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We explore the exhilarating and complex dynamo that is the American wine industry

While the United States of America seems to be currently going through some sort of identity transformation, certain things about this massively influential nation are locked in. The endless vibrancy and diversity of its art and music cultures for one; another is its exponentially expanding wine industry, similarly endowed with a surplus of New World boldness and flair.

In this issue, we close in for an exciting taste of what's happening at both ends of the American wine industry, from the ultra-affordable players nudging and winking at the high flyers, to the zenith of American winemaking, the high flyers themselves, who throw their resources – financial and otherwise - into the crafting of wines to equal the best in the world (more often than not visualising the lofty beacon that is France, home to so many benchmarks).

So how do they tick, these US winemakers? Often, their agenda seems to be to go looking for the very finest fruit they can find, wherever it might be, then bringing it home to apply their craft. Being Americans, they're frequently masters of the sophisticated marketing strategy, perhaps second only to France at the creation of legends around their wines. With the US home to booming cellar door wine clubs, it is so successful with local sales that the top wines rarely get beyond its borders, making the ones featured here a real score.

While we're in the general area, we expand our reach to take in an old friend, the equally dynamic and intriguing South America, where new generations of Chilean and Argentinian winemakers are punching above their weight to produce a variety of fabulous, affordable wines that bow their heads to no one.

There is, of course, so much more within these pages; however we'll leave all that for you to discover. Happy hunting,

Aroha Jakicevich

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PRODUCTION: GRAEME GASH, LIZ WHEADON, ANTHONY SORENSEN, AROHA JAKICEVICH, PHILL CRAIG

THE AMERICAS

CALIFORNIA

This bold red blend will pair beautifully with a juicy steak or chocolate dessert

36012 DARK HORSE DOUBLE DOWN PREMIUM RED BLEND \$17.99

A big, bold mouthful of ripe blackberry and blueberry flavours augmented with warm threads of dark chocolate and vanilla. With its sumptuous mouthfeel, simultaneously rich and soft, this is what you might call affordable luxury.





Dark Horse

At Dark Horse they believe that fortune favours the bold. Their outstanding achievement is delivering brilliantly good wine at a reasonable price. Leading the charge is winemaker Beth Liston who, viewing winemaking as some sort of treasure hunt, went looking for her own set of vinous gems. Having discovered some of her favourite vineyards in California, Beth focused in on select sites to secure just the right grapes, getting the first pick of fruit from over 400 growers. Dark Horse taste their wines more than 100 times before they see your glass, and have an multi-award-winning portfolio to prove the worth of their innovative approach.

36011 | DARK HORSE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 | \$17.99

Big and bold, this opens with aromatics of fresh coffee and blackberry jam, some toasty oak and a hint of dried herbs. Blackberry flavours, notes of chocolate and cinnamon.

36013 | **DARK HORSE CHARDONNAY** 2020 | **\$17.99**

This rich, full-bodied Californian Chardonnay delivers layers of white peach and tropical flavours, enhanced with subtle hints of toast and a bright, refreshing finish.



CALIFORNIA

Ravenswood

Joel Petersen holds a special place in his heart for big and bold

As Francis Ford Coppola might tell you, there should only ever be one Godfather, and when it comes to the Zinfandel grape and California, that's Joel Peterson. Established in 1976, Joel's Ravenswood winery was one of the very first to take on the production of big, bold Zinfandel wines from Sonoma County and introduce them to the world. Robust and red are the two terms that define Ravenswood; the pre-prohibition vines are old, low cropping and dry farmed. Ravenswood strive to celebrate these venerable vineyards with their soulful wines, one of the few wineries that has benefited from the philosophical and winemaking skills of one person for more than 40 years, contributing to a consistency of quality and style rarely found in California.



RAVENSWOOD FOUNDER | JOEL PETERSON



30161 | RAVENSWOOD VINTNER'S BLEND CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 | \$22.99

Lauded for their Zinfandel offerings, Ravenswood also produce great Cabernet wines at a reasonable, everyday price. Fruit-forward, medium-bodied, with juicy layers of red currant and ripe cassis.

30162 | RAVENSWOOD VINTNER'S BLEND MERLOT 2018 | \$22.99

A brightly fruited, juicy red wine with sweet plummy flavours, tones of cherry and toast, notes of spice and black olive. Fine tannins, mouthwatering acidity and a lingering, dark berryfruit finish. California's signature red variety delivers some of its finest wines, and few have done it better than the godfather of Zin, Joel Peterson

36582 RAVENSWOOD VINTNER'S BLEND OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2018 \$22.99

Off vines that are 80-100 years old, this is unashamedly big, bold and bathed in brightness, cascading its rich blackberry and cherry characters onto a bed of cinnamon, vanilla, and character-building tannins. You can drink it now, or you could give it five or so years.





