Wine Awards). Recognition at these awards is particularly huge, given the hundreds of entries. An accolade at this competition is about celebrating New Zealand winemaking excellence, and is a win that is proudly shared among the whole team at Seifried.

Seifried Estate says that although it is a small grape growing region, Nelson’s climate and talent for crafting world class wine is clear. “We’re so proud of the recognition for our team’s commitment and hard work to making great wines. We’re also very proud of Nelson / Tasman and our fellow growers and producers, many who, like us, started from humble beginnings.

Combining the famous creative artisan spirit with the soil and climate in this special place at the centre of New Zealand, Nelson is a region known for some of the finest food and beverage products in the world.

We’re incredibly proud to call this place home.” - Seifried Estate Sales and Marketing Manager, Anna Seifried.



The third generation of Seifried family carry on the legacy during this year’s harvest.

Proven over time – a snapshot of achievements:

The accolades begin with New Zealand’s most awarded dessert wine, **Seifried Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling**. Awards include ‘Champion Sweet Wine’ at the 2015 Air New Zealand Wine Awards, as well as ‘Best New Zealand Sweet’ at the UK Decanter World Wine Awards 2017 – to name a few.

Seifried Nelson Pinot Noir has had its share of recognition and was named as a “Rising Star” in the ‘2019 Great New Zealand Pinot Noir Classification’ which lists only the top quarter of New Zealand’s Pinot Noir producers.

It's not always the garden varieties associated with Nelson or New Zealand either. **Aotea by the Seifried Family Méthode Traditionnelle NV** took out the 'WineWorks Champion Sparkling Wine' at the 2017 Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

The family is working hard with some lesser known varieties too, such as the **Seifried Nelson Würzer**, an aromatic white wine found only in very small quantities, even in its home country of Germany. **Seifried Nelson Zweigelt**, the Austrian classic, made with a Kiwi twist is another – "Great stuff for someone looking for something different. Real presence and grip."

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Coming Events

Note the December date for the dinner

Tuesday 10 December 2019
End of year dinner-
Cashmere Lounge, Khandallah

Sunday 26 January 2020
Club BBQ

Wednesday 12 February 2020
Maison Noire, Hawkes Bay tasting

Saturday 21st March 2020
Wairarapa lunch & wine tasting

Wednesday 08 April 2020
Crater Rim, Waipara tasting

Wednesday 13 May 2020
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Screwcaps

A reminder that Anne collects screwcaps and the metal capping on the top of wine bottles. Simply bring them to our tasting meetings. As has been mentioned previously, she gives them to the Lions organised Kidney Kids Support Group. No food lids or beer tops please.
