



WINELETTER 232 AUGUST 2017

GOING DOWN IN VENICE

“WELL, PERHAPS IF THE 15 MILLION TOURISTS WOULD JUST STEP OFF FOR A MOMENT...”



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We're off to the Land of Wine & Honey. Our love affair with the home of sculptors, gladiators, sinking cities and pizza goes back to the dawn of time, when the first Glengarry store was just a cave in a hill, and we've been importing beautifully realised Italian gems to titillate the New Zealand tastebud ever since.

Italians do the quality to value ratio extremely well. They are also fiercely proud of their regional fare, and tend to eat and drink the stuff made just down the road. Thus a proud proliferation of vinos based on indigenous varieties can be found throughout the Italian wine portfolio. We source our imports from the length and breadth of Italy, ticking off the top wine-producing regions, benchmark producers and whatever new up-and-coming gems we can uncover. From everyday tasty tipples to serious top-end titans, Italy really does have something for everybody.

What else? We zero in on Gisborne's Matawhero winery, resonating with history, check in on the barrel-loving brewers at 8 Wired, dip our tongues carefully into the grappa glass, check out the superb range of champagnes on offer from the brilliant Drappier family, take a peek at the stunning new Library Series wines released by Villa Maria, sniff the heady aromas of the Glenmorangie single malt selection and parade our latest round of Top10 wines. And the rest. Cin cin!

JAK
Jak Jakicevich

CECCHI MONTALCINO DOCG
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010
\$64.00 62526



A relatively new addition to the Cecchi range, one that sees the Cecchi family nurture and mature the Sangiovese vines on a magnificent hillside in Montalcino. Their superb Brunello di Montalcino is ruby red in colour with garnet overtones, the bold, raisened nose introducing clean, fruit-driven flavours and firm tannins, with waves of black cherry, violet and tarry, earthy notes exploding from the glass. Not at all in the style of the expression from the pioneering Biondi Santi family, this is fragrant, almost floral, with some judicious use of French oak.

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MATAWHERO'S RICHARD SEARLE

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MATAWHERO

Matawhero has been part of Gisborne's vinous landscape since 1968, when it was established by the late Bill Irwin to supply grapes to the local winemakers. Bill was a visionary who defied the conventional thinking of the time. He pioneered the introduction of new varieties and clones to the country, and in doing so changed the face of Kiwi winemaking.

In the 1970s Bill's son, Denis, launched the Matawhero brand, using some of his father's grapes and imparting his own colourful style to produce a selection of excellent and distinctive wines. His Gewürztraminer won international acclaim, ending up in Buckingham Palace to be sipped by the Royal Lips.

When, in 2008, Denis decided to sell Matawhero, local winegrowers Richard and Kirsten Searle grabbed the opportunity and purchased the iconic winery. The Searles have revitalised the operation. The home vineyard has been replanted with new clones, along with a number of exciting new varieties, and the production facilities were upgraded.

Kirsten Searle puts it thus: 'Like the Irwins, who passed on a heritage of innovation, we strive to produce individual wines that are shining examples of their Gisborne terroir. Our passion is to produce distinctive single vineyard wines that reflect our unique Gisborne terroir.'



MATAWHERO GISBORNE
CHURCH HOUSE ALBARIÑO 2014

\$16.99 10697

The white Albariño variety is in the aromatic camp, its mineral-tinged notes of citrus and peach flowing onto a vibrant palate of ripe Gisborne fruit.

MATAWHERO GISBORNE
CHURCH HOUSE GRÜNER VELTLINER 2013

\$16.99 10654

A restrained nose of citrus, mandarin and apple introduces a subtly sweet palate of citrus, apple and orange blossom characters that finishes dry.

MATAWHERO GISBORNE
CHURCH HOUSE CHARDONNAY 2016

\$21.99 10774



Uses a newly imported French clone and the finest fruit from the vintage; vibrant aromas of oak-edged melon and fig and a long, rich, full-bodied palate.

MATAWHERO GISBORNE
CHURCH HOUSE CHENIN BLANC 2016

\$21.99 10656

An enticing bouquet of orange blossom, plum and honeysuckle. The lively, lime-accented stonefruit flavours linger through to a fresh and zesty finish.

MATAWHERO GISBORNE
CHURCH HOUSE MALBEC 2016

\$21.99 19943

Grapes are off Gisborne's famed Tietjen vineyard. Aromatic notes of plum, dark fruits and herbs. The palate is big and fruity with a ripe tannic finish.

MATAWHERO SINGLE VINEYARD

10764	MARLBOROUGH	SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016	\$19.99
13994	GISBORNE	CHARDONNAY 2016	\$19.99
14492	GISBORNE	PINOT GRIS 2017	\$19.99
11579	GISBORNE	GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2016	\$19.99
14195	GISBORNE	PINOT ROSÉ 2017	\$19.99
10766	GISBORNE	MERLOT 2016	\$19.99

ITALY

VENETO

Veneto is home to the glorious sinking city of Venice and the romantic jewel that is Verona. Here, you'll find great value Soave, Valpolicella and Bardolino wines. Less than half of the wine produced in Veneto is able to be labelled with the Italian quality mark of DOC, with large quantities of IGT (table wine) produced there, making it an important region for quantity. It is also home to the superstar Amarone, and to the sparkling Prosecco wines made in Conegliano-Valdobbiadene.



PASQUA VALPOLICELLA DOC
AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2013

\$49.99 66176

Dried on special racks for nine months and matured in oak barriques for up to eighteen, this dark ruby Amarone unleashes intense cherry, plum and raisin notes amid swirls of dark chocolate, liquorice and spice. On the palate, a juicy raisin core is enhanced by hints of coffee and earthiness, dusty tannins and a nutty amaro finish. Power meets Mellow.



