



# The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

## Newsletter - July 2019

### Next Event: Mid Year Dinner – Trade Kitchen

**Wednesday 10 July 2019, 7.00pm for 7.30pm seating.  
10 Customhouse Quay, Wellington**



An amazing response for the July dinner this year. A total of 52 members and partners will be attending. We do not have attendance statistics throughout the Club's history but we do know that this is the best response for either a July or December dinner in the last 15 years. Well done everyone.

As you have previously studied the menu and decided on your orders there is no point going over the details again. Also the list is closed as this is the maximum group that the Kitchen can handle. Still with these numbers there can't be anyone missing out who wants to be there.

**Please note that the start time is 7.00 pm for a 7.30 sit down.** Please don't turn up early, it can cause confusion at the venue. If you are staying in town, go somewhere else for a pre-dinner drink.

Looking forward to catching up on Wednesday evening.

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### From the Editor

I never thought I would have to confess to anything along these lines, but while visiting our daughter in Sydney last week we actually drank a wine that she had only paid \$1 for the bottle. To put as rosy a picture on this as is possible, it was an Australian dollar. Our daughter works for Woolworths and they have a staff store at their head office, so it was a staff discount, but still.....

As I wrote the last paragraph I thought to myself, what on earth's name is the internet for, so I looked. The wine was a Cape Mentelle (Margaret River) Sauvignon / Semillon blend so I visited their website. It is advertised there for A\$26. What a bargain, should have got a dozen.

Some of those who joined us more recently may not remember Mel Ingalls. Mel was a member of the Club for some time and a committee member with a number of those still on the committee now. He left to return to his native America. It was therefore, quite an occasion that he was able to join us at the June tasting while he is spending a few weeks back in New Zealand. You are welcome Mel as always.

See you on Wednesday, with a lovely evening in prospect.

Cheers *Robin Semmens*, Editor

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## Looking Back

## "A Colab view of Europe"

Simon Bell, the Representative for Colab Wine Merchants, presented a taste of Europe. There was a good turnout of 33 members and 3 guests. Everyone enjoyed the evening. It was a different style of meeting with lots of member interaction. Simon gave out larger glasses to demonstrate the difference using a large glass versus a small glass. It was an interesting evening with the tasting aimed for the lay person. There were 14 orders with a total of 96 bottles. Simon was pleased with the meeting and is keen to do another meeting. To revisit the wines included:

Alpha Domus Collection Sauvignon Blanc	(NZ)
Vivanco White Rioja	(Spain)
Guerrieri Rizzardi Pinot Grigio IGP Veneto	(Italy)
Domaine Dupre Bourgogne Chardonnay	(France)
Vivanco Rioja Crianza	(Spain)
Vivanco Rioja Reserva	(Spain)
Chateau Mauciol Cotes du Rhone Villages Red	(France)

One of the prospects he discussed, and would be happy to run, would be a non threatening "Wine Options" evening. Your committee will consider this.

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## Looking Forward – Waimea Estates



Waimea Estates is one of Nelson's larger producers with over 140 hectares of their own vineyards. The cool climate and alluvial soils of Nelson's Waimea plains combined with the highest sunshine hours in New Zealand allow vibrant, fruit-focused wines to be made.

Waimea's export varieties are based on highly awarded Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir, and over the years Waimea has gathered 150+ Gold Medals and 26 Trophies across nine different wine styles - proving the versatility Waimea and the Nelson region provides. More next month.

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## Screwcaps

A reminder that Anne collects screwcaps at meetings. As mentioned she gives them to the Lions organised Kidney Kids Support Group. No food lids or beer tops please.

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## Wine humour



*Took a while to get there,*

And, some insults just for the fun of it.

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"

- Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." - Abraham Lincoln

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx

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## In the News - Congratulations Derek

Every once in a while the Club creates its own news, or at least things happen to members that are newsworthy. This month I have opted against searching out a New Zealand wine story in favour of a little celebration of our own. Back in May Derek Thompson (a foundation Member of our club) turned 80. He had a small celebration to mark the occasion at which the birthday cake pictured below was a feature. There are three things worthy of mention about the cake. Obviously the first is Derek's achievement at reaching 80, the second is that the prints on the cake represent his dedicated companion, Hershey the cat, and thirdly, but by no means lastly, the cake was provided by Adeline Porter, a fellow member. I knew there was a good reason why Derek surrounds himself with women at the top table.



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## Coming Events

**Wednesday 14 August 2019**  
Waimea Estate

**Wednesday 11 September 2019**  
Central Otago Wines

**Wednesday 9 October 2019**  
Rugby World Cup Tasting

**Wednesday 13 November 2019**  
South American Wine & Food

**TBA December 2019**  
End of Year dinner

**Sunday 26 January 2020**  
Club BBQ

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