

# WINETALK

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WINE CONNOISSEURS CLUB OF HAMILTON  
Since 1965

December 2025

## Coming Functions

Dec 6	Christmas – <b>Note the Date !</b>
Jan 10	January BBQ - <b>Saturday</b>
Feb 8	Askerne Wines
Mar 8	Bubbles tasting
Apr 12	Brockenchack Wines

## WINETALK December 2025

This is the last WineTalk for the year and is earlier than usual as we want to remind you of the date for payment and numbers for the Christmas party which is **28<sup>th</sup> November**. We need to know numbers by then so we can get the food organised.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025. SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. 11am-4pm

**HELD AT:**

**COST:** Members only - \$25. Members' Partners \$30

This includes all food, pre-lunch nibbles, Christmas Roasts with all the trimmings, scrumptious desserts and all wine.

**SECRET SANTA:** Please bring a wrapped bottle of wine to put in Santa's sack. No more than \$20 a bottle  
Father Christmas will be there to hand out presents

## 2025 IN REVIEW

We have had a fabulous year with record numbers of members attending.

The committee works very hard to keep the meetings going each month. It involves getting the presenters, letting everyone know what is happening each month with WineTalk, sorting out the money and subs etc, shopping and setting up the food platters, sorting the wine out, setting up the tables, getting the glasses organised (and washed when the meeting is over), washing the tablecloths and getting the club rooms back clean and ready for the Bowling Club next day.

They are a very hard working committee and we thank you all for your hard work.

## Waiting List

We have a rather long waiting list as we have to keep the numbers to no more than 60.

This is because with increased numbers we would have to find somewhere else for meetings which we don't want to do as the Bowling Club cost is very reasonable, the parking is easy and they are very co-operative with us over everything.

Also, handling 60 members is all we can cope with!!!

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## Functions

We have had some great tastings this year and of course our wonderful 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in August. The guest presenter, Cam Douglas Master Sommelier was a highlight and we awarded two Life Memberships to Judie Rees and Judy Fitness.

We had 2 Cellar Tastings presented by our Cellarmaster presenting wines from the Club cellar, a quiz night in conjunction with our AGM, and visiting wineries from Hawkes Bay, Gisborne, Rotorua and Central Otago.

Another highlight was a visit from JK14 Italian wines, Francesca and Luca Kirwan, presenting some gorgeous Italian wines and giving a picture of their lives spent in Italy.

While not a function in the usual sense, the Club organised a day trip to Leverett/Mills Reef in Katikati, where we tasted several wines and purchased many boxes of wine! We had a delicious lunch at the Waikino Tavern and onto a second Tasting at the beautiful Takapoto Estate where we had a lovely wine tasting in a beautiful tasting room. It was a full bus with 25 happy Club members who enjoyed "The Big Day Out".

So, another brilliant year for the Club and we can look forward to more next year with some interesting wineries coming from different areas of New Zealand and Australia.

## Departed Friends

We unfortunately lost long-time members, Dolores Fletcher, Diane Gras, John Gras, Jean Sutton and just last week, Lynda Webley. We miss their personalities and the contribution they all made to the Club over many years.

## HEADS UP FOR THE "ANYONE WHO IS AROUND BARBEQUE" in January 2026

Keep the date for the January BBQ in mind. It is very casual and is "anyone who is around" BBQ.

Bring your own wine and either a salad or dessert and a BYO wine the BBQ held on **Saturday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. See you next year with the February meeting being with Askerne Wines from Hawkes Bay. Keep safe and drink some great wines over the holidays.

Cheers,

*Gay Main*