ORIN SWIFT FOUNDER | DAVE PHINNEY

Orin Swift

'Be humble and overdeliver.' The world according to Dave Phinney

Dave Phinney pretty much stumbled into the wine business after taking a friend up on an offer and travelling to Florence on a whim. In Italy, of course, he was always going to collide with the joyful marriage of food and wine. Predictably, Dave fell in love, and in his words, 'the die was cast.' He returned to the United States, graduated from university and four days later had moved to the Napa Valley.

Having sent his resume to 50 wineries, he received back just the one reply. It was from Robert Mondavi. Says Dave: 'I showed up to my temporary harvest position interview wearing a suit and tie. They literally laughed at me, gave me a very basic math exam and asked if I could pass a drug test. A few weeks later I was hired.'

As much as he loved his new job, and he did, Dave Phinney decided that if he was going to work this hard, it would eventually have to be for himself. The very next year, he started Orin Swift. His winemaking philosophy is the same as it was at the beginning: find the very best fruit from the very best vineyards, 'farm it right, harvest it right, bring it into the winery and don't screw it up.' Orin Swift is a brand known as much for the evocative artistic expressions on its labels as it is for the bold, finessed styling within. Says Dave Phinney: 'There's a soul to this business; that soul isn't just from the people who make wine, it's from everyone who loves wines that make them feel something.'

30120 | ORIN SWIFT MANNEQUIN CHARDONNAY 2019 | \$69.00

Opening with aromatic notes of rich pear, lemon meringue and florals, the palate offers ripe stonefruit and melon characters with a stony, mineral streak. Finishes with a seam of bright acidity and hints of lemon and butterscotch.

30121 | ORIN SWIFT ABSTRACT GRENACHE | PETIT SIRAH | SYRAH 2019 | \$84.00

Dark aromatics of black plum, boysenberry, cherry and lavender carry onto the palate, augmented there with a touch of dark chocolate and blackberry. Supple, drying tannins and a slightly chalky texture close out the wine with a soft, lingering finish.

30122 | ORIN SWIFT SLANDER PINOT NOIR 2019 | \$99.00

Fruit is primarily from the Santa Rita Hills AVA on the Central Coast. Notes of strawberry, cherry, pepper and violet envelop a sophisticated, elegant palate with a surge of black cherry and a touch of minerality. Vibrant and energetic, the wine closes with a pleasing vein of acidity. Capable of a variety of food pairings.



THE AMERICAS

CALIFORNIA

The pinnacle

A handful of Californian producers have poured their time and resources into creating wines to equal the very best in the world. With a relentless focus, they've succeeded



VÉRITÉ | **HÉLÈNE SEILLAN**

Aptly reflecting his winery's name, Pierre Seillan crafts truly exquisite wines. Lured from Bordeaux to California's Sonoma County by the late Jess Jackson to engage in this joint venture, he has orchestrated the wines of Vérité since 1998, in the process co-opting his daughter Hélène (who has split her time between California and the family's estate in Saint-Émilion) into the role of assistant winemaker. Vérité skilfully blends Bordeaux' legendary traditions with California's fearless New World flair.



36537 | VÉRITÉ LA MUSE Sonoma County Red 2013 | \$879.00

Tipped to be one of Vérité's top five vintages, this was awarded 100/100 points by Robert Parker. Merlot dominant, with lush aromatics and ripe flavours of black cherry, liquorice and truffle. Rich, elegant and balanced with an incredible finish. A stunning, remarkable wine.

36539 | VÉRITÉ LE DÉSIR SONOMA COUNTY RED 2013 | \$879.00

62% Cabernet Franc, with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec in support. A blend of power and elegance offering ripe, rounded fruit with spice and a subtle minerality, this will be even better drinking in 10-20 years. Little sibling of Opus One, the creation of Robert Mondavi and Philippe de Rothschild, the Overture is a more affordable take on the Opus style, superbly crafted and ready to drink without cellaring

> OPUS ONE overture NAPA VALLEY RED MV \$265.00

A timeless blend of the five classic Bordeaux varieties, the Overture marries multiple vintages, yielding a softer, rounder expression that can be enjoyed upon release or cellared for ten or so years. Superb. Delicious.





L'usine

Dave Phinney (yes, the same Dave Phinney you just read about in the piece on Orin Swift), well, he gets around. He's obviously capable of multi-tasking, because l'usine is his outfit too, but he also gets around in order to hunt down vineyard locations that allow him to pursue his winemaking goal of achieving complexity through geographic diversity.