PASQUA VALPOLICELLA DOC
V VALPOLICELLA 2015

\$14.99 62492

The fruit for this great-value red comes from low-yield hillside vineyards considered among the best in the Valpolicella DOC. Clean fragrances of cherry and plum precede a dry, well-rounded palate.



PASQUA ABRUZZO DOC
LE COLLEZIONI MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2015

1.5L \$16.99 66201

The grape variety is Montepulciano, from Veneto's Abruzzo region, the piercingly fresh fruit flavours contained within a great structure; Succulently plummy, and for 1.5 litres, wonderfully priced.



PASQUA
ROMEO & JULIET'S WALL PASSIMENTO 2015

\$17.99 66166

A tribute to Verona and the 3,000 love messages left daily in the courtyard overlooking the balcony at Juliet's old casa, this is a soft and spicy, velvety red made from grapes pre-dried in wooden trays.



BRUNO GIACOSA



PASQUA SOAVE DOC
SOAVE 2014

\$11.99 66096

Crisply fresh, with a palate of golden apples and white peaches, this is an excellent, easy-drinking white from Italian ace Pasqua, the indigenous Garganega blended with 20% Trebbiano di Soave.



CECILIA BERETTA SOAVE DOC
BROGNOLIGO SOAVE CLASSICO 2015

\$16.99 60485

A serious Soave with gorgeous aromatics from the single vineyard of Brognoligo, this is toasty and complex, displaying fresh apricot characters and wonderful length. Rich, broad and textural.



SANTA MARGHERITA
CUVÉE PINOT GRIGIO 2015

\$14.99 62584

A blend of Pinots Grigio and Bianco, approachable, fragrant and food-friendly, with nicely defined pip-fruit characters complemented by a fresh mineral finish. Great price-tag for an IGT Grigio.



SANTA MARGHERITA
VALDADIGE DOC PINOT GRIGIO 2015

\$21.99 62592

A crisp and dry wine with the Italian Pinot Grigio variety's characteristic light hues, this is dazzlingly clean, boasting an intense bouquet of ripe, golden apples. Works on its own or with a variety of foods.

- 62575 **PASQUA** LE COLLEZIONI MONTEPULCIANO 2015 **\$9.99**
- 60512 **PASQUA** PINOT GRIGIO GARGANEGA DOC 2015 **\$11.99**
- 66104 **PASQUA** LE COLLEZIONI SANGIOVESE 2015 **1.5L \$16.99**
- 66164 **PASQUA** LE COLLEZIONI MERLOT 2015 **1.5L \$16.99**
- 66080 **PASQUA** MORAGO APPASSITE 2013 **\$17.99**
- 66159 **PASQUA** ROMEO & JULIET'S WALL PROSECCO DOC NV **\$17.99**

PIEMONTE

Piemonte produces some of Italy's most long-lived wines. A treasure trove of culinary delights, it is home to Barolo, Barbaresco, truffles and hazelnuts. The predominant red grapes are the indigenous Nebbiolo, Barbera and Dolcetto, the whites, Arneis and Moscato. The wines are distinctly regional and oozing with flair. Lovers of Pinot Noir will feel right at home with Nebbiolo, which is bottled in its own right as well as being the variety behind the famed Barolo wines.



BRUNO GIACOSCA ROERO DOCG
ROERO ARNEIS 2016

\$34.99 62933

CASE OF 6 \$31.99 A BOTTLE

Harnessing the crisply floral white Italian variety, Arneis, this is intensely fragrant and spicy, the nose evoking nashi pear. With four months in stainless prior to bottling, the palate is fresh and juicy, the acidity elevated. Only 130,000 bottles produced.

DAMILANO LANGHE DOC
MARGHE NEBBIOLO 2014

\$29.99 62916

CASE OF 6 \$26.99 A BOTTLE

The red variety behind Piemonte's famed Barolo, this is floral, beautifully perfumed and gentle in style, but with a decent backbone. Good to go.

LA RAIA GAVI DOCG
GAVI 2016

\$24.99 62870 

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Italy's white Cortese grape, biodynamically grown and fashioned for early drinking. Softly textural, it's great paired with seafood or young cheeses.



MARCHESI DI GRÉSY ASTI DOC
MONTE COLOMBO BARBERA D'ASTI 2011

\$49.99 62594

CASE OF 6 \$46.99 A BOTTLE

The red Barbera grape at its finest, from a once abandoned vineyard with splendid terroir. Forward red fruits, an elegant palate and plenty of flair.



CÀ' DEL BAIO BARBARESCO DOCG
AUTINBEJ BARBARESCO 2014

\$54.99 62866

CASE OF 6 \$51.99 A BOTTLE

A blend of two cru, Marcarini and Ferrere, in tribute to Giulio Grasso's late father, Ernesto. An intense, spicy nose and a warm, lingering, fruity palate.



CÀ' DEL BAIO'S ERNESTO GRASSO



TENUTA CUCCO BAROLO DOCG
SERRALUNGA D'ALBA BAROLO 2013

\$54.99 62880

CASE OF 6 \$51.99 A BOTTLE

Fruit-forward and fragrant, displaying Serralunga's characteristic boldness, red fruit and herbal notes and a delightful spicy warmth.



GIANNI GAGLIARDO
BAROLO DOCG BAROLO 2011

\$64.99 62746

CASE OF 6 \$61.99 A BOTTLE

Fragrantly perfumed with rich flavours of cherry and liquorice. Drinks well young, but it will cellar superbly for another seven or so years.



FONTANAFREDDA
BAROLO DOCG BAROLO 2012

\$64.99 62665

Barolo is one of the world's great wines, and this is only just beginning to reveal its true stature. A lush bouquet and a robustly intense palate with taut, chewy tannins and wonderful length. Cellar it.



