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THE ONLY MINIATURE BOTTLE CLUB IN AUSTRALASIA
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COVER BOTTLES

It is especially pleasing to show you the bottles on this month's cover. One of them is a sample and the other three would never have been produced but for the efforts of Janne Matthews and myself. Let me explain.

Janne has at last managed to organise the Port Nicholson Vodka minis for us from Southern Grain Distillers of Kaiapoi. Peter Ward, the new manager, also mentioned that they had some Coachman Gin minis still in stock, and possibly some others. As I was working in Kaiapoi I went to see Peter and finalise arrangements. In his office was the Gracey's Gin you see on the cover - one of only three made! Naturally I asked if I could buy it from him, and so, for a short time (read on), I have a very rare bottle.

As it happened, Southern Grain Distillers only have Gin minis at present. They have supplied us with a case (192), 60 of which are labelled with the remainder of our Port Nicholson Gin labels (we only had 1 left from the original run of 192); and the balance with Coachman labels. They are going to bottle for us, in the next 3 or 4 weeks, the Port Nicholson Vodka (16 doz. as originally ordered), 8 doz. Rebroff Vodka (a different label to those that were sold 2 years ago) and 8 doz. Gracey's Gin.

Whilst there I also spotted the King Alfred & Glen Royal Scotch labels. Like the Gracey's these were printed several years ago but never used. They had even bought some green bottles for them to go on. Yours truly has persuaded them to bottle 8 doz. of each for us.

We will therefore have for sale the following:-

PORT NICHOLSON GIN)	
PORT NICHOLSON VODKA)	@ NZ\$2.50 each, plus postage
COACHMAN GIN)	

GRACEY'S GIN)	
REBROFF VODKA)	
KING ALFRED SCOTCH)	@ NZ\$3.00 each, plus postage
GLEN ROYAL SCOTCH)	

The last 4 are an exclusive for the club and will be for sale on a first come, first served basis - so get your order in. The club reserves the right to scale down larger orders so that every member who wants one will be able to have one.

And finally, the Royal Deer Velvet Liqueur. A few of these were bottled several weeks ago as a sample for a Nelson company, Studio Culinaire. This was the only one left at the factory. If it is produced commercially I will let you know.

David Smith

HISTORY IN MINIATURE

VERMOUTH



Although Vermouth is usually associated with northern Italy, the word is actually derived from the German "wermut" meaning wormwood. This is an important ingredient of Vermouth.

The person credited with first marketing Vermouth on a commercial basis was Antonio Carpano. He developed his "secret formula" in 1786. The firm of Carpano is still in business. Their products are considered to be some of the best quality. However, I have never seen any miniatures of their Vermouth.

The Vermouth industry became based in Turin due to the availability locally of the vital ingredients - low quality, high alcohol wine and abundant herbs, roots and spices. As well as wormwood the following could appear in your glass. Angelica, cardamon, coriander, cinnamon, cascarrilla, calamus root, camomile, cloves, elderflower, gentian, ginger, juniper, hyssop, lime, marjoram, mint, mace, nutmeg, orris, orange peel, quinine, rose leaves, starwort, sage and thyme, to name only a few! Under Italian law Vermouth must contain arthemisia. A formula may consist of 50 different elements.

When Vermouth is made outside Italy, the local country will supply the wine but the herbs etc. are usually prepared in Italy.

The Italians consume 40 million litres annually (that's 10,566,914 US gallons for those of you living in that backward country north of Mexico), of which 24 million litres is white.

Two of the best known vermouth companies make the drink world wide. Cinzano, founded prior to 1860, has 13 production centres outside Italy. Rivals Martini & Rossi have 24 plants outside Italy and first began producing vermouth in 1863. The Martini & Rossi plant at Pessione (Italy) has 21 miles (whoops, sorry, 33.7953km.) of stainless steel piping, 38 million litres of product storage and two bottling plants with a combined capacity of 80,000 bottles per hour. They bottle for 9 hours per day!

