

The Cellar Club Inc



Established in 1980

December 2021 Newsletter

THIS MONTH:

Saturday 11th December is your Cellar Club's Christmas dinner

Being held at Juniper Gin Bar & Restaurant,

Arrival 7pm for seating at 7.30pm

142 Featherston Street, Wellington

Thank you for returning your meal choices to Wayne. He is planning to email all dinner attendees with their meal choices to check that he has your choices correct. This will also give you a chance to pick out a wine to bring with you to match your food choices. His email will also be providing details of your table seating and the Covid requirements for the venue under the new traffic light system.

Given there are some members attending the dinner for the first time, it is perhaps an opportune time to mention how our dinners operate.

- Y You are asked to arrive as close to 7pm as practical. Please don't turn up early as it can cause confusion at the venue.
- Y When you arrive, you will be greeted with a complimentary glass of bubbles.
- Y The meal is BYO wine, and your prepaid cost includes corkage. During the evening, it is customary to share your wine with your neighbours.
- Y We are expecting to finish sometime between 9.30pm and 10pm, but this is a guideline only, in case you are arranging transport home. Please try and stay as flexible as possible.

Let's Look Out for Each Other

Your committee is looking at the conditions we may have to operate under in relation to the use of WCC facilities under COVID19 mandates.

At the moment, the wearing of masks when entering and exiting the Johnsonville Community Centre, plus the distance we have to be settled at, etc is all in play and we've adapted well, thank you.

With the new Traffic Light System coming into play on December 3rd, it may become mandatory that in order to get into any public facilities in the near future, it will require the display of your vaccination pass so please ensure you have one with you.

It is certainly the expectation of your committee that members will be double vaxed for our events. But as always, please if you are feeling unwell, do not attend any of your Club's meetings, thank you.

Your committee

Looking Back - The Crater Rim family vineyard

We had a well-attended evening for the wine and food match, with 41 people attending.

It was notable that the vineyard used compostable plates and utensils for the tasting, so our green miles are good! And this goes in with the vineyard's practices of being vegan friendly and on their way to being organic certified. Great for the planet.

The wines we tried were:




- Y Waipara Sauvignon Blanc 2020
- Y Waipara Sauvignon Blanc 2018 partnered with toast and Bruschetta
- Y Waipara 2020 Pinot Gris partnered with Indian dahl
- Y Waipara 2020 Viognier
- Y Waipara 2016 Riesling partnered with Beef Thai salad
- Y Canterbury 2020 Pinot Noir partnered with Pulled Pork slider
- Y Waipara 2019 Pinot Noir partnered with spicy lamb koftas with couscous
- Y Waipara 2017 Pinot Noir
- Y Dr Khols Waipara 2016 Riesling partnered with Banoffee pie

While it would have made the evening more interesting to have a bit more banter about the wine from the presenter, this was a very enjoyable evening and the members were fed well.

A special note of thanks to Nicola Fraher and friend for the food, as well as to our pourers Carolyn & Terry and our food servers Fiona and Evelyn. It really was a great effort by everyone involved.

And it was pleasing to see all that mahi result in significant wine orders on the night, coupled with requests for personally signed cookbooks.

2022 Events Coming Up:

-  **30 January** Cellar Club BBQ – *the email advising Club members to bring either a salad or a dessert will be sent out in January*
-  **February** Sherwood. Wairarapa
-  **March** Bald Hills, Otago

Wine News - Christmas Gift Ideas for the Wine Lovers:

Please remember those people overseas, especially in the UK, who still have lorry driver shortages – and supply shortages! By the way, this has led to goods being moved by train [back to the future!]



Compact Swivel Cheese & Tapas Board



Who knew drinks trolleys have made a comeback?!



Perhaps the perfect welcome mat?



I kid you not! Wine Glass Holder for Bath & Shower!!!

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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