

The Cellar Club Inc



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June 2024 Newsletter

Brockenchack

*With Representative and Global Business Development Manager,
Darren Naylor*

www.brockenchack.com.au

Wednesday 12th June, 8pm Start

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

Brockenchack Wines | One family, connecting wine-enthusiasts across the globe through a shared love of storytelling and fine wine. All it takes is one memorable bottle of Brockenchack wine for the family reunion to begin.

Our presenter Darren has his own wine named after him (D.E.N Reserve Cabernet), is married to owner Trev's daughter Sue (aka our Tru-Su Rose) and is father to Mack (aka Mackenzie William 1896 Riesling) and Bronte (aka Miss Bronte Cabernet), two of the grandchildren that Brockenchack is named after.

The heart of **Brockenchack** is our family, each member contributing their unique rhythm. If I steer the ship, Marilyn is our Bridge Watchkeeper as she continues her recovery with great-grandson Archie keeping her on her toes, and keeping us both young (at heart, if nothing else). The next generation; Mack, Jack and Charli step into the limelight, propelling the Brockenchack brand forward with fresh ideas and lots of energy. Darren's relentless efforts span across Australia, NZ, Asia, and the USA, seasoned with a generous dose of dad jokes. Susan continues the hard-working genes, propelling her own business forward. Bronte continues to immerse herself in the world of dance, seamlessly balancing that with her commitment to university studies and prac placements. Whilst Trudi seizes every chance to revel in precious moments with her grandson Archie, whenever she's not at the helm of the bottling plant.

Brockenchack's name is made from an amalgamation of the grandchildren's names: this is a family endeavour, and is named after their four grandchildren; **BR**onte, **Ma**CKENZIE, **CHA**rli and **Ja**CK;

Brockenchack is a cool climate, single vineyard wine producer in the Barossa's picturesque Eden Valley nestled between world-renowned Henschke and Yalumba vineyards. They soared to new heights in 2023, taking their wines international. From South Korea to New Zealand, Malaysia to the UK, France to Switzerland, and across the

USA, their wines made a global statement. Wine trips and tastings resonated with enthusiasts on every continent.

- 🍷 NV Great Scott Sparkling Shiraz *the Welcome Wine*
- 🍷 2023 Mackenzie William 1896 Riesling
- 🍷 2021 Charli Jaye Chardonnay
- 🍷 2023 Tru-Su Rosé
- 🍷 2021 Zip Line Shiraz
- 🍷 2018 Jack Harrison Shiraz
- 🍷 2021 Miss Bronte Cabernet Sauvignon

Let's Look Out for Each Other

As always, please if you are feeling unwell, do not attend the evening's presentation. Thanks

Looking Back – May AGM

Thanks to all those that attended the Club's AGM. It was a short and succinct meeting, with all the important matters passed or discussed in a timely matter. For those that couldn't attend:

- Financial Report, a copy of which has been corrected for the \$3K compensating and will be uploaded to the Club website if you wish to review it.
- Presidents Report, a copy of which will also be uploaded to the Club website.
- Election of Officers, including a new Secretary, welcome Gordon.
- Subscriptions, to remain at \$25 for the 24/25 financial year.
- General Business:
 - Gary Milicich raised a question to whether the Club had any relationships with any wholesalers regarding the purchase of wine. Answer is that we have nothing currently.
 - Wayne advised that he has picked up the responsibility of renewing the Club's liquor license.
 - Wayne raised the topic of mid and end of year dinners, and that attendance numbers have dropped slightly over the last year. Members were asked if they had any suggestions, to please let any of the committee members know.
 - A bus trip to the Wairarapa for club members was raised, and it was explained that our last one had been for the 40th anniversary of the Club and was a lot of work, especially when trying to co-ordinate with trains, etc.

The Supper put on by committee members was enjoyed, as was the socialising too.

Committee Musings

1. Your committee has been discussing growing our Club's membership numbers. If you know of anyone who would like to join our club with the wonderful opportunities for wine appreciation and education, please bring them along to one or two of our monthly evenings. They can experience the members evening, how we operate, and may want to join us.
2. Thanks again to everyone who helps with the tables and chairs at the start of our evenings and taking the same down after the meeting. Also taking the tables contents: spittoons/water jugs/cracker plates back to the kitchen.

PLEASE NOTE: We can't arrive to do the setting up activities any earlier than 7:30pm as we interrupt the cleaner(s) schedule, the cleaners are in the hall until 7:30pm.

Looking Ahead:

Y **July 10th** is our Club Mid-Year Dinner, to be held at The Featherston Tavern, set in an elegant historic art deco masterpiece on Featherston Street..

We have our own area set aside and have agreed a set three course menu for \$55, that includes corkage. The menu and a request for your food choices will be sent out separately in the coming days.