GIANNI GAGLIARDO

ITALY

TOSCANA

Along with Piemonte, Toscana (Tuscany) has the highest percentage of top-tier DOCG wines, and is home to the scarlet giants Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. It is here that the new meets the old head-on, giving rise to the so-called Super Tuscans. The main variety in Tuscany is Sangiovese, used to make Chianti, with the variety's greatest expression derived from the legendary *Brunello* clone developed by Montalcino's Biondi-Santi family.



CECCHI CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG
CHIANTI CLASSICO 2014

\$20.99 62413

The Cecchi family currently own 300ha spread across central Italy, with their home-base nestled in among the Chianti vines in the heart of Tuscany. This is from the heartland of the Chianti Classico zone and classified as top-tier DOCG. Spice-edged cherry and violet aromas herald an intense, fruity palate that is velvet-lined and long in flavour.

CECCHI ORVIETO DOC
ORVIETO CLASSICO 2015

\$14.99 62308

This crisp and aromatic white displays a varietal fragrance and a structure and intensity that is quite delightful. It has proven highly popular over the summer months, but why wait for that long?

CECCHI MAREMMA DOC
LA MORA VERMENTINO 2015

\$14.99 62419

The white Vermentino grape, grown in the historic microcosm of Maremma and the warmth of southern Tuscany. A wonderfully refreshing and fragrant wine displaying hints of succulent summer fruits.

CECCHI SCANSANO DOCG
LA MORA MORELLINO DI SCANSANO 2015

\$17.99 62403

Morellino is a synonym for Sangiovese, which in southern Tuscany's Scansano region produces vibrant-tasting wines that reflect the sunny nature of the Maremma zone. Refined and stylish.



CASTELLO MONTAÛTO SAN GIMIGNANO DOCG
VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO 2016

\$19.99 62326

Italy's first official DOC, San Gimignano is home to the white Vernaccia grape. Fresh and lively, with a fragrant citrus bouquet, an uncomplicated but flavoursome palate and a zesty, generous finish.



SANTA MARGHERITA CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG
CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013

\$21.99 62599

No one-trick Grigio ponies, those Margheritas; this is a very smart Chianti. Sangiovese's luscious red fruit, the palate grippy and impeccably structured, with a chalky nature to the fine tannins.



VILLA CERNA CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG
RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013

\$32.99 62766

Cecchi's home estate, its superior wines providing their flagship range. Only produced in the best years, the deep floral aromatics and rich, elegant flavours are augmented by nicely understated oak.



BIONDI SANTI TOSCANA
BRACCALE 2012

\$36.99 62836

CASE OF 6 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

5th-generation Jacopo takes his family's profound traditions and builds on them, blending the famous Brunello clone developed by his ancestor with the smooth rotundity of Merlot in this rich, fruity red.

- 62412 **CECCHI** LA MORA MAREMMA TOSCANA DOC 2014 **\$14.99**
- 62327 **CASTELLO MONTAÛTO** CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2015 **\$19.99**
- 62767 **VILLA CERNA** CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2014 **\$22.99**

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DINO ILLUMINATI

THE SOUTH

Generally, the south of Italy is all about value and generous, forward wine styles. *Abruzzo* is located on the coast north and east of Rome, the region home to Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. Historically significant as the place the vine first arrived in Italy from Greece, *Apulia* (or *Puglia*) is located in the middle of the heel of Italy's boot. Known as a large volume producer, there are now top-rated DOCG, an impressive 25 DOC zones and a chariot-full of great Italian foods.



ILLUMINATI ABRUZZO DOCG
ZANNA RISERVA MONTEPULCIANO 2011

\$34.99 62806

CASE OF 6 \$33.99 A BOTTLE

Single-vineyard wine with a clutch of international awards to its name. With a gamey quality to the bright fruit characters, this is a bold, full-flavoured style, with chestnut-tinged fruit flavours and a hint of spice from the oak. Balanced and integrated, with grainy tannins and a seamless finish.

A-MANO APULIA IGT
NEGROAMARO 2016

\$14.99 62940

CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

With its savoury, earthy nose, this is a succulent and supple expression of the Negroamaro variety with spicy red fruits and ripe tannins. Very popular.

RIVERA SALENTO IGT
PRIMITIVO 2015

\$15.99 62829

CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Salento is known for its particularly fine Primitivo grapes. A pure, fragrant, fruit-forward expression dominated by jammy black fruit. Try slightly chilled.

- 62941 **A-MANO** APULIA IGT PRIMITIVO 2015 **\$14.99**
- 62942 **A-MANO** APULIA IGT ROSATO 2016 **\$14.99**
- 62831 **RIVERA** SALENTO IGT NEGROAMARO 2015 **\$14.99**
- 62825 **RIVERA** CASTEL DEL MONTE DOC RUPICOLO 2013 **\$14.99**
- 62800 **ILLUMINATI** ABRUZZO DOC RIPAROSSO MONTEPULCIANO 2015 **\$14.99**
- 62807 **ILLUMINATI** ABRUZZO DOC ILICO MONTEPULCIANO 2013 **\$17.99**

SICILIA

The largest island in the Mediterranean, Sicily boasts the greatest number of wineries of any Italian region. Leading light on the island is the fortified DOC wine, Marsala; so brilliant for cooking and superb when served with a hard cheese like Pecorino. While there are some impressive DOC wines here, there is also great value being offered by top quality producers making very good IGT wines from native varieties.



TERRAZZE DELL'ETNA
ETNA DOC CARUSU 2013

\$29.99 62951

CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

From the the slopes of Mt Etna and sub-40-year-old vines, an indigenous red blend with a fragrant nose, high acidity, taut tannins and a lengthy finish.

- 62846 **TERRELIÁDE** NIRÀ NERO D'AVOLA 2013 **\$21.99**
- 62845 **TERRELIÁDE** (UTTI) MAJURI NERO D'AVOLA-SYRAH 2012 **\$29.99**

ITALIAN SPARKLING

Produced largely in the north, Prosecco is the current high-flier of Italy's respected sparkling wine industry. In 2009 it was awarded DOCG status, that important 'G' on the end adding a rock-solid guarantee to the quality of the wine. Franciacorta is both a highly-rated DOCG area and a sparkling wine with a huge reputation, produced a la champagne, but with even more stringent aging requirements than its French cousins.