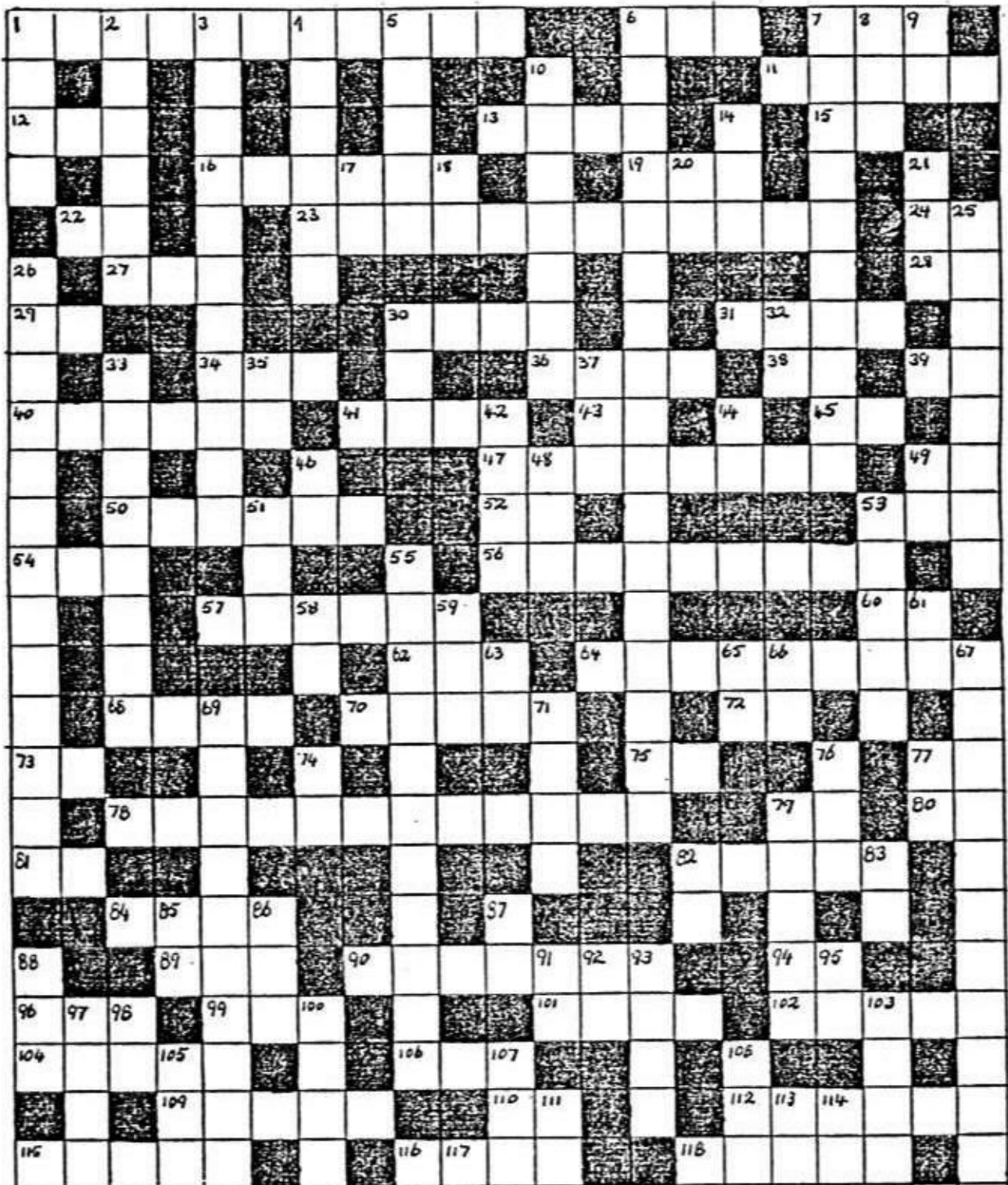
Illustrated is the only Vermouth ever bottled in miniature in New Zealand.

FRANK WYNN

CROSSWORD

This month's competition is our first crossword. It was compiled especially for us by Erica Mulder's sister, who doesn't even collect minis! I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for the great deal of effort that she has obviously put into it.

Answers should be sent to Erica Mulder to arrive no later than 12th. August.



ACROSS

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DOWN

- 1 Na₂CO₃
2 To talk discursively when tipsy.
3 Short drink usually containing egg white.
4 Drink made with Scotch, Sweet Vermouth and Angostura Bitters.
5 Antonym: void.
6 Popular cocktail with lots of ice.
7 Vodka and tomato juice.