L'usine translates as 'the factory', a tip of the hat to Andy Warhol's famous studio. In Dave Phinney's words: 'Wine, like art, is raw. It requires years of hard work. It has a high likelihood to fail. It is subjective at best. It isn't always pretty. Like art, for every good or great wine that is made there have been thousands of failures.'

Making Pinot Noir is the pursuit that created l'usine. The resulting three wines are the culmination of a search for the best sites in the vintage. All three are barrel selections of each vineyard that added the most complexity to the final wine, with each barrel tasted completely blind and selected for their sense of place and their intricacy.

30130 | L'USINE SANTA RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR 2018 | \$120.00

Dark aromatics of blueberry, raspberry, black pepper, vanilla. On the palate, notes of redcurrant and cherry tart with traces of spice. The solid backbone of acidity and a lengthy finish mean this will age very well for many years.

30131 | L'USINE SLEEPY HOLLOW VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2018 | \$189.00

Aromas of cranberry, mushroom and bramble. Ripe, juicy cherry flavours on a silky, enveloping palate that's deliciously concentrated and impeccably balanced. Fantastic finesse.

30132 | L'USINE ANNAPOLIS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2018 | \$235.00

Superb bouquet of white pepper, nutmeg, cinnamon, clove & crème de menthe. Bright acidity, rhubarb and savoury notes, a hint of wild strawberry. Finishes long and will age beautifully.



SOUTH AMERICA

Chile

South America's humming dynamo

Chile is such a long and narrow country that with a small journey either to the north or the south, one can arrive at a completely different terroir where climate, land, soil and aspect bear no relationship to what came before. In short, it's like a whole host of disparate winemaking countries bundled together into one narrow strip. Expertise and skill are at an all-time high, with the newly developed regions and varieties and a new generation of winemakers all making a difference. Chile is now recognised as a mecca for fine wine. The great-value, entry-level wines are there of course, but so is the top-end, with quality abounding.





90490 | ERRÁZURIZ ESTATE SERIES CARMENÈRE 2019 | \$17.99

Benchmark Chilean winery. Vivid aromatics of roasted red pepper, green pepper and fig. With its naturally low acidity and soft tannins, this is very approachable and easy to drink. No dominating oak – it's all about the fruit.

90596 | LAPOSTOLLE GRAND SELECTION CHARDONNAY 2018 | \$20.99

The Lapostolle vineyards in Alpalta are certified organic and biodynamic. The grapes are from the Casablanca Valley, the cool fruit characters and fresh acidity very evident. A precise Chardonnay offering pure stonefruit flavours, creamy textures and a mineral touch. Superb value, beautifully drinking red from one of Chile's most highly regarded producers

90560 MONTES CLASSIC SERIES RESERVA MALBEC 2021 \$16.99

A vivid nose of cranberry, plum and blackberry is augmented with subtle notes of nutmeg and toast. Beautifully balanced, smooth and rounded, this is a non-jarring journey with a ticket price well short of what's in your glass.





RENACER

Argentina

A new wave of winemakers embrace the future

While there are similarities with Chile, Argentina's story is not quite the same. Financially, Argentina is less prosperous, with local producers travelling a harder road under a less supportive system. Malbec is still king here, the big talking point being where it's grown and how it's made. Mendoza sits at a pretty high altitude anyway, a desert at the foothills of the Andes. There is some varietal diversity, with the grape variety to watch being Cabernet Franc. Here too, fine wines have made a name for themselves and demand attention.

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90780 | HUARPE TAYMENTE MALBEC 2019 | \$23.99



A wonderfully forward nose of ripe red fruits, cherry and subtle spicy notes. With 10-12 months spent in old barrels, the integration is superb. The palate is round and delicate with excellent length.

90658 | ZUCCARDI Q CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 | \$32.99



Winemaker Sebastián Zuccardi is part of the new Argentinian generation focused on the importance of individual terroir. With minimal oak use, this is intensely aromatic, boasting pure fruit, firm, savoury tannins and an elegant finish.



MENDOZA

ALBEC

Fruity and aromatic, Malbec is Argentina's most famous grape. Try this with grilled lean meats, lamb, pastas or bolognese



Made to be consumed early this is a bright and fruity red wine that's forward and lovely drinking. A concentrated nose of blackberry and raspberry notes with hints of violet. Sweet, juicy and soft in the mouth, with a lingering finish.

Chakana occupy some of the best winemaking terroir in Argentina, and have vineyards under organic certification



The inky and intense Malbec is Argentina's unopposed monarch with its concentrated flavours and velvet tannins. Chakana's organic Nuna is subtle and refined, offering a palate of vanilla, coffee and savoury notes entwined with tightly woven aromatics.



