



The Event:

New Zealand Tasting Review

On November 20 Larry Meinert, a geology professor at WSU, presented wines from New Zealand accompanied by some slides of his recent sabbatical there. The 20 of us in attendance tasted 5 Chardonnays and 3 Sauvignon Blancs. The wines selected hailed from Marlborough, Hawkes Bay, and Gisbourne. The Sauvignon Blancs were a 1998 Stoneleigh from Marlborough (the group's favorite), a 1999 Villa Maria from Marlborough, and a 1999 Nautilus also from Marlborough. Among the Chardonnays the group preferred a 1998 Kim Crawford, Tietjen from Gisbourne. Also tasted were a 1998 Riverside, Dartmoor Vineyard from Hawkes Bay, a 1997 Vidal Reserve from Hawkes Bay, a 1998 Montana, Barrique Reserve from Marlborough, and a 1997 Villa Maria, Barrique Reserve from Hawkes Bay. Along with the wines we enjoyed a New Zealand cheddar, a Double Gloucester from England, Bartlett pears and red table grapes from California, Gala and Winesap apples from Washington, and sourdough baguettes from Portland, Oregon. The evening proved to be an excellent opportunity to learn about New Zealand, the land and its wines. A hearty thanks goes out to Larry for putting together this fine tasting and enjoyable presentation.

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