CA' DEL BOSCO FRANCIACORTA
CUVÉE PRESTIGE MULTI VINTAGE

\$49.99 62554

Italy's reigning prestige cuvée, a fusion of 75% Chardonnay, 15% Pinot Nero and 10% Pinot Bianco, using the finest fruit from 134 vineyards, vinified separately and blended with a minimum of 20% reserve wines. It is reminiscent of a blanc de blancs champagne, fresh and gorgeously balanced, the finish dry. Impressive.



- 60550 **DA LUCA** PROSECCO DOC NV **\$13.99**
- 67640 **CANTI** PROSECCO DOC 2016 **\$14.99**
- 62810 **TOSTI** ASTI DOCG NV **\$15.99**
- 62813 **TOSTI** PROSECCO DOC NV **\$15.99**
- 62534 **SANTA MARGHERITA** P PROSECCO DOC NV **\$17.99**
- 62538 **SANTA MARGHERITA** PROSECCO SUPERIORE DOCG NV **\$21.99**
- 62932 **BRUNO GIACOSCA** SPUMANTE EXTRA BRUT 2007 **\$49.99**

8 WIRED

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8 WIRED

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SØREN AND MONIQUE ERIKSEN

'8 Wiring' Kiwi slang: doing it yourself with whatever's available. In 2009, 8 Wired produced their first commercial batch in the Renaissance Brewery for whom Søren Eriksen had been brewing. But y'know, do it yourself. Only two years later they were crowned Champion Brewery by the Brewers Guild of New Zealand. What sets 8 Wired apart from the rest is their dedication to making the best of what they call 'New World interpretations of old styles.' Nowadays they have their own flash brewery up in Warkworth, where they put out more amazing beer than ever. Known for their stunning range of barrel aged beers, 8 Wired recently acquired 7 *foedres* or massive oak barrels, which allow them to take their barrel aged and sour beer production up a few notches. They reckon theirs is the biggest barrel aging program in the southern hemisphere. Don't wait for someone else to get you some. Do it yourself.



91820	CUCUMBER HIPPY BERLINER WEISS	CAN	440ML	\$6.49
91890-6	SEMI CONDUCTOR SESSION IPA	6-PACK	330ML	\$19.99
91827-6	TROPIDELIC NEW ZEALAND PALE ALE	6-PACK	330ML	\$19.99
91895-6	HOPWIRED NEW ZEALAND IPA	6-PACK	330ML	\$24.99
91825	HIPPY BERLINER SOUR HOPPY ALE	SINGLE	500ML	\$9.49
91976	FLAT WHITE COFFEE MILK STOUT	SINGLE	500ML	\$9.99
91823	TALL POPPY INDIA RED ALE	SINGLE	500ML	\$10.49
91801	iSTOUT IMPERIAL STOUT	SINGLE	500ML	\$10.49
91828	SUPER CONDUCTOR DOUBLE IPA	SINGLE	500ML	\$10.99
91865	LORD OF THE ATLAS OAK AGED BARLEY WINE ALE	SINGLE	500ML	\$12.99
91833	WILD FEIJOA SOUR ALE	SINGLE	500ML	\$16.99

GRAPPA

DISTILLED PERFECTION

The Italians have been perfecting their heady spirit known as Grappa since the Middle Ages. A unique concoction produced from grape pomace (the skins, pulp, seeds and stems left over after the juice has been extracted for winemaking), Grappa began life as a coarse, home-made drink enjoyed by farmers after a hard day's work. From these humble beginnings it has evolved into a highly refined spirit. By EU law, Grappa must be produced in Italy, without any added water, from fermented and distilled pomace. To produce it, the pomace is heated in a bain-marie (also known as a water bath or double boiler) to create steam, which is forced through a distillation column. The resulting colourless, filtered distillation can be enjoyed immediately, but the finest Grappas are aged in glass or wood, which changes the colour and adds complexity. Flavours, too, can vary considerably depending on the origin of the grape pomace, the blending and the aging process. Great post-prandial, or added to espresso.



62902	MONTANARO GRAPPA DI DOLCETTO	700ML	\$74.99
62903	MONTANARO GRAPPA DI ARNEIS	700ML	\$74.99
62901	MONTANARO GRAPPA DI BARBARESCO	700ML	\$79.99
62906	MONTANARO GRAPPA DI BAROLO STRAVECCHIA	700ML	\$79.99
62907	MONTANARO GRAPPA DI BAROLO CANNUBI	500ML	\$89.99
62909	MONTANARO GRAPPA ED BEPINO	500ML	\$94.99
62908	MONTANARO GRAPPA DI BAROLO CANNUBI	500ML	\$99.00
60451	TENUTA SAN GUIDO & JACOPO POLI GRAPPA DI SASSICAIA 2011	500ML	\$165.00



MICHEL DRAPPIER AND DAUGHTER CHARLINE

Drappier is considered the finest boutique producer in the Côtes des Bar region of the Aube district, the southernmost region of Champagne. It was founded in 1808 in the village of Urville, and is today headed up by Michel Drappier, the eighth generation to run the family business. Exponents of organic and traditional practices, the Drappiers aspire to a position of natural authenticity rather than overstated sophistication, employing minimal amounts of sulphur (the lowest in Champagne) and a low dosage approach that bestows a dry and aromatic elegance upon their expressions. No shortage of history either, with Drappier's vaulted cellars tracing back to 1152. The pride of the house, the limestone-rich vineyards themselves, were initially established by the Romans 2,000 years ago.