The new Grant Burge prosecco is light & easy drinking with nut-edged notes of peach & honey

GRANT BURGE PROSECCO NV \$18.99

CASE/6 \$17.99/BOTTLE

A floral-edged nose of white peach and acacia honey enhances a palate of pistachio and stonefruit with a subtle sign-off of honeysuckle. Fresh and lightly fruity, this'll add a sparkle to your sunny, late afternoon get-togethers. Comes in a pink version too.





Cool, creamy & stylish, the Quartz Reef methode sets a benchmark for Kiwi sparkling wines

UUARTZ REEF BRUT NV **\$32.99**

The Quartz Reef wines are produced entirely in-house from vineyard through to bottling. This methode sets a benchmark for Kiwi sparklers with its delicate aromatic presence, a stylish robustness underpinning the long flavours and cool, creamy acidity. A light and silky rosé sparkler made to the exacting standards of the legendary Cloudy Bay

12121 CLOUDY BAY Pelorus Rosé NV \$36.99

CASE/6 \$34.99/BOTTLE

A beautifully crafted sparkling rosé displaying spice-edged characters of soft summer fruits with a hint of toast. Made from prime Marlborough Pinot Noir fruit, it is superbly silky, fresh and elegant with a delicately dry finish.





A big player on the champagne stage, the legendary Perrier-Jouët consistently delivers superb style & quality



CASE/6 \$69.99/BOTTLE

Originators of the ubiquitous Brut style, Perrier-Jouët were the first champagne house to release a dry style back in 1854, when everyone else was still doing sweet. Famous for the wonderous Belle Epoque, they also make this excellent non-vintage champagne.



AUTUMN | Whites

A trophy winner and gold medal wine, this is one of the best-value Sauvignons out there

18998 THORNBURY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021 **\$12.99**

A trophy winner and a gold medal wine, this is packed with punchy lime and passionfruit sorbet flavours enhanced with blackcurrant and herbal notes. Crisp, crunchy and deliciously flavoursome all the way to the solid, satisfying finish.



Notes of ripe peach, citrus and melon with hints of butterscotch. Creamy & textural

0DYSSEY CHARDONNAY 2021 **\$18.99**

CASE/12 \$16.99/BOTTLE

This boutique wine company delivers a fruity, easy-drinking Chardonnay offering ripe stonefruit, mango and citrus flavours. Smooth and rounded, the rich, textural palate is nicely framed with soft acidity and a creamy mouthfeel.



Exotic stonefruit and smoky lime characters with an edge of sweetness and a tangy finish



Made exclusively from the St Helena clone sourced from Man O' War's Waiheke and Ponui Island vineyards. Notes of citrus and ginger finesse the ripe flavours, a streak of vibrant acidity balancing the naturally sweet fruit.

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This family-run winery is into its 4th generation and produces wines with a deep sense of place

13473 STARBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2021 **\$18.99**

CASE/6 \$17.99/BOTTLE

An appealing palate of vibrant white and yellow stonefruit characters with exotic floral and fresh pear notes and a chalky mineral presence. Good fruit intensity, a silky texture and refreshing acidity.





One of New Zealand's premier rosés. Notes of red currant, strawberry and fresh herbs

12825 ESK VALLEY ROSÉ 2021 **\$16.99**

CASE/6 \$15.99/BOTTLE

A Kiwi classic and consistent medal winner, the Esk Valley rosé has been delivering its brand of high-quality panache since the early 1990s. Dry in style, with a vibrant palate that's fresh and fruitily spiced with a bright, crisp finish.

HAWKES BAY

ROSÉ



A pale rosé with clean, crisp characters made from premium Hawkes Bay Merlot grapes

14134 BLACK BARN ROSÉ 2021 **\$18.99**

This comes from a boutique Hawkes Bay winery with a sizeable fanbase. Clear and bright in the glass, bursting with lively fruits. Mouthfilling and rich, this is no lightweight, with its sweet fruit, crisp acid and generous flavours. This fragrant Waiheke rosé is dry & refreshing with a touch of raspberry tartness on the finish

12482 MAN O' WAR PINQUE ROSÉ 2021 **\$26.99**

CASE/6 \$24.99/BOTTLE

Man O' War's elegantly pale and sweetly fragrant rosé offers delicately fresh aromas and flavours of raspberry and watermelon nuanced with tangy mineral notes. The crisp and creamy palate finishes clean and dry.





Red berries and florals. Crisp and dry, with a mineral edge and a spicy, mouthwatering finish



From The Landing's Vineyard on the Purerua Peninsula, this has aromas of delicate rose petal with delicious flavours of lychee, white stonefruit and a dash of strawberries and cream. Completely dry, with a thirst-quenching freshness.

