

The Cellar Club Inc



Established in 1980

June 2022 Newsletter

THIS MONTH

Wednesday 8th June

Te Mata, Hawkes Bay

<https://www.temata.co.nz>

Door Price: Members \$14; Guests \$18



Established in 1896, Te Mata Estate remains family owned, producing internationally recognised wines exclusively from its Hawkes Bay vineyards. The Chambers family, the original owners sold the property in 1919.

TMV Te Mata Vineyards was established and the property had two other owners until it was acquired by the Buck and Morris Families in 1974 – the two families behind the modern interpretation of this historic NZ estate.

Te Mata Estate is committed to improving its performance in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability through the Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand (SWNZ) programme, established in 1995 as an industry-initiated programme directed through NZ Winegrowers. Te Mata Estate's vineyards were amongst the first to be accredited in 1995, as was the winery in 2005.

This evening was going to be presented by Te Mata vineyard, but is now being covered by Eurovintage with Keith Tibble and Brett Newell hosting the evening for us. 😊😊

Indicative wines for the evening, still being worked on at the time this newsletter went out:

- Y Starting with Estate Range Sauvignon Blanc
- Y Premium Sauvignon Blanc
- Y Two premium reds – Awatea and Bullnose ranges
- Y Estate Range – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon

The above selection is indicative only as it will depend on the availability of stock at this time.

This will be both a surprising and informative evening with great wines to taste across Te Mata's different wine ranges, and looks to be an experience that you wouldn't normally get anywhere else.

Let's Look Out for Each Other

With the Orange Traffic Light System in place by the NZ Government, in order to use the Johnsonville Community Centre under COVID19 mandates, you must still wear your mask when entering and exiting the Johnsonville Community Centre.

NB: As always, please if you are feeling unwell, do not attend any of your Club's meetings, thank you

Your committee

Looking Ahead to next month's Mid-Winter Club Dinner

Field and Green, 262 Wakefield Street, Te Aro, Wellington

7pm for 7:30pm dinner - Wednesday 13th July

We welcome you all to our mid-winter dinner at one of Wellington's best restaurants. The recipient of a Cuisine Good Food Awards 'Hat', Field and Green offers seasonal selections to reflect European influences showcasing the very best of New Zealand flavours. Taking into account your feedback on previous dinners, this establishment is spacious, at ground level and close to public transport, being a 4-minute walk from Courtenay Place.

In keeping with their emphasis on seasonal food, the chef is creating a new Winter menu and we will be some of the first to taste it. The dinner will be announced at the Club's Te Mata Tasting on 8th June and bookings will also be open that day. While we expect to be able to cater for everyone that wishes to come, the restaurant has a limit of 48, so **bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.**

Do not miss this opportunity to dine at the restaurant of which the Cuisine review says: "*The lack of opulence that greets you as you step off the busy streets of Wellington into Field & Green belies the richness of the rustic culinary experience that awaits.*"

Looking Back - AGM News

AGM follow-up

26 people attended the AGM and enjoyed the supper and selection of the club's wines that followed. Matter arising from the meeting requiring action post the AGM were:

Y Annual Accounts and President's Annual Report

If you couldn't make the AGM, copies of both of these have been uploaded to the Club's website for your perusal.

Y The Club's Special Licence

There was some discussion at the AGM about the need for the Club to have a liquor licence and the associated high annual cost. Suggestions were made that approaches should be made to City Councillors and politicians, especially in light of the upcoming elections.

Richard Taylor, who has managed the licence process for the Club for several years, has made the following comments in order to inform members of his experience of the current position with regard to the licence. He advised he has already spoken to Councillors who have advised that the District Licensing Committee, which is administered by WCC, is only applying current law, so there appears to be no opportunity for change at that level. Local MPs he has

spoken to have said trying to make a change by way of a Member's Bill is extremely unlikely to succeed. That leaves, as the only avenue, submissions at the time of the next review of the Sale of Liquor Act. Richard said he continues keep a watch on the situation so that any favourable shifts can be seized upon straight away

Y The Club's Sound System

Thanks go to Jan Sammons for providing feedback to the committee post the AGM that reaffirmed that the use of the Community Centre sound system would mean over 50% increase in the cost of us hiring the hall for each tasting. Rather than incur this cost, the committee has resolved to first try using a suitable lapel microphone and use that with the boom box/speaker at the back of the room. Also, they will ask the presenter to try and stay behind the table.

Y Ability to purchase wines if unable to attend a tasting

The committee was asked to consider ways that absent members might be able to order wines. Several logistical issues were identified and after discussing these, the committee resolved not to pursue this idea any further. Instead, the committee preferred an informal arrangement where an absent member could ask a friend attending or one of the committee before the tasting to order the wine for them.

2022 Events Coming Up:

- 📌 **June** **Te Mata**, Hawkes Bay - <https://www.temata.co.nz>
- 📌 **July** Cellar Club Mid-Winter Dinner – Field & Green, Wakefield St, Wgtn
- 📌 **August** Gordon Russell from **Esk Valley**

Wine News

While you all hunker down for the upcoming Winter months, why not be creative with your time, while supporting the wine industry 🍷

By drinking 130 bottles of wine you could save a bird





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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.