The region's first zero-rated carbon producers, the Drappiers are proactive in pushing the envelope, fearlessly embracing the concept of large-format bottles (despite losing a staggering 25% of the output to collateral damage via exploding bottles), experimenting with maturing their wine on the ocean floor and developing an exclusive wild yeast sourced from their own estate to use on their wines. They use 90% recycled glass and 75% of their electricity is sourced from solar panels. There is much to admire about this innovative family house, not least that their exquisite champagnes are brilliantly priced.

DRAPPIER



A NEW DRAPPIER BOTTLE

Drappier are introducing a new, elegantly curvaceous bottle, designed by Michel Drappier, to house their flagship cuvées. Inspired by the bottles of old, they are made of dark glass that filters 99% of damaging ultraviolet light, with the slimmer neck reducing the risk of oxidization. In keeping with the family's strong environmental leanings, the new bottles are made from 87% recycled glass, the highest of any current champagne bottle, and lighter than the standard one Drappier had been using. The new bottles are accompanied by new labels, with the giftboxes designed by Charline Drappier. Made entirely with juices from the first pressing, with Pinot Noir contributing more than 75%, the Carte d'Or is the inaugural inhabitant of Drappier's new bottle. Unfiltered and with a reduced dosage, this is a champagne imbued with elegance and authenticity.

- 43565 **DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR BRUT NV** **\$44.99**
- 43568 **DRAPPIER ROSÉ DE SAIGNÉE BRUT NV** **\$59.99**
- 43551 **DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR BRUT NV 1.5L MAGNUM** **\$119.00**



Launching Drappier's New Champagne Bottle

THE CHAMPAGNES OF DRAPPIER WITH CHARLINE DRAPPIER

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7:00PM WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST

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DRAPPIER CHAMPAGNE
MILLÉSIME EXCEPTION BRUT 2012

\$79.99 43567

The 2012 vintage is all about purity. A Chardonnay-dominant blend with a dash of Pinot Noir adding its own brand of opulence. Perfect for the cellar.



DRAPPIER CHAMPAGNE
GRANDE SENDRÉE ROSÉ 2006

\$99.00 43507

A supremely elegant vintage rosé, the ultra-fine, creamy bubbles and delicate floral and spice characters embellished by nuances of biscuity caramel.



DRAPPIER CHAMPAGNE
GRANDE SENDRÉE BRUT 2006

\$115.00 43566

Drappier's top cuvée is coming into its own now, with nutty, toasty characters augmenting the fresh-tasting palate of ripe fruit flavours and tight acidity.

WINTER REDS



D'ARENBERG McLAREN VALE
THE STUMP JUMP GSM 2012

\$13.99 20757

CASE OF 12 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

The Osborns, d'Arry and son Chester – currently the Chief Winemaker – are a class act, turning out an unending stream of medal-winning wines from their McLaren Vale HQ since the 1960s. The Stump Jump is an Australian classic, a rich, silky blend of classic Rhône varieties lifted by a savoury edge and fine tannins, with an accompanying lick of spice and loads of effusive charm.

UNPLUGGED
NEW ZEALAND RED WINE 2015

\$15.99 19482

Lots of guitar chords on the label. Wonder what happens if we play them all? Will it make a song? Quick, grab the acoustic and open the bottle, something's bound to happen. Flourishing deft hints of red fruit and sweet vanilla flavours, the Unplugged is uncomplicated and all about the fruit, and sometimes that's exactly what you need in your glass of wine.



MT DIFFICULTY CENTRAL OTAGO
ROARING MEG PINOT NOIR 2015

\$25.99 14935

Mt Diff's early-drinking Pinot Noir has long been a perennial favourite. Consistently good drinking, the Meg is a classic Central Otago fruit explosion, the red and black berry characters released in a smooth rush of crushed fruit, herbs and subtle spice, with a gentle hint of earth sealing the deal.



VIDAL HAWKES BAY
ESTATE MERLOT CABERNET 2015

\$12.99 19480

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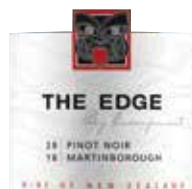
A classic Bordeaux varietal blend displaying lovely aromatic wafts of plum and berry embellished with a dusting of cedar. A ripe and approachable wine complemented by supple tannins and a smooth, satisfying finish.



MISSION HAWKES BAY
VINEYARD SELECTION SYRAH 2015

\$16.99 14847

Mission Estate's VS Syrah is soft and silky with a long, sweet finish, the dark berry, herbal and floral notes accentuating the rich core of Syrah fruit. The Gimblett Gravels portion of the blend contributes structure and a spicy aromatic presence.



THE EDGE
MARTINBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2016

\$19.99 12543

The A-lister Escarpment's second label, drink-now Pinot Noir is full-bodied in style with great backbone and a long, lingering finish. A versatile food partner, this is an immediately accessible wine that will improve over the next couple of years.



RABBIT RANCH
CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2015

\$24.99 11167

From the second label of the mighty Chard Farm, this is a light-on-its-feet, easy-drinking Pinot Noir with a charmingly enticing fruit-driven character. A juicy mouthful of succulence that signs out with a fresh and tasty finish.



CRAGGY RANGE
HAWKES BAY TE KAHU 2015

\$24.99 11212

CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Superb single vineyard red blend from the Craggy supremos. Aromas of cassis, ripe plum, rosemary and cedar entice, while the richness of the Gimblett Gravels fruit warms the palate with youthful, finely-textured tannins that carry onto a long, dry finish.

MARLBOROUGH MAESTROS

The Ned

2017 RELEASES

Brent Marris grew up on some of the very first vineyards in Marlborough, planted by his father. As a young winemaker he was responsible for the development of two major brands: Oyster Bay and, as owner and creator, Wither Hills. Tapping into his deep well of knowledge, Brent selected a number of outstanding local sites as a base from which to launch his own family legacy, Marisco Vineyards. In that stable is the well-respected Ned, and here is the latest round.