ALCOHOL-FREE



1905

FENTIMANS ROSE LEMONADE 275ML | \$3.99

95588

FENTIMANS VICTORIAN LEMONADE 275ML | **\$3.99**

95586

FENTIMANS MANDARIN AND SEVILLE ORANGE 275ML **\$3.99**

95592

FENTIMANS GINGER BEER 275ML **\$3.99**

P5582 FENTIMANS CURIOSITY COLA 275ML **\$3.99**

Fentimans

These botanically brewed beverages are brilliant as cocktail and mocktail mixers, or refreshing sipping all on their own

COLA

In 1905, a recipe for botanically brewed ginger beer was provided as security for a loan that was never repaid to iron puddler Thomas Fentiman. This led to a radical change of occupation, and the establishing of a business that is, over a century later, still in Fentiman family hands. The horse and cart deliveries of ginger beer in stone jars is long gone, but these delicious natural beverages are still crafted using the multi-stage botanical brewing technique originally championed by Thomas. All the fastidious preparation means that these tasty tipples are singularly rich, silky and luxuriously flavoured. BTW, the canine visage reliably guarding the label is Fearless, Thomas' faithful family dog and winner of the Crufts Obedience Class of 1933 and 1934. Who's a Good Boy!



Lake Chalice



This sustainably-minded winery is partnering with the Falcon Conservation Trust to help New Zealand's kārearea flourish again



Lake Chalice are intimate inhabiters of their land, its climate and its seasons. Under the oversight of Head Winemaker, Chloe Gabrielsen, they draw upon Marlborough's singular regional diversity via their unique vineyard sites. Mainstay of the portfolio is the Falcon series with its signature flavours. Given the New Zealand falcon, the kārearea, graces all of their bottles, it's no surprise that Lake Chalice are proud supporters of the Marlborough Falcon Conservation Trust. Thanks to introduced pests, persecution and electrocution by power lines, these magnificent birds are under threat and increasingly hard to spot.

Lake Chalice work with the Trust on the Kārearea Release Programme to repopulate the region. Their most recent innovation is the introduction of a hack box in their Eyrie vineyard (where the birds can shelter and be fed before being released into the wild) and insulated electrical transformers close to the vineyard to protect the birds. The hope is that by giving them time and safe shelter, the kārearea will remain in the area upon release.



LAKE CHALICE The falcon rosé 2021 \$16.99

Delicate floral and cherry notes on a vividly fresh palate, with ripe raspberry flavours, hints of pear and crisp tropical notes on the finish.

LAKE CHALICE The falcon pinot noir 2020 \$16.99

Lush notes of dark cherry, warm spice. Rich and earthy, with lingering dark fruit flavours and silky tannins on a generously rounded palate. Dry, with florals and tropical notes, delicate textures and classic Marlborough flavours

LAKE CHALICE THE FALCON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021 \$16.99

Fresh aromas of passionfruit, blackcurrant and grapefruit introduce a crisp, dry palate of tropical flavours, gooseberry and ripe citrus tied with subtle green notes. Mouthwatering acidity is balanced by bold mineral notes on the finish.





Waipara Hills

The lavishly-awarded Waipara Hills has been mastering its Cantabrian terroir for over 20 years

At Waipara Hills, the style is simple: It's about creating balance, encouraging the characteristics of each season's fruit to shine, and celebrating the unique terroir that is the region and the Waipara Valley vineyards. The result is wine that is rich, textural and complex. From the vineyard to the winery, the Waipara Hills team are hands on. The Winemaker is Krystal Palmer. She's particularly fond of a juicy Pinot Noir: 'When I make Pinot Noir, it is in a hands-off fashion. With minimal intervention, the purity and elegance of Pinot Noir really shines through.'

10388 | WAIPARA HILLS PINOT NOIR ROSÉ 2021 | \$16.99 | CASE/6 \$14.99/BOTTLE

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Fresh, vibrant and juicy, with a lovely nose of raspberry and nectarine. A touch of sweetness is followed by juicy acidity and a crisp, lively finish, with lingering mineral-tinged flavours of red berries and cream.

19367 | WAIPARA HILLS CHARDONNAY 2020 | \$16.99 | CASE/6 \$14.99/BOTTLE

A hint of toasted almond and creamy, buttery nuances add their flair to the lush white peach and nectarine characters. With its silky texture and fresh, crisp, tasty finish, this will pair nicely with seafood, chicken or a creamy pasta.

WAIPARA VALLEY



Classic Waipara aromatics. A generous and textural Pinot Gris with warming notes of ginger spice

19370 WAIPARA HILLS PINOT GRIS 2021 **\$16.99**

CASE/6 \$14.99/BOTTLE

Pear and floral aromatics on a rich and textural palate, with an intense burst of pear and stonefruit characters balanced by fresh acidity. Fantastic value, this comes with plenty of gold in the trophy cabinet.