- 8 What is given at minor accidents. (This word can stand alone, but it is usually preceded by another word of 5 letters)
- 9 A white grape (initials)
- 10 After a few beers there's nothing like a good casserole during winter (The meat in this dish)
- 14 Dad's retreat in the home (if you've got one)
- 17 & 49 down, & 53 across. The first syllable of a volatile liquid.
- 18 Initials of two words meaning 'Broke.'
- 20 Tavern in Glen Eden, Auckland, or a village in Devon; the second of two words.
- 21 This is how you feel after having been "on the bash."
- 25 You need your passport, ice, club soda or water.
- 26 Loss of dignity or reputation.
- 30 What you have to do if you want to drink in an unlicensed restaurant. (abbreviation)
- 32 That is. (abbreviation)
- 33 Arising out of conflicting social values and relationships.
- 35 Young people are often asked for this in hotels. (abbreviation)
- 37 Foolish person. (slang)
- 42 A dash.
- 44 Enough to drive you to drink when you see this on your bank statement. (abbreviation)
- 46 Thanks. (slang)
- 48 for the road.
- 49 2nd. syllable of 17 down.
- 51 Used for beer, but not for liqueur, punch or wine.
- 53 Pertaining to the blood.
- 55 A non-alcoholic drink, often sprinkled with pepper and/or salt.
- 58 The first two letters of a colour. (Hint: not silver)
- 59 Past tense of 'get.'
- 61 A liquid that flows freely. (abbreviation)
- 63 Used to manufacture the glass you drink out of. (chemical abbreviation)
- 65 Toothy lager. (initials)
- 66 Mentioned twice on Grand Marnier label. (initials)
- 67 What you should do before opening a bottle of Irish Cream.
- 69 Bubbles.
- 71 To emit an unpleasant odour.
- 74 'The way the world should be' beer.
- 76 Blockhead.
- 77 Seagram's.
- 79 Ice blocks bounded by 6 equal squares.
- 82 Scotch whisky. (initials)
- 83 Hello! (slang)
- 85 Beer tap.
- 86 The act of watching secretly.
- 87 Bourbon. (initials)
- 88 Instant payment for goods delivered by courier. (initials)
- 91 Apiece. (abbreviation)
- 92 Same as 9 down.
- 93 To agitate ingredients.
- 95 Temporary disorder of the mental faculties due to excessive indulgence in alcohol. (Pathological abbreviation)
- 97 Rind.
- 98 0.0353 ounces in metric. (abbreviation)
- 100 A card game term. Also used when refusing another drink.
- 103 Swaying about unsteadily from intoxication.
- 105 Offensive behaviour or language. (first 3 letters of a 7 letter word)
- 107 A government charge on important things, such as booze.
- 108 Fijian bounty.
- 111 Double. (prefix)
- 113 The 3rd. & 5th. letters of a leading N.Z. vinyard. There is usually a bunch of grapes inside the fifth letter.
- 114 The first and last letters of the world's oldest alcoholic beverage.
- 117 2nd. word of 56 across.

Backyard Still Seized

NZPA Invercargill

Customs seized an illegal alcohol still in the backyard of an Invercargill house yesterday after a tip that it had been producing for about three weeks.

It is almost 20 years since the Customs Department last uncovered an illicit still in the South Island.

The distiller had been making alcohol both for consumption and as an experimental fuel for his car, according to Customs. The equipment was unsophisticated, consisting primarily of an old drum.

Waste fruit and vegetables were the main ingredients in the crude process, and caramel had been added to give the raw spirit some colour and disguise the bitter taste.

There are fewer than 10 distillation licence-holders in New Zealand.

Anyone found distilling spirits without a licence is liable to a range of penalties under the Distillation Act 1971. It provides for a fine of up to \$2500, or three times the value of the duty evaded on the alcohol made, and a two-year prison sentence.

LOSING ⁴ Winning by a noses

Just after the last miNiZ came out there appeared in the Wellington newspapers an advert for the "Wilson Neill Wine Options Championship." The regional heat in Wellington was on the same day as our may meeting, so we had a quick 'on the phone' committee meeting and changed the venue.

Two teams were entered from the club, with a dollar for dollar subsidy on the entrance fee. Teams consisted of 4 members and each member had to answer 4 questions independently. These were usually Which Grape, Which Country, Which Area, and What Year. Each answer was worth 1 point, so that the team could score a maximum of 16 points. There was also a team question, which was usually 'Who Made It' and this was also worth 1 point.