- 12248 THE NED MARLBOROUGH PINOT ROSÉ 2017 \$15.99
 12242 THE NED MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2017 \$15.99



DOWN IN GEORGE'S CELLAR

Villa Maria

LIBRARY RELEASE WINES

The nowadays iconic George Fistonich (that's 'Sir George' to you mere mortals) decided a while ago to start selecting wines from exceptional parcels with a thought to aging them and releasing them in very limited quantities via the cellar door and through selected retailers (that would be us). The wines are at the ultra-premium level, and having been already aged by Villa Maria themselves, they are good to go, and very favourably priced for what's in the bottle. Villa Maria, then, at its finest.

- 19666 LIBRARY RELEASE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009 \$69.99
 19667 LIBRARY RELEASE RESERVE MERLOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010 \$69.99

A GREAT IDEA FOR FATHERS DAY

Glenmorangie

HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT

The No.1-selling single malt whisky in Scotland and the third best-selling premium malt in the world. Natural ingredients, traditional craftsmanship and impressive cask expertise combine in a perfect storm of malty brilliance from this iconic brand.



- 93521 THE ORIGINAL 10YO HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY 700ML \$69.00
 93527 THE LASANTA SHERRY CASK FINISH 12YO SINGLE MALT WHISKY 700ML \$84.99
 93528 THE QUINTA RUBAN PORT CASK FINISH 12YO SINGLE MALT WHISKY 700ML \$84.99
 93515 NECTAR D'OR SAUTERNES CASK FINISH 12YO SINGLE MALT WHISKY 700ML \$98.00
 93562 18-YEAR-OLD EXTREMELY RARE SINGLE MALT WHISKY 700ML \$135.00
 93583 MILSEAN PRIVATE EDITION RE-TOASTED WINE CASKS MALT WHISKY 700ML \$179.99
 93560 SIGNET HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY 700ML \$315.00

- 93588 GLENMORANGIE TASTER SET THE PIONEERING COLLECTION 4x 100ML BOTTLES:
 THE ORIGINAL THE LASANTA THE QUINTA RUBAN NECTAR D'OR 400ML \$64.99

winter whites



BRANCOTT ESTATE LETTER SERIES
MARLBOROUGH O CHARDONNAY 2016

\$20.99 15161



CASE OF 6 \$19.99 A BOTTLE

Brancott Estate was the original home of Montana's groundbreaking Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. It turns out a pretty fine Chardonnay as well, the attractive stonefruit and citrus aromas and flavours combining with toasty, mealy nuances, a creamy, nutty mouthfeel and a lingering textural finish.

DOG POINT MARLBOROUGH
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

\$24.99 18390

CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

The Dog Pointers have always had their own distinctive slant on things, opting for the memorable over the mundane. An intense bouquet is embellished by hints of herb and mineral, the forward fruit flavours balanced by a swirl of citrus. Pungent, tropical, doggedly different, this is beautifully brisk and textural.



MAN O' WAR PONUI ISLAND
EXILED PINOT GRIS 2016

\$28.99 12480



From their idyllic Waiheke coastal perch, Man O' War dispense a dazzling selection of vinos. Their Pinot Gris is sourced from Waiheke satellite, Ponui Island. Aromatic notes of pear and ginger finesse the ripe fruit flavours, which are given a final squeeze from a salacious touch of citrus.



RAPAURA SPRINGS
MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

\$13.99 17904

CASE OF 6 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

A textural and fruit-driven Sauvignon Blanc that displays appealing tropical and citrus flavours. An attractive underlying flinty quality combines with the generous fruit and crisp acidity to deliver an easy-drinking, excellent value wine.



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

\$14.99 13386

With fruit off vineyards in a variety of sub-regions, this epitomises the character of Marlborough wine, exuding classic regional characters of passion-fruit, tropical fruit and herbs laced with refreshing mineral notes.



ESK VALLEY
HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 2016

\$15.99 12819



CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

One of the best boutique producers in the country. Grapes from Esk Valley's more northerly vineyards at Bay View introduce the tropics, while the fruit off the terraces at Puketapu add a flintier citrus note.



KUMEU VILLAGE
KUMEU CHARDONNAY 2016

\$16.99 18204



Displaying stonefruit, citrus and nutty nuances, Kumeu River's entry-level Chardonnay is good drinking, the elegantly styled palate infused with deep fruit flavours, a slick, textural mouthfeel and a crisp, mineral-edged finish.



MILLS REEF
HAWKES BAY RESERVE PINOT GRIS 2016

\$19.99 14537



One of our premium labels and two-time recipient of New Zealand Winemaker of the Year. A dry but silkily smooth Pinot Gris with attractive characters of apricot, spicy pear and cashew; multi-faceted, with good balance, weight and texture.

A TASTE OF Australia



A TASTE OF Spain



YALUMBA BAROSSA
THE SCRIBBLER CABERNET SHIRAZ 2013

\$17.99 29869

Classic Barossa blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz fruit that introduces itself via a bouquet of raspberry, liquorice, sweet spice and fresh herbs before segueing seamlessly into a polished palate of generous flavours and well rounded tannins.

CHAPEL HILL McLAREN VALE
THE PARSON GSM 2015

\$18.99 21263

The Chapel Hill crew habitually dish out impressive quality at bargain prices. The 61% Grenache, 34% Shiraz, 5% Mourvèdre Parson forges the classic Rhône and McLaren Vale varietals with a focus on savouriness and texture. Smooth and silky.

HEWITSON BAROSSA VALLEY
MISS HARRY GSM 2014

\$20.99 21821

A blend of old Barossa vines dating back to the 1800s, with mysterious, dark, earthy fruit notes, brightly fragranced with flaring floral flourishes. An elegant, sumptuous style with finely-etched tannins, nuances of spice and a long, tasty tail.