Sweet, rich red fruits with earthy, spicy notes and supple tannins. Bright, fresh, generous

19372 WAIPARA HILLS PINOT NOIR 2019 **\$16.99**

CASE/6 \$14.99/BOTTLE

A succulent, early-drinking blend of sweet red fruits. Dark cherry and red currant characters are enhanced by subtle spice and cocoa notes, complemented by an appealing earthiness and a deliciously silky mouthfeel. One can't do this sort of thing every day, but what about splashing out for a significant anniversary or birthday? A blue moon moment. You know you deserve it

48138 PIPER-HEIDSIECK VINTAGE 2012 \$109.00

VINTAGE

Superbly opulent and elegant, 20 Grand Cru and Premier Cru vineyards went into this. From a standout vintage, it'll cellar comfortably for a further ten years. Rated as one of the best vintage champagnes in the world, the Piper-Heidsieck 2012 is draped in accolades.





MOUTARD CUVÉE DES 6 CÉPAGES BRUT NATURE 2011 **\$145.00**

Moutard make fantastic wines The only one of its kind, this draws on the six traditional champagne varieties of the 19th century: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Blanc, Petit Meslier and Arbane. Fragrant and floral, with exceptional depth.

DELAMOTTE BLANC DE BLANCS 2014 **\$115.00**

One of the five oldest champagne houses, Delamotte is also one of the best. Rich, powerful, supremely elegant, this is a blend of fruit from five different villages, aged for six years prior to release. The freshness, mouthwatering minerality, supple fruit and notes of brioche make this a superb dining companion.







A fragrant, complex nose of fresh red fruits, sweet brioche and spice embellishes the elegant, delicate palate of exotic fruit flavours and floral nuances. Generous notes of cherry, raspberry and blood orange; beautiful balance and length, power and finesse.



a gentle touch on their surroundings



Dog Point Vineyard operate the largest organic Biogro

produce premium quality wines using environmentally

winery waste are turned into mulch to create a healthy

crops such as buckwheat and phacelia between the

organic compost. In spring, the Dog Pointers plant cover

vines to encourage beneficial insects for biological con-

trol of insect pests. Biodiversity of the property is a key

agenda, with natives planted around ponds and along

the resident stream to attract indigenous birdlife.

friendly and responsible practices. Vine prunings and

certified vineyard in New Zealand. Their goal is to

Dog Point

DOG POINT | WETLANDS



Loveblock

LOVEBLOCK | KIM & ERICA CRAWFORD



Kim and Erica Crawford are proud owners and operators of the organically-certified Loveblock winery perched high on the hills above Marlborough's Awatere Valley. Their lovingly crafted, terroir-focused wines exhibit a lightness of touch, where the terroir does the talking. As they say themselves: "We have learnt that the rhythm of the land is immoveable, that we need to submit to it and respect it to get the best from it." Kim has been engaged in winemaking for 30-odd years, and his accumulated back catalogue of accolades is testament to the fact that he makes some of our best wines.





is embellished by hints of herb and mineral, the forward flavours balanced by a swirl of citrus. Beautifully brisk and textural, succulent, tropical and doggedly different.



Japanese Spirits

Unsung heroes of the distilling world, the Japanese produce offerings to rival the best

Given their legendary obsession with precision and perfection, it's unsurprising that when the Japanese apply themselves to whisky, vodka and gin, they're capable of producing offerings that sit comfortably alongside the world's best.

The House of Suntory is one of the globe's earliest producers of distilled beverages. They make some of the world's finest single malts and blended whiskies, along with smart craft vodkas made from Japanese white rice and brilliant gins using indigenous Japanese botanicals.

Gin maestros, the Kyoto-based Ki No Bi use a rice spirit as their base, along with juniper and ten other botanicals. Their distillers identify six key groupings; Base, Citrus, Tea, Herbal, Spice and Floral. These are distilled separately before being blended for balance and purity of flavour.

Mars Distillery's pioneering Kiichiro Iwai is listed as one of the 100 most influential people in the history of whisky. Mars produce smooth and smoky malt whiskies rich with notes of caramel, honey, ripe fruit characters and woody nuances.



