

The Cellar Club Inc



Established in 1980

November 2020 Newsletter

THIS MONTH

Wednesday 18th November

6:30 to 6.45pm arrival for a 7:30pm seating

Our 40th Anniversary dinner at

Bellamys by Logan Brown at the Beehive



The first Club meeting was held in the month of November 1980. To recognise that historic milestone, our celebratory dinner will be held at Bellamys by Logan Brown at their restaurant in the Beehive.

- Y Please arrive early as everyone attending has to clear Parliamentary security.
- Y Access is through the ground floor of the Beehive, the door being on the side near the steps to Parliament Buildings [see photo above]
- Y On arrival you will need to go through a security check. You will have to go through a gate – the same as at an airport – so be prepared to empty your pockets into a tray (men) and place your handbag etc in a tray (ladies). **Your BYO** will need to go through the scanner too!
- Y After passing through security proceed to the Reception desk which is on the right at about two o'clock as you come through the electronic gate. Here the receptionists will have been supplied with a list of those attending so will be able to mark you off (if that hasn't already been done by the security guards at the gate). You will be provided with a lift key that will allow you access to Level 3.
- Y On exiting the lift go straight ahead to the large reception area in the restaurant where there will be the customary glass of bubbles, supplied by the Club.
- Y You will also find lists shows your seat number and at your table there will be cards detailing your menu choices, should you need reminding.
- Y The dress code is smart casual [think summer wedding]. For women that's classy casual and for men, jacket with tie optional.

- Y Note, the previously advised seating maximum of eight diners per table has been relaxed for our dinner and we are now confident we can accommodate our more tradition groupings.

So, bring along a favourite bottle of wine and be prepared for a very special occasion

LAST MONTH we had Saint Clair Family Estate from Marlborough with Alison Downs presenting.



This was an extremely well-presented evening and was enjoyed by all club members present – 40 of us!

It was interesting hearing Alison's wine journey from the UK and Europe to the New World and her enduring wine passion and growing knowledge and experience.

The committee was unanimous in their agreement that Alison is probably the best presenter we have had in recent memory.

Our orders from the evening were substantial with people enjoying all the wines presented, especially interesting to get to sample the Pinot Blanc, a new white grape for most.

Starter Wine - Saint Clair Origin Pinot Gris Rosé 2019

Wine Tasting

1. Saint Clair Pioneer Block 28 Pinot Blanc 2018
2. Saint Clair Origin Hawke's Bay Viognier 2019
3. Saint Clair Wairau Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2019
4. Saint Clair James Sinclair Chardonnay 2019
5. Saint Clair Pioneer Block 22 Pioneer Block Pinot Noir 2018
6. Saint Clair Origin Hawke's Bay Merlot 2017

NEXT MONTH December 9th –A Fun evening with CoLab, Simon Bell – Details will be in our next newsletter

2021 Events

- **January:** BBQ at Derek's
- **February:** Coney's for the 13th February 2021 – our postponed 40th anniversary outing to the Wairarapa [to include visits to Palliser and Grave/Alana]
- **March:** Hawkesridge Winery (Hawkes Bay)

GLASSES ROSTER

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be part of the Glasses Roster.

SCREWCAPS

Screwcaps are still very welcome, please bring these along to any Club meeting and leave them with Anne, remembering that the cause that benefits from this collection is Kidney Kids NZ and their families.

WINE NEWS

Wine Bottle Trivia . . .

Bocksbeutel - An 18th century flat flask from Franconia in Germany and Styria in Austria, still popular in these regions although rarely seen in the export markets. Its design is said to be copied from a goat's scrotum.

Bouteille – French word for bottle, of which there are over 50 known shapes and sizes in France alone.

Fassle – a German wine vessel, sometimes made of leather, from which the contents are squirted into the mouth. Now used only at festivals and other celebrations.

Flagon – a wine flagon is usually made of green glass, unlike the better-known brown ones for beer or cider. It is a large, flattish bottle often used in New World countries to hold inexpensive wine.

Fiasco – many wine guides simply describe fiasco as an Italian bottle or flask, sometimes contained in a straw basket. Here's how it came by the name . . . When the Etruscans began to develop glass production in the 4th century BC, they discovered that it was possible to blow a bottle in the shape of a round bubble. However, when the bubble cooled and they tried to stand it upright, it fell over – it was a fiasco, a failure. To correct the problem, they asked their women to weave flat straw bases into which the bottle was inserted. The fiasco can still be seen in Chianti and Orvieto.

Fillette – a slim half-bottle which is still widely found in the Loire Valley.

Flute d'Alsace – a tall, slender bottle used for Alsace wine.

Jug – a large bottle with a handle. It measure one US gallon and usually contains pasteurised wine of a basic quality, a favourite purchase of President Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas.

Porrón – a Spanish flask with an extended neck or spout, often made of kid leather or wood. It is popular in the Basque region and regularly seen on sporting occasions when it facilitates the swift consumption of wine.

Pot – also known as *le pot de Beaujolais*, this is a half-litre, gently curved bottle still found in restaurants. Piat, the prominent Beaujolais *negociants*, have their own 75cl (centilitre) version.

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