TORBRECK BAROSSA VALLEY
OLD VINES GSM 2013

\$24.99 21099

The Rhône Valley meets old-vine Barossa, in a place where power combines beautifully with finesse. A finely-judged blend, matured in French oak for twelve months. Elegantly balanced, with attractive cherry, cassis, spice and floral characters.

GRANT BURGE BAROSSA
THE HOLY TRINITY GSM 2013

\$29.99 26365

Undeniably Australian, with its vibrant brick-red hues and fragrant aromatics of black cherry, cassis and violets. Elegant and balanced, the fleshy, dark fruit flavours are supported by subtle oak, supple tannins and an attractive savoury aftertaste.



CAMPO VIEJO
RIOJA RESERVA 2011

\$23.99 87271

CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

A long, smooth and elegant Tempranillo-dominant red with a palate of blackberries, blueberries, plums and floral characters supported by notes of liquorice and vanilla. Smoky, toasty, spicy.



LAN
RIOJA RESERVA 2010

\$30.99 77201

CASE OF 6 \$29.99 A BOTTLE

As is common in the Rioja Alta sub-region, this is Tempranillo based. It's a wine that will reward those with the patience to cellar it. Give it plenty of air and time to breath.



SOLAR VIEJO
RIOJA RESERVA 2008

\$33.00 88010

CASE OF 6 \$32.00 A BOTTLE

An aristocratic Rioja, forward in its clean, precise fruit flavours and wondrous in its complexity: black tea, cocoa bean, sweet spices, black truffles, black fruits, all oak-preserved and beautifully executed.



PALACIOS REMONDO RIOJA
LA MONTESA RESERVA SELECCIÓN ESPECIAL 2010

\$43.00 88196

CASE OF 6 \$42.00 A BOTTLE

Only produced in the greatest years, from a single high-altitude limestone vineyard and 70-year-old Tempranillo vines. Matured for 24 months in French oak then three years resting in the Palacios cellars.

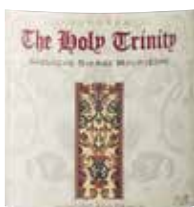


MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA
RIOJA RESERVA 2012

\$46.00 81019

CASE OF 6 \$45.00 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard wine from Rioja's heartland. Notes of cherry, plum, smoke and vanillin oak. The acid keeps things bright while a chocolate and plummy richness delivers the required weight.





A TASTE OF france

THE RIGHT BANK

Down in south-western France, the Dordogne and the Garonne rivers flow together to form the Gironde Estuary, effectively splitting the famous Bordeaux wine region into the Left Bank on its western side and the Right Bank on its east, in the process creating one of Wine's most intriguing partnerships. The two areas enjoy significantly different soil structures and climatic nuances, but the main factor that distinguishes their respective wines is the composition of the blends: the reds of the Left Bank are dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, while the Right Bank wines focus on Merlot. The most renowned expressions to be found on the Right Bank are those of the Saint-Émilion and Pomerol communes. These Merlot-dominated wines characteristically offer deeper, fleshier styles that can be consumed earlier than their Left Bank counterparts. The quality and prices of the top Right Bank wines rival, and at times exceed, those of their cousins from across the Gironde.



CHÂTEAU BOURGNEUF
POMEROL 2014

\$84.00 41184

CASE OF 6 \$83.00 A BOTTLE

Family-owned and operated, the Château Bourgneuf wines have for many years now been sold by the owners of Château Pétrus, the Moueix family, who also assist the winery technically. The 2014 is fragrant and forward, with brilliant black doris plum characters, a hint of mocha and a pleasant leathery, spicy quality. The tannins are quite broad, the wine rustic in nature. A lovely, classic Bourgneuf.



CHÂTEAU GRAND VILLAGE
BORDEAUX 2014

\$24.99 44364

CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Made by Pomerol's prestigious Château Lafleur from grapes grown in the Fronsac region. 85% Merlot, with generous, plummy, succulent fruit and amazing concentration for a wine at this price level.



CHÂTEAU SIAURAC
LALANDE DE POMEROL 2014

\$39.00 43606

CASE OF 6 \$38.00 A BOTTLE

Chateau Latour have taken part-ownership here, bringing their technical skill to the table. Cherry, plum, vanilla and earth show on nose and palate, along with a good level of depth and acidity.

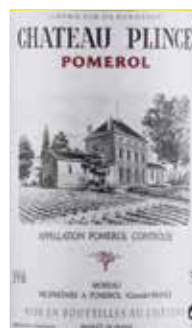


CHÂTEAU PUY-BLANQUET
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU 2010

\$44.99 44206

CASE OF 12 \$43.99 A BOTTLE

Stablemate of the dazzling Pétrus, Puy-Blanquet is located in Pomerol's neighbouring Saint-Émilion. Amazing vine age. Oozes class. An early-drinking, approachable Bordeaux that will delight now.



CHÂTEAU PLINCE
POMEROL 2014

\$79.00 43691

CASE OF 6 \$78.00 A BOTTLE

Part of the famed Right Bank stable of J-P Moueix. The Merlot-dominant Plince is rich and opulent, replete with lavish mocca characters and a toasty finish. One of Pomerol's finest.



CHÂTEAU LA SERRE
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU 2012

\$89.99 42556

CASE OF 12 \$88.99 A BOTTLE

La Serre was erected in the 17th Century and has been in the hands of the d'Arfeuille family since the 1950s, with the 2012 perfect for drinking right now. Great quality Bordeaux that's good to go.

MT DIFFICULTY CENTRAL OTAGO
MANSONS FARM PINOT NOIR 2013

\$99.00 14131

CASE OF 6 \$98.00 A BOTTLE

The inaugural release of this handcrafted Pinot. Aromatic notes of violet, raspberry and cherry. The palate of red berryfruit is enhanced by a vibrant, spicy, textural presence and fine-grained tannins.