98225	ROKU JAPANESE GIN 700ML \$56.99
98228	HAKU JAPANESE VODKA 700ML \$56.99
93350	SUNTORY TOKI BLENDED WHISKY 700ML \$69.99
94022	KI NO BI KYOTO DRY GIN 700ML \$89.99
90091	MARS COSMO BLENDED WHISKY 700ML \$159.00
93154	HIBIKI JAPANESE HARMONY BLENDED WHISKY
	700ML \$199.00





Distillers who strive to better themselves and their environment

IRELAND

Awarded Best Blended Whiskey at the San Francisco World **Spirits Competition**

98550 TEELING SMALL BATCH **IRISH WHISKEY** 700ML **\$69.99**

Rich, golden, with vanilla and spice circling the bright, ambrosial notes of rum. The influence of the rum cask and higher alcohol (46%) creates a smooth, sweetly mellow, gently wooded marriage that sparkles on the tongue.





Teeling Sustainable Distiller of the Year WHISKY MAGAZINE | 2022 ICONS OF IRISH WHISKEY AWARDS

Whiskey making has been in the Teeling family since 1782, and sustainability is at the heart of their business model. Initiatives include the installation of a rainwater harvesting system in the distillery and an onsite well to reduce water consumption. Energy use is optimised through the harnessing of excess energy produced during the production process. Teeling achieved FEMAS accreditation in 2017 for their spent grain and pot ale, which are on-sold as cattle and pig feed. They are a member of Ireland's Origin Green, the world's only national food and drink sustainability programme, adhering to measurable targets that respect the environment and serve local communities more effectively.

98582

TEELING BLACKPITTS PEATED SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY 700ML **\$99.99**

An inviting nose of barbeque smoke and cloves, fresh notes of butterscotch and orange peel. On the palate, smoke, honey and allspice combine with pear and pineapple. The whiskey finishes with a hint of savoury smoke over a lingering wood undertone, blending seamlessly with notes of salted caramel.

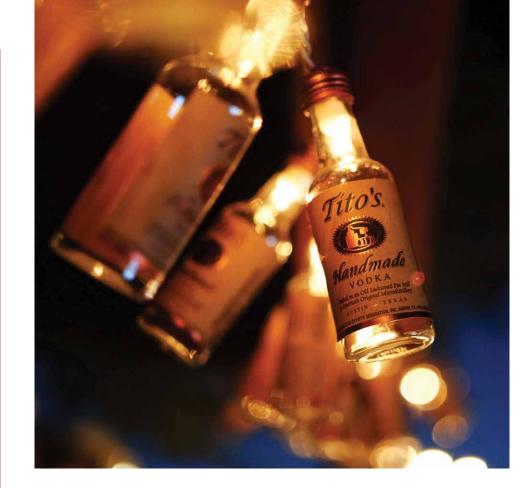


TEXAS

Micro-distilled in an old-fashioned pot still and filtered through the finest activated carbon. Only the heart of the run, the nectar, is taken, leaving behind residual higher and lower alcohols. This will go head-to-head with any of the world's top vodkas

⁹²²⁵⁴ TITO'S HANDMADE VODKA 750ML **\$49.99**





Tito's



Proud sponsors of NZ Music Month, Tito's assist MusicHelps to work with Kiwi musicians and crew in times of need

Batch distilled in old-fashioned pot stills, Tito's Handmade Vodka is America's original craft vodka. Using corn as a base rather than wheat results in a naturally gluten-free product. Stretched to make ends meet while building the first legal distillery in the state of Texas, Tito simultaneously gained a name for donating his product to nonprofit fundraising events. As the company grew, Tito empowered every member of the team to support the local causes they were passionate about. As Tito's continues to gain momentum across the globe, involvement in philanthropy has grown in tandem.



Music Helps serve the NZ music community when crisis strikes. They provide caring, confidential and practical assistance through a Benevolent Fund and a professional wellbeing and counselling service to those from all parts of the music industry who are experiencing hardship.

KENTUCKY

92429 WOODFORD RESERVE BOURBON WHISKEY 700ML \$59.99

Beautifully balanced, with more than 200 flavour notes ranging from grain & wood to sweet aromatics, spice, fruit and florals.





Uses a pre-prohibition ratio of 53% rye in its mash bill. Dominant spice notes with sweet, complex fruit and floral characters.





Woodford Reserve

This Kentucky distillery boasts a legion of devoted fans for their brilliant bourbons

If Michelin were handing out stars to bourbon whiskey distilleries, Woodford Reserve would be a leading contender for their superb range of small batch, hand-crafted offerings. Established in 1812, the Woodford Reserve Distillery in Woodford County is the smallest and oldest operating distillery in Kentucky.

The distillery is the only one in the USA still practising traditional production methods, using mineral-rich filtered limestone water, a high percentage of rye to enhance spice characters and fermenting in cypress vat fermenters. After distillation in triple copper pot stills, the spirit is matured in a climate-controlled environment in new charred white oak barrels. Following maturation, the bourbons are bottled with a batch number and their own individual bottle numbers.