Y **August 14th** – Wairiki, Hawkes Bay

Y **September 11th** – Misty Cove, Blenheim

Wine News – Seven Bold Wine-World Predictions for 2024



By Mike Desimone and Jeff Jenssen – Robb Report – also known as the World Wine Guys, are wine spirits, food and travel writers, educators and hosts.

Sparkling Wine Will Break Free of the Holidays

The Wine Press has been saying this for years, but it looks like consumers are finally embracing the idea that Champagne and other sparkling wines are not only for special occasions and holidays. Expect to see a lot more of your friends ordering a glass of Champagne or popping a bottle open at home at regular dinners and get-togethers, not just celebrations.

The Coming Bubble Boom will have people looking beyond Champagne

The increased demand for sparkling wine means that we're all going to be drinking a variety of styles and regions, including Spanish Cava; Italian Franciacorta, Trentodoc and Prosecco; and California sparkling. Wine bars, restaurants and shops will also be offering more renditions of 'pet-nat', a natural sparkler than can be from anywhere wine is made.

Rosé is Going Haute

Drinking Rosé throughout the year has gone from trend to permanent status and we will see more and more premium offerings entering the market. We've been expecting to see luxury competition for pioneers in the space such as Domaine Ott, Château d'Esclans and Gérard Bertrand for some time, and LVMH's major investment in Château Minuty earlier this year sealed the deal as far as we're concerned. Expanded – and pricier – Rosé selections are on their way to a restaurant near you.

Expect Italy to Heat Up the Auction Block

We tapped Nick Pegna, Sotheby's global head of wine and spirits, for his thoughts, and he in turn polled some of the auction house's younger specialists to see what they're hearing about new bright spots in the wine sphere. According to Pegna, Piedmont is on its way up in the auction world, so look to see more Barolo and Barbaresco. We've been hearing a lot about (and tasting plenty of) Brunello as well, so keep an eye on Italy's three B's

Connoisseurs Will Have Better Options for Low and No-Alcohol Wines

As Dry January, Sober October, 'Mindful Drinking' and well, just drinking less persist in their upward climb, no and low alcohol wine will continue to grow as well. Many people stop drinking temporarily for numerous reasons that include pregnancy, medication regimes or training for a marathon or triathlon, yet they still want to enjoy the social aspect of having a glass of wine with friends. Although at the onset the category was flooded with low quality dealcoholized bulk wine, we are seeing a growth in single vineyard offerings from well-known regions.

You'll Be Hearing More About Carbon Footprints

The future of the wine industry is in peril due to rising summer temperatures and unstable weather patterns, and many producers are taking it upon themselves to sound the alarm and become

changemakers. Expect to see an increase in the number of back labels talking about sustainability, low water utilization, and regenerative farming, and don't be surprised when even top icon wines start using lighter-weight bottles to reduce the impact of freight shipping and material usage. Younger wine drinkers are driving the movement toward transparency on this front.

White Wine's Upswing Is Nigh

While it was thought for many years that serious wine drinkers only drink red wine, it is now obvious that for multiple reasons white wine is finally starting to be treated with equal respect. A lot of attention is being paid to white Burgundy, Napa, and Sonoma Chardonnay, the whites of the Rhône Valley, and Riesling and other aromatic varieties from Germany, Austria, Alsace, and Alto Adige in Italy. And we're seeing a rise in interest in premium white wine from Spain, Greece, Portugal, Croatia, New Zealand, and other Italian regions. As much as we love our steak and Cabernet Sauvignon, since we all are moving toward a lighter style of eating—at least occasionally—we are going to see our wine choices change to match.

Two Words Collide

June NZ House & Garden

If you can't decide between wine or beer, check out Garage Project's Savoir Faire Pinot Noir Raspberry '18. It's a beer/wine hybrid, made from hand-harvested Marlborough pinot noir grapes, lightly crushed, added to a specially brewed malt wort and allowed to ferment for a week before being aged in oak wine barrels then rested on fresh raspberries. 750ml \$35 from garageproject.co.nz.

AND for Something Different:

July NZ House & Garden

SOUTHERN CHARMS: New to the gin game, Bluff Distillery draws inspiration from the spirit of New Zealand's southernmost town, making gin that reflects the essence of Bluff – 'clean, bold and unapologetically authentic'. The London Dry-style gin comes in a custom bottle in the shape of an old glass buoy, a symbol of the maritime heritage that defines this tiny town. 700ml \$89.85 from bluffdistillery.com.

ROCKIN' VERMOUTH: Central Otago distillery Scapegrace has teamed up with its wine-making neighbours, Prophet's Rock, to produce Scapegrace x Prophet's Rock Vermouth, available in red and white. Mostly made with local ingredients, the white vermouth is bright and herbaceous with candied floral notes, finishing woody and bitter with wild thyme and wormwood. 705ml \$72 from prophetsrock.co.nz and scapegracedistillery.com.

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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