MARISCO MARLBOROUGH
THE KING'S BASTARD CHARDONNAY 2015

\$18.99 12275

A generous, full-bodied Chardonnay with melon and stonefruit aromas supported by nuances of spicy oak. The fruit flavours are balanced by citrus notes and complemented by a mealy texture.



BABICH GIMBLETT GRAVELS
IRONGATE CHARDONNAY 2015

\$29.99 10670

Babich's flagship Chardonnay, Gimblett Gravels fruit. Aromatics of stonefruit and citrus are backed with marzipan and mineral. The seamless, silky palate is enhanced by a lovely textural quality.

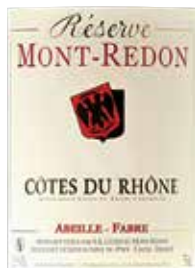


MONT-REDON
CÔTES DU RHÔNE RÉSERVE 2015

\$19.99 41379

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

An exuberantly rustic blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah, robust yet still refined, and offering a good degree of complexity and sinewy succulence via its bright fruit and earthy characters.



NGA WAKA MARTINBOROUGH
CHARDONNAY 2016

\$22.99 17580

CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

Accredited sustainable winery. The vivid stonefruit flavours are underpinned by subtle oak, malolactic and barrel fermentation characters. Weighty and textural, this will cellar nicely for 3-5 years.



2 **THE FUDER** MARLBOROUGH
DILLONS POINT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

\$36.99 12704

CASE OF 6 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

From Giesen's single vineyard series, an elegant, bright and vibrant wine with great length and poise. Off organically-grown 20-year-old vines, fermented and aged in 1,000-litre German Fuder oak barrels.



4 **BLACK BARN**
HAWKES BAY ROSÉ 2017

\$17.99 14134

Boutique, premium-quality Hawkes Bay producer. Bright in the glass and bursting with lively fruits. Mouthfilling and rich, this is no light-weight, with its sweet fruit, crisp acid and generous flavours.



6 **VAVASOUR** MARLBOROUGH
PINOT GRIS 2016

\$19.99 12208

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

Good quality Awatere fruit, an appealing bouquet of pipfruit with floral and lychee notes embellished by a subtle hint of oak. The fruity, richly flavoured, off-dry palate signs out on a snappy mineral note.



8 **BUNAN** CÔTES DE PROVENCE
BÉLOUVÉ ROSÉ 2015

\$22.99 42748

CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

From the organic Domaines Bunan overlooking the Mediterranean, a lusciously ripe rosé with aromas of soft summer fruits and violets. Fresh and tangy, with riveting touches of mineral and citrus.



10 **MUD HOUSE** MARLBOROUGH
THE WOOLSHED SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

\$19.99 14646

An intensely aromatic presence of passionfruit, nettle and capsicum. The palate is crisp and lively, a generous wash of melon, mango and tropical fruit notes enlivened with a refreshing burst of lime.



Regional Recon

A QUICK GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR

NELSON

Although neighbouring Marlborough has far more Pinot Noir in the ground, Nelson's wines have been quicker off the mark when it comes to quality, with Neudorf leading the way. The wines have a savoury aspect, with a burst of attractive fruit and a wonderful finesse and elegance.

- 14259 **BRONTE BY RIMU GROVE** 2015 **\$22.99**
- 15066 **GREENHOUGH** PINOT NOIR 2015 **\$24.99**



WAI PARA

Waipara has a diversity of terroir plus a driven group of winemakers producing exceptional wines. Once pretty much the exclusive domain of Pegasus Bay, nowadays you'll find a veritable host of top Pinot producers here.

- 10476 **WAI PARA HILLS EQUINOX** 2014 **\$24.99**
- 14702 **BLACK ESTATE DAMSTEEL** 2015 **\$37.99**
- 16806 **PEGASUS BAY** PINOT NOIR 2013 **\$47.99**



AUCKLAND

There's not a lot of Pinot Noir produced in Auckland and Waiheke Island is certainly far from ideal and better suited to Cabernet. Out in Kumeu though, Pioneering Chardonnay producers Kumeu River produce a smart little Pinot Noir.

- 18245 **KUMEU VILLAGE** PINOT NOIR 2016 **\$14.99**



MARTINBOROUGH

NZ Pinot Noir's spiritual home. These wines are all about structure, earthy-savoury characters and skilled winemaking. Glorious vine age (for New Zealand, anyway) and a long history of producing top-level Pinot.

- 11223 **CRAGGY RANGE TE MUNA ROAD** 2014 **\$36.99**
- 10287 **ESCARPMENT** PINOT NOIR 2015 **\$39.99**
- 16746 **PALLISER ESTATE** PINOT NOIR 2015 **\$47.99**



MARLBOROUGH

The region with the highest plantings of Pinot Noir in NZ, though until recently the majority of it was for sparkling wine production. Changes to plantings and site selection have seen the quality propel forward at a rate that seems unstoppable. Sensational quality to value ratio.

- 13695 **JULES TAYLOR** PINOT NOIR 2016 **\$29.99**
- 11524 **JACKSON ESTATE VINTAGE WIDOW** 2014 **\$29.99**
- 12879 **FROMM LA STRADA** PINOT NOIR 2015 **\$29.99**



CENTRAL OTAGO

Central's bright sunshine and cool winters bestow fresh acidity and vibrant fruit. Juicy red cherries, then, and plenty of them. A breathtaking and exuberant region that has firmly staked its place in top-level Pinot production.

- 16041 **AKARUA** PINOT NOIR 2016 **\$34.99**
- 12520 **MOUNT EDWARD** PINOT NOIR 2011 **\$39.99**
- 18658 **QUARTZ REEF** PINOT NOIR 2015 **\$39.99**
- 19348 **TWO PADDOCKS** PINOT NOIR 2015 **\$49.99**