99008 WOODFORD RESERVE DOUBLE OAKED BOURBON WHISKEY 700ML \$79.99

Finished in a second oak barrel that has been deeply toasted before a light charring, the Woodford Reserve Double Oaked is a richly dark fruited, vanilla-laden and honeyed delight. The perfect bourbon to base your own homemade Old Fashioned on.



90059 WOODFORD RESERVE MASTER'S COLLECTION CHOCOLATE MALTED RYE BOURBON WHISKEY 700ML \$165.00 Roasted rye grain, cocoa & chocolate enhanced with mocha, cherry & toasted oak

Havoured

Flavoured spirits put a twist on tradition, providing endless opportunities for crafting cool cocktails. Surging in popularity!



92783 FINLANDIA COCONUT VODKA 700ML **\$34.99**

Coconut adds a rich taste with butterscotch accents to Finlandia's vodka, providing the opportunity for a wide variety of coconut-inspired cocktails.

93972 HAYMAN'S EXOTIC CITRUS GIN 700MI **\$47.99**

A delicious gin with aromatics of lively sweet citrus and crisp juniper. Tangy, zesty flavours of exotic fruits with a smooth, refreshing finish.

SPIRITED UNION GRAPEFRUIT & ROSE RUM 700ML **\$54.99**

Pink grapefruit and blood orange add a bitter-sweet note to the palate, infusions of rose petal & elderflower create sweet and tangy floral aromas.





SOUTHWARD COFFEE GIN 700ML \$69.99



This innovative and ultra tasty gin is smooth and rounded with smoky notes of coffee & chocolate. Brilliant with East Imperial Grapefruit Tonic.

P2154 FOUR PILLARS BLOODY SHIRAZ GIN 700ML **\$79.99**

Pine, pepper and spice on a nose vivid with plum and blackberry notes. Beautifully balanced, with a delicious sweetness and nice tannins to finish.

SIMPLE SERVE

Long day? Just want to mix something easy and kick back? Two ingredients, no-fuss prepping



LILLET BLANC APERITIF | 700ML EAST IMPERIAL GRAPEFRUIT SODA 10x180ML

30ml Lillet over ice in a tall glass and top with East Imperial

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\$2.52 PER COCKTAIL

FINLANDIA VODKA | 1 LITRE KAHLUA COFFEE LIQUEUR 1 LITRE

Equal 30ml measures of Kahlua & Finlandia served over ice

MAKE THIS AT HOME FOR





BELVEDERE VODKA | 700ML EAST IMPERIAL GINGER BEER | 500ML 30ml Belvedere over ice in a tall

glass and top with East Imperial

MAKE THIS AT HOME FOR



NAKED MALT WHISKY | 700ML DE KUYPER AMARETTO | 700ML Equal measures of Naked Malt & De Kuyper served over ice

MAKE THIS AT HOME FOR



MIRAMAR

94843-6 DOUBLE VISION MOUTH PARTY HAZY PALE ALE 330ML 6-PACK \$21.99

A light bodied pale ale, this beer is very interesting. The aroma is simultaneously complex and easy to approach, each note distinct but a wellblended part of the whole.



94848-6 DOUBLE VISION SMOOTH OPERATOR CREAM ALE 330ML 6-PACK **\$21.99**

A bit of a show-off beer, this makes you think sweet on the nose but slaps you with a dry, light body. Great for a quick quencher after some hard labour.





Double Vision

Youthful exuberance meets hard-nosed determination

It started from nothing. Four friends, colleagues, lads, with a mutual sense of boredom and thirst for challenge. And beer, also a thirst for good beer. With a thirst that outmatched their budget, these four friends heroically embarked on the journey already well travelled by many beer heroes before them. To make the beer they like to drink so they don't have to pay for it.

Making a business out of beer is hard yakka; only the tenacious and resilient survive to make it to that survival milestone, Financial Stability. From a combined budget of \$500, these four friends have not only achieved their goal of becoming an independent and stable brewery, but have also managed to do so learning their trade concurrently.

Humbly attributing much of their brewing talent to the brew-giants we all already know, they are producing consistent, high-quality beers that look great on the tin to boot. Eminently worthy of distinction, the core range is solid, their experimentals are surprising, fun and well crafted, belying their relative inexperience as brewers. Definitely a brewery to keep tabs on. | PC

94669 | DOUBLE VISION NAUGHTY HOPPER IIPA 330ML | \$5.99

Great complexity. A mouthful of resinous tropical fruit flavours, this beer is just plain fun to drink. Give it 'a hoon'!

94842-6 | DOUBLE VISION BOX PARTY MIXED 6 330ML 6-PACK | \$21.99



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