

July 2024 Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS:

9 July 7:00pm
Tohu Wines
Moxie's Hinemoa St

13 August 7:00pm
Paritua Wines
Moxie's Hinemoa St

**10 September
7:00pm** Fistonich
Family Vineyards
Moxie's Hinemoa St

8 October 7:00pm
Otu Wines
Moxie's Hinemoa St

12 November 7:00pm
Swift Wines
Moxie's Hinemoa St

Sunday 1 December
Xmas Event
Moxie's Hinemoa St

Your Committee: June Minutes

What a wonderful event the blind tasting was! Cellar Master Faye Luxton excelled keeping the event bright, energetic and the guests in order. Thanks Faye for all your efforts in making it a great occasion. Special thanks to for birthday girl Denise and her placemat design, making everything easy to remember. Well done committee, a team effort!

We have been recently tidying the website for North Shore Wine and Food Society www.nswfs.org.nz. Click on the link to see upcoming events, previous newsletters and what the clubs all about. It's a really good opportunity to showcase the club and encourage new membership. Simply forward the link and encourage your friends to find out about us. More information will get added soon—including the new membership applications.

Our next event is **Tohu Wines** coming up on **9 July**. Secure your spot by clicking the link below or simply emailing Denise directly on denlaw1964@gmail.com or call her on **021 057 3984**. We want to confirm numbers as soon as possible—by 2 July—so Moxie's can arrange catering and we can tell the Tohu vineyard how much tasting wine is needed. Last minute additions make it harder to organise everyone. Drop a note to Denise now!

[Click here to BOOK](#)

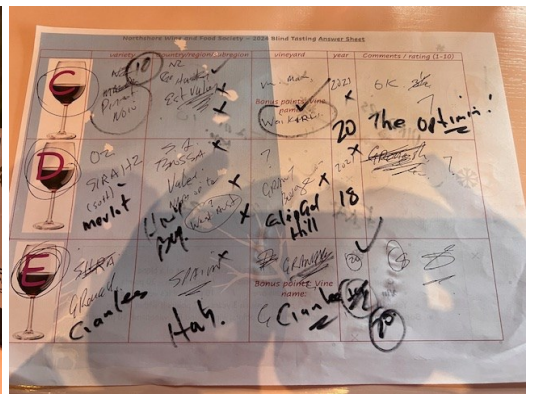
Tohu Wines



Our June Event:

Presenter: **Faye Luxton**

For many of us the clues were vital in our judgement of the wine varietal, with some educated guesses proving the source of inspiration rather than a discerning palette. Although the palette did have a excellent workout.



As you can see from the completed sheet each answer was hotly debated before the final result was agreed upon. For the record the self proclaimed team “The Winners” did exactly that. While the judge’s decision was final there was much consternation and vigorous deliberation as to whether Mr “Faye Luxton” aka Martin Camden did indeed sneak into the study late at night to check out the wines, prior to the event. While he vigorously denies the accusation, enquires are still ongoing.



Upcoming July Event:

Tohu Wines—Bruce Taylor Winemaker & Hugo McCallum



Tohu wines is the world's first Māori owned wine company. Since 1998, Tohu has focused on creating internationally acclaimed wines from New Zealand's premier grape-growing regions. Tohu is acknowledged as He matamua taketake - the original, the first Māori owned and operated wine label.

Tohu Wines is part of Kono a whanau-owned company based in Te Taihū, the top of the South Island. With approximately 4000 owners, who descend from the customary Maori land-owners, the whanau and hapu of the Whakatu, Motueka and Mohua rohe. Tohu's purpose is to preserve and enhance our taonga for present and future generations.

Whenua Awa is located in the upper reaches of the Awatere Valley, Marlborough. Awa translates to river, in tribute to the Awatere River that surrounds the vineyard. Marlborough is known for producing some of the best Sauvignon Blanc grapes in world.

Whenua Matua is located in Upper Moutere, Nelson. Our vineyard name translates to 'significant land'. True to its name, this land holds a special place in our hearts. Nelson is known for producing some of the most complex aromatics in the country.

A little about the winemaker Bruce Taylor: Originally from the Bay of Plenty, Bruce grew up on the beach with a family of scientists, but a love of books and surfing initially drew him to studying History at Waikato University for a Bachelor of Arts. After much travel and a winding career path, Bruce found himself back at university in his 30's completing a Bachelor of Wine Science.



Extensive travelling and working in wineries around the world eventually ended with a return to Aotearoa in 2006 and a role with Kono as winemaker in 2008. Heading up our vineyard and winery team, Bruce oversees production of all our Kono, Tohu and Aronui wines with a particular passion for terroir driven Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and of course Sauvignon Blanc. Bruce lives happily in Blenheim with his wife Julie, daughters Eve and Ellie, and a 1970 Valiant coupe.



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