



The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

Newsletter - August 2019

Next Event: Waimea Estates - Nelson

**Wednesday 14 August 2019, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start.
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall,
3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville**

Members \$12; Guests \$16

Presenter: Odessa Clayton – Booster Wine Group.



Booster Wine Group are agents for Waimea in the Wellington region. Odessa will represent this Group at the tasting. Established on the Waimea Plains in 1993 by the toil and triumph of two generations of the Bolitho Family - Waimea Estates is one of Nelson's larger producers with over 140 hectares of their own vineyards. While the Bolitho's sold the business 2017 Waimea's wines continue to be approachable and offer a breadth of flavours – perfect for pairing with fresh local produce.

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.

The tasting will include
Waimea Gewurztraminer 2018
Waimea Riesling 2017
Waimea Pinot Rose 2017
Waimea Chardonnay 2016
Waimea Pinot Noir 2016
Waimea Cabernet Franc Syrah 2017



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From the Editor

The issue of the missing coat remains unsolved. Can I ask those who attended the Dinner to check their wardrobes. Someone has mistakenly taken Mary Taylor's coat and left their own. If you have the wrong coat please let me know and I will arrange a transfer.

Members might be interested in the Regional Wines newsletter. This is really a low key weekly prompt about their tastings and specials, rather than a full blown newsletter. Members who may be interested in some of the events that Regional run can go online to Regional's website - the prompt comes out mid-week each week.

A reminder to members that we are keen to attract new members. With this in mind we have two membership deals. 1) If a member brings along a guest the member gets 50% of the door price. 2) if two guests come to the meeting then they pay one door price. Bring along friends etc who are interested in wine.

Many of you will have attended the Saigon Van Grill dinner last year. The servings were somewhat disappointing and there were complaints. Your committee have been in contact with the restaurant over a period of time resulting in an eventual small refund. Not enough to share around those attending so we used it to purchase the Prosecco for this year's July dinner. Went down well we thought.

See you on Wednesday for yet another great tasting.

Cheers *Robin Semmens*, Editor

Looking Back

Trade Kitchen – Mid Year Dinner



Your committee found the Trade Kitchen staff to be very accommodating, making the organisation of this dinner easy. The venue worked reasonably well although the noise level in the bigger room made it hard to hear some conversations. The dinner was very enjoyable and the bubbles worked well with the dinner.

It was a good night and people seemed to enjoy it. The committee has received some good feedback about the dinner from attendees. The message seems to be that members like the higher level of restaurant in town and close to public transport.

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.

Looking Forward – Central Otago - Negotiants

This tasting will be lead by Negotiants. They will be concentrating on two Central Otago Wineries. First will be Two Paddocks, well known through Sam Neill of course. The second is Misha's Vineyard.

Little to report at this stage but as usual, more closer to the tasting. Pictures from Two Paddocks below and Misha's Vineyard at the end of this newsletter.



The last paddock added to the Two Paddocks group. Their last acquisition (2013), located in the very heart of Central Otago wine on Felton Rd. in Bannockburn. Another superb site, now giving them fruit from all three major Central Valleys. It is six hectares, all Pinot Noir. (Ed; Maybe I can't count but this seems like more than two paddocks.)

Wine humour

105 year old lady's advice to us all



"For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps."

"When do you drink water?"

"I've never been that sick!"

In the News



Francesca Menzies celebrated her 80th birthday a wee while back. Francesca doesn't attend Club events very often these days, (a bit difficult now that she lives in the Nelson region) but she has been a member of our club since the very early days and is one of our valued life members. She has served on our committee as well as having terms as Vice President and President of the Club. A somewhat belated congratulations Francesca. Best wishes and keep well.

- Vintage 2019: NZ Winegrowers – Press Release

June 2019



Photo by Alissa Miller, Market Development Manager, Greystone Wines

Small but stunning. A wonderfully warm summer has contributed to a superb vintage for New Zealand's wine regions, with 413,000 tonnes of grapes harvested during Vintage 2019. Although smaller than anticipated, the quality of the harvest is being touted as exceptional from top of the North to bottom of the South Island.

New Zealand Winegrowers CEO Philip Gregan says a high-quality harvest is good news for the industry as export growth continues, with an increase of 4% to \$1.78 billion over the last year. "We have an international reputation for premium quality and innovation. Every vintage is different, but winemakers are excited about the calibre of wine that will be delivered to the bottle and we are confident 2019 vintage wines will be enjoyed by consumers around the world." However Vintage 2019 is the third smaller-than-expected harvest in a row, so volume growth is expected to be constrained. "Smaller vintages in 2017 and 2018 meant wineries had to work to manage product shortages, and many of our members hoped for a larger harvest this year.

Another smaller-than-expected vintage will mean more supply and demand tension overall." says Mr Gregan. Wine is New Zealand's sixth largest export good, and New Zealand wine is exported to more than 100 countries.

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Coming Events

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

Wednesday 12 February 2020
TBA



A landscape view of Misha's Vineyard. Winter obviously