If answering questions like that sounds impossible to you - think how we felt! However, that's where the 'Options' in the competition name came in. We were given a choice of 3 answers to each question - for which we shall be ever grateful!

We tasted a N.Z. Gewurtztraminer, a N.Z. Muller Thurgau, a German Reisling (no one liked it - sorry Gunther!), a French Chardonnay (Chablis), a French Gamay (Beaujolais) (Grand Cru would you believe - we didn't, almost all the competitors thought it was 'Villages' quality and yours truly didn't even pick the grape), an Australian Shiraz, a N.Z. Cabernet Sauvignon (all of our No.2 team thought it was from Spain), and, finally, a N.Z. Pinot Noir.

After 2 rounds our No.2 team was lying second, the team dropped back on round 3 but was lying 2nd. equal at the half way stage. After rounds 5 & 6 the team was lying 3rd. Then the organisers got sneaky, they kept the results of the final two rounds a secret!



1986 WINEOPTIONS[®] CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM NO.	GAME NO.	QUESTION NO.	ANSWER Enter either A, B or C

It was then announced that there was to be a 'tie breaker' between a team from a local wine appreciation club and our No.2 team. However, the organisers would not say which positions the teams were competing for.

At this point our team really blew it. They only scored 7 out of a possible 17 points - amazingly so did the other team! So there was a second tie breaker. This time the opposition really blew it as they only managed to get 5 points. Problem was, our team only managed 3!!!!!! It was at this point that we were told that the play-off had been for second and third places, which put us in the prize money.

For 3rd. place the team got \$100 and an invitation to compete in the national finals in Auckland at the end of July. As agreed before the contest, in the very unlikely event of one of our teams winning a prize, each member of that team would receive \$10 for a bottle of wine and the remaining money would go into club funds.

So, competitors got to sample some nice wines, spectators were liberally plied with wine by the organisers and the club made a profit. Now that's what I call a successful activity!

DAVID SMITH

PS. Why the title "Losing by four noses"? Our No.1 team came joint LAST!

NEW MEMBERS

This month a very warm welcome to:-

Christopher Leatham, 55 Selwyn Street, Christchurch 2
Noel Osborne, 41A Old Lake Road, Devonport, Auckland 9
Herb Oberman, 11047 N. 52nd. St., Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, USA

SNIPPETS

Which one of our members thought he knew a lot about wine until beaten by his wife in a recent competition? (see elsewhere)

Nigel Rose recently bought 64 minis for \$35 - all in perfect condition!!! Not only that, included were unusual beers, ceramics and other bottles the envy of even our more established collectors.

JIM BEAM PERSONALISED



Shown above are three out of seven new Jim Beam personalised bottles. All these bottles have been made in the U.S. but they have been specifically made for New Zealand. The four missing also have peoples names on; Alistair Vince, Clive Purvis, Pat McKenna & Russell Cowles. The club is obtaining a small supply of the 7th. Convention bottle (orders gladly taken), but you are on your own for obtaining the others.

BUY, SELL & SWAP

Mrs. Archibald of THE BRITISH HOTEL, cnr. Norwich Quay & Oxford Street, Lyttleton, Phone. Lyttleton 7015, has several hundred minis for sale individually.

Things are looking up for mini collectors (that's collectors of miniature bottles, not small people who collect) in or visiting Christchurch. The UNITED SERVICES HOTEL bottle store is again keen on stocking minis. They do however have the usual complaint - there aren't many around. The ZETLAND TAVERN also has a good stock once again. Three bottles that I haven't seen elsewhere are: DOS GUSANOS MEZCAL (with 2 worms in), JUAREZ TEQUILA (plastic), & BUSHMILLS MALT.

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A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod

In the dimly-lighted, smoke-filled pool halls and saloons of Boozeville, you rarely see a lady at the bar. In fact, this is the first time that I have seen this lady. Wonder who she is? Could she be one of the "girls" on her day off? Or is she one of the really early libbers? Anyway it's a big improvement over the ugly old devils that you usually see in here.

This lady belongs to Cecil Johnston of Portland, Oregon. She must be a very rare specimen. This one is a match holder and unfortunately not a bottle but is done in the same way. Now we know that there has to be a bottle of this same design out there somewhere just waiting to be found. She is almost as tall as the "One of the Boys" bottle. He is 6 3/4 inches high and is one of the more common bottles in the giveaways. She is wearing a black dress, blue hat with white feather, white shoes and red stockings. She is sitting on a bar stool with the words "One of the Girls" printed in black.

