

The Cellar Club Inc



Established in 1980

October 2021 Newsletter

THIS MONTH:

Butterworth Estate

Martinborough

with Nick Newitt, General Manager

Wednesday 13 October

Door Price: Members \$10 Guests \$14



Renowned sailors, the Butterworth Family (Brad & Warren), is the new custodian of Julicher vineyard, planted in the iconic soils of Te Muna. The J-Knot on every bottle, the strongest knot you can tie, is a tribute to their vineyard's founder, Wim Julicher.

Wim Julicher originally planted the Te Muna vineyard as an Olive Grove, but the site's unique aspect made it far too cold for the olive trees. Luckily, it creates the perfect amount of pressure for the divine struggle required to produce world class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

The Butterworth Family has viticultural heritage dating back to the founding days of the New Zealand wine industry – the original 1890's vineyard property is still in the family today.

The wines for our evening are from their Te Muna (Butterworth formerly Julicher vineyard; and Layline ranges:

- Y Glass on arrival – 2020 Butterworth Layline Martinborough Pinot Gris
- Y 2021 Butterworth Dry Riesling (pre-release tasting)
- Y 2019 Butterworth Layline Sauvignon Blanc
- Y 2020 Butterworth Te Muna Chardonnay
- Y 2020 Butterworth Regatta Rosé
- Y 2018 Butterworth Layline Pinot Noir
- Y 2018 Butterworth Te Muna Pinot Noir

Please See Below for the steps being taken by your committee so we can all comply with the current COVID Level 2 requirements for the evening:

- Y Please remember to either scan the QR code on your phone or sign in – this is a mandatory government requirement
- Y Please remember that you are required to have a face covering on when you enter and exit the premises
- Y The tables will be set up 1 metre apart – please do not move any tables
- Y The number of people at each table will be reduced to 4 – please do not add more – you are required to sit 1 metre apart
- Y Please bring your own glasses for the evening
- Y The tastings will be served as per normal, but due to the regulations the pourers will need to be masked and gloved – please make this as pleasant as possible for them
- Y **NB:** please if you are feeling unwell, do not attend, thank you

Your committee

2021 Events Coming Up:

- 🍷 **17 November** Crater Rim from Omihi Rise, Waipara
- 🍷 **11 December** **PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE** as it is a Saturday for our Cellar Club's Christmas dinner
- 🍷 **30 January** Cellar Club BBQ to be hosted by ??

Wine News

If you want to follow something developing in New Zealand's wine industry at the moment, go into the www.stuff.co.nz website and scroll down to their Featured Videos. Look for Al Brown's Tipping Point Project.

Al Brown – well known chef and entrepreneur has a new venture being developed with Rowan Dean of Constellation Wines, Gary Stewart, his graphic designer and Melanie Mark-Shadbolt who is the CE of Te Tira Whakamātaki Foundation [*one of the charities that some profits will go*

towards]. They are developing a wine brand, without featuring Al's face or name, that will bring wine to the people.

Al's visions for this venture are to bring wine down to earth, making the experience unstuffy and a more relaxed experience to encourage people to have a tittle and gain knowledge at their level. To take some of the exclusivity out of the experience, even drinking wine from a tumbler (as some restaurants already do) so more people are relaxed with choosing something they actually like to drink.

In the first video Al was touring through three of our wine regions: Hawkes Bay, Central Otago and Marlborough. Exciting stuff!

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.

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