

# *The Cellar Club Inc*



*Established in 1980*

## *February Club Trip 2021 Newsletter*

### *Wairarapa Wine Trip - Saturday, 13 February*

Less than a fortnight to go now and it was evident at the club barbecue that our members are really looking forward to this fun day out.

We ask all who are intending to come to double check that your name is on the attached list. If you're not intending to come, there's no need to read any further.

There are three documents attached to this newsletter – please read all of them so that you're up with the play.

We've allocated the groups along the lines of the seating at our dinners. If you'd particularly like to be in another group, you're welcome to arrange your own swap. However, please ensure overall group numbers remain the same, and let Wayne know about the change at [waynekennedy51@gmail.com](mailto:waynekennedy51@gmail.com)

**If anyone has any special dietary requirements for our meal at Coney's, please email Wayne asap.**

While we encourage you to only drink as much wine as you can comfortably handle, please be aware that Nga Waka, Tiwaiwaka and Grava have small cellar doors and our groups will fill their tasting rooms. If there are significant numbers of people who are skipping a tasting at any one time, we'd ask that you make way for any members of the public who want to have a tasting.

And please also give these wineries your support – particularly Nga Waka seeing it's unable to charge for tastings. There's been quite a lot of discussion in various media about the difficulties faced by wineries who don't have an on-licence, which is a pre-requisite to charge for tastings. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/122782405/wineries-unable-to-profit-from-tasting-tourism-call-for-law-change>

We look forward to seeing you soon and wrapping up the club's 40th birthday celebrations in style!

**The Cellar Club**  
**40TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL – TRIP TO MARTINBOROUGH**  
**13 FEBRUARY 2021**



**Timetable**

- Y **9.45 am, Saturday, 13 February, Wellington Railway Station** – meet the rest of the group on the departure platform (see the departures board at the station). Train departs Wellington Station at 9.55am so please be on the platform by 9.45am so that we can form into a group and hopefully commandeer our own carriage! **Tickets (one way or return) can be purchased at the station ticket office or on the train.** The cost is \$30 same day return or \$15 one way. Tickets bought on the train require payment in cash only. Gold Card holders can use those.
- Y **10.55 am**, train arrives Featherston station where we meet the bus.
- Y On arrival in Martinborough the bus will drop us off for wine tastings at Grava/Alana, Tiwaiwaka and Nga Waka wineries from 11.15am. Grava/Alana will provide tastings of five wines and a sticky for \$10, refundable with a purchase. Tiwaiwaka has a flat fee of \$10 to taste seven wines. As Nga Waka has no on-licence, they are unable to charge for a tasting. The time available before going to Coney's means each group will go to two wineries. Group A will go to Grava then Tiwaiwaka, Group B to Tiwaiwaka then Nga Waka, and Group C to Nga Waka then Grava.
- Y **12.50 pm** – the bus will start pick-ups at Nga Waka, with Tiwaiwaka and Grava pick-ups shortly afterwards. Please be ready!
- Y It'll then take us to Coney's for a leisurely lunch from 1.15 pm. We will start with a wine tasting (charge included with lunch cost) which will be accompanied by small taste plates. This will be followed by a lunch that includes two mains plus sides together with petit fours for dessert. A limited amount of wine will be provided with the meal. Please note that if you order any wine over and above that supplied, or tea or coffee this will be at your own expense.
- Y The bus will leave Coney's in time to connect with the train at Featherston where it is due to depart at 5.25pm.
- Y **6.25 pm** – scheduled arrival time at Wellington Station.

**Some additional points to note:**

- Y To ensure we keep on schedule and as a courtesy to others please make sure you are ready for the bus on time. It does take a few minutes get everyone on board and settled before it can move on.
- Y Please also see the "Important things to know" sheet for further details.

## Important things to know for our Wairarapa wine tastings



In the interests of everyone having a great time on this trip and no surprises on the day, the following is to help with your wine tasting and purchasing decisions, free of the hazy glow of alcohol!

**Tasting fees** At Grava/Alana, and at Tiwaiwaka, it's \$10 per tasting, which you'll need to pay directly to the applicable winery. This charge is per glass so if two people share a tasting from the same glass it'll only cost \$10 total. While there is no charge to us for tasting at Nga Waka, there is a cost to the winery so please think seriously about supporting them by buying some wine. Some of the wineries are considering sending us an order form in advance so that all members have the opportunity of buying their wines and we'll circulate those when received. The tasting at Coney's is included in the cost of lunch.

**Redeeming tasting fees on wine purchases** The tasting fee at Grava will be waived on bottle purchases on a per person basis, ie if two people buy one bottle of wine between them, they'll also have to pay one \$10 tasting fee.

**Transporting your wine purchases** The club will provide stickers so you can identify any wines you've bought. Transit policies mean that we can't take any wine at all on the bus and any wine purchases will need to be stored in the separate luggage compartment. Please note that any wine stored in the luggage compartment will be at your own risk. Grava, Nga Waka and Coney (Tiwaiwaka TBC) will pack our wine purchases in boxes – smaller orders will be combined to fill up the boxes. If there's a large enough number of orders, they'll ship them to one address.

If we end up transporting any boxes back home, to make it easier at the Featherston or Wellington ends, we recommend writing the owners' names on the boxes and combining your smaller orders with those of people you can easily distribute to. And no sneaking wine inside the bus! The club will be liable for the clean-up costs for any messes, which'll be passed on if they relate to spilt wine. When we return to Featherston Station there'll be time, if necessary, for everyone to reunite with/sort out their purchases in preparation for taking them onto the train. Bear in mind there'll probably be limited storage space, especially for boxes, so you may prefer to bring your own wine carry bags for this part.

**Keeping ourselves safe** It'll be a long time between leaving home and having lunch so please think about bringing your own water and snacks (we're allowed cold snacks on the train). While there'll be lots of wine on offer during the day, we encourage everyone to drink responsibly and to feel free to skip a tasting as you see fit.

## Wairarapa Wine Tasting Groups



Group A	Group B	Group C
Terry Friel	Adeline McTaggart	Jenny Jebson
Carolyn Hooper	Maree Hickey	Richard Jebson
Murray Jaspers	Dennis Mann	Anne Megget
Dinah Bunny	Derek Thompson	Christine Crook
Gayl Gaukrodger	Sandy Morrison	Ian Cox
Mike Gaukrodger	Audrey Cook	Fiona Shaw
Tim O'Grady	Sue Warren	Phil Whitelaw
Sarah O'Grady	Ken Warren	Kevin Moran
Jane Hall	Chamkeel George	Jean Millar
Jennifer Torr	Isaacs George	Audrey Stephens
Margaret Kuus	Richard Taylor	Les Stephens
Michael Kuus	Mary Taylor	Shona Macintyre
Robin Semmens	Graeme Roberts	Lloyd Macintyre
Pat Semmens	Brenda Cutress	Evelyn Dawson
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