Think I'll go over and ask what her name is. Maybe she's one of the show girls from down the street. Oops, too late. One of the boys named Cecil Johnston just moved in and is talking to her. Well, I guess it's finders-keepers as she is going with him to his place!

--L. M.--



Like most small towns in the early 1900's, Boozeville has plenty of night life. These towns draw many people looking for work - some are busy staking out homesteads while others are mining claims. However, on Saturday night, they all head for town to have a good time.

Beer is only 5 cents a mug and for one silver dollar you can treat yourself to the upper limits of pleasure. The likenesses of some of the residents are captured here on these little giveaway bottles. The "girls" shown here would most likely work at one of the better hotels in town. Most of these party girls worked and lived on the second floor of the saloons and hotels in those days.

The first one has "a good thing for you" printed on the base. She is blond with a variety of items surrounding her such as wine, grapes, oranges, and a large red lobster. These bottles

naturally were made in Germany and this particular one is only 4 3/4" tall.

The next one is held up by a large hand. On the cuff is printed "a present for you". She is also a blond wearing a white slip with black stockings and red shoes. On the bottom of the bottle is printed SAMPLE. This one is six inches tall.

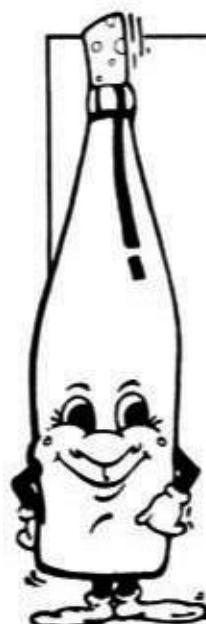
The last one is sitting in a glass which is being held by a hand. "Your Health" is printed across the glass. She is a red head with red blouse, white skirt, and red shoes. A yellow rose lies at the base of the glass. The bottle itself is five inches tall.

It's interesting to see some of the very same old buildings in many towns today. The early day signs out front like "Cozy Rooms," "Ritz Rooms," and "Parlor Girls Upstairs" have been replaced with today's modern signs of "Credit Union," "Collection Agency," and "Welfare Office."

--L. M.--



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The above card is a reprint of one the club had done a year or so ago. We now have a good supply of these. Please, please, if you think that you can get some of these put up in your local bottle stores, let us know how many you require.

Also the club now has a further supply of letterheads. If you have a legitimate reason for wanting some let us know.

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D. T. P. NEXT MEETINGS

June	15th	Marjorie Lynch, 51 Maxwell Avenue, Wanganui
July	20th	Colin Kilpatrick, 6 St. Edmund Crescent, Tawa
August	17th	Russell Thomson, 47 Collier Avenue, Karori

All above are on Sunday at 2.00pm. Visitors welcome.

The next meeting in or near Auckland will be advised in the next newsletter.

Any member outside Wellington wishing to hold a meeting should contact either of the two Vice Presidents.

EDITORIAL

If this issue looks somewhat different that's because it is. Jackie is currently in England so I am having to do all the typing. With my spelling it is far better to type it on the office computer which puts it right for me. (Ah, the wonders of modern technology!)

The committee wishes to thank all the members who have been so patient in waiting for their Port Nicholson Gin bottles. Read on for the latest update.....

Those who ordered ceramics and have not yet got them are also being very patient. Here I must confess to being inefficient. The bottles arrived unlabeled and I have kept forgetting to write to the supplier to ask for some. Consider this a request David!

Enclosed with this issue of minis should be a copy of the club address list and a copy of the N.Z. miniatures list. Both lists are now on computer and will be kept permanently up to date. If at any time you require a revised copy of either you need only ask.

Apology. We don't know how we managed it but we believe that we did not post a copy of the last miNiZ to 4 members. The last miNiZ had a 5 in blue bottles on the cover, if you didn't receive it please let us know.

DAVID SMITH

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME

TELEPHONE No.

ADDRESS

Do you specialise in any particular area of miniature bottle collecting?

MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL REMAIN CURRENT FOR AT LEAST 2 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. CURRENT FEES ARE:-

New Zealand, NZ\$10 or NZ\$15 for a family membership.

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