

The Cellar Club Inc



Established in 1980

July 2026 Newsletter

Club Mid-Year Dinner

The Johnsonville Club, Vista Cafe

1 Normans Lane, Johnsonville, Wellington

Please arrive at 6:30pm, for Dinner at 7pm

Where you will be greeted with a glass of Club bubbles



This is a B.Y.O. event, so please bring along your favourite wine, or two, from your cellars to share with friends.

This year we are trying something a little different with the current fuel crises, etc, we are keeping things local while maintaining quality. We are going to a local establishment that some of you may know as members of the Johnsonville Club.

As a reminder of what you will have a selection of, we have attached the menu here. You may note that the buffet cost is \$55. Don't panic. Your committee made the decision to subsidize the cost, as well as provide the bubbles on arrival.

Thank you for responding to our treasurer's email so quickly with your payment and advice of the wines that you will be bringing. That has made the organisation for this event much easier.



If you would like to catch public transport for the evening, please note that there are both train and bus services available, that arrive and depart not too far from our venue, at the Johnsonville Railway Station.

 We look forward to greeting you on the night, this will be an enjoyable evening and the restaurant is opening specially for us.

F.Y.I. this map shows where the Johnsonville Club is at 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville. There are 50 parking spaces available after 5pm, but other J'Ville club members may be there also, so please, if you can, consider public transport or car sharing/taxi sharing:



Looking Back – Margrain Vineyard

Our evening with Margrain's prime and engaging presenter, Kate Throp, was both entertaining and knowledge sharing along with their fine wines.

The quality of the Margrain wine was evidenced by excellent sales on the night. Thank you to the 29 club members who attended this tasting, especially those that supported the tasting with their orders that had been generously discounted for the evening.

As a reminder, our wines for the evening were:

- 🍷 Margrain La Michelle Methode Traditionelle
- 🍷 Margrain Pinot Gris
- 🍷 Margrain Riesling
- 🍷 Margrain Chenin Blanc
- 🍷 Margrain Chardonnay
- 🍷 Margrain Rivers Edge Pinot
- 🍷 Margrain Home Block Pinot

If you missed the evening, but would like to order their wines, please check out their website, which also had information about their tastings throughout the Winter months, and their accommodation deals too.

Of special note are their Cellar Dwellers tasting in August and September. These are an opportunity to taste some aged wines from their cellars. The dates are:

August	28th & 29th
September	4th & 5th
	11th & 12th
	18th & 19th
	25th & 26th

Between 11am and 3pm (start time), \$25-\$30 per person, maximum 4 in a group. No bookings taken.

Accommodation is still currently available for those dates. www.margrainvineyard.co.nz

Committee Musings

1. **Bottle Tops:** As you are aware we have stopped collecting these now, as supermarkets are the easiest place to leave these. In the last week of June, Wayne collected our Tops from Anne Megget and took them to the recyclers, raising \$132.60 dollars and forwarding this to The Kidney Kids organisation.

Thank you to all club members for their contributions over the years and to Anne for initiating this effort and storing the tops until there were sufficient to take to the recyclers.

2. **Subscriptions:**

These are **now due** for the calendar year commencing 1 July. **The amount is \$25 per person** and can be paid direct to the Club's bank account, or paid in cash to Wayne at his home, or at the dinner or August tasting. Details of the bank account and Wayne's address are on the last page of this newsletter.

As is customary, **we will not be issuing invoices**. If your circumstances have changed and you can no longer carry on with your membership, please let Wayne know. Thanks.

Looking Ahead:

- Y **August** – *Riverby, Marlborough*
- Y **September** – *TBC but likely a look at the wines of Argentina*
- Y **October** – *J K Wines*

Wine News – **Martinborough News:** <https://www.pourandexploremartinborough.co.nz> –

Winter never tasted so good! A programme that showcases the best of Martinborough's wine, cuisine, art, dark skies and local spirit, designed to bring warmth, flavour and vibrancy to the Winter season.

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