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Christmas is all about expansion, we figured. Of your waistline, obviously, but it's far more than that too. Everything is bigger, brighter, faster, glitzier, quicker-paced and more alluring. It's like the entire decade of the eighties concertinaed into one month.

Whatever your intentions, promises, ambitions or otherwise, we've packed this wineletter with a bunch of things that we hope will alleviate some of the inherent stresses of the festive season. We have embraced the theory that 'bigger is better' which is why you may notice that this month's weighty tome is even more weighty than usual. Yip, it's not just our waistline that's spread.

The extra pages within include a selection from our inordinately popular gift catalogue, something we seem to produce earlier and earlier every year. Great wines, packaged in beautiful ways at a range of prices: that's the aim, and whether you need corporate thank yous or family treats, there's a whole host of food, wine and accessory options available. The selection here is just that; grab yourself a copy of the full catalogue next time you're in store, or go online www.glengarry.co.nz and download a version. Experience tells us that it'll solve a huge number of present-giving problems!

We wanted to mention, too, that while wine is in our blood, Glengarry has a massive selection of premium spirit brands, fine foods and excellent beer options as well. We truly are a one-stop shop. Knowing that this time of the year is one where the days seem to be squeezed from both ends, your time is at a premium and the unexpected becomes the norm, remember that we have fridges full of lagers and ales, all chillin' out, ready to be consumed at a moment's notice. And, because we get a rush on like everyone else, we back these up with massive chest freezers of product as well. If you run out of cold beer in the middle of something, or get an instant party sprung on you at the eleventh hour, panic not, we can soothe your perspiring brow, every time.

Further to the theme, all our stores are opening longer hours. If you are wondering when on earth you'll get the present buying done, come down to us in the warm throes of early evening and have a gentle sashay through some lovely wines; it'll be as soothing as retail therapy gets. The times vary from site to site, so just jump online and check out how late your local Glengarry will be open.

Finally, for those eclectic imported foods, exquisite olive oils or just in case you need a coffee and a sit down over the break, Dida's Food Store will be opening right through the Christmas/New Year period this year. We don't believe in a city that shuts down, so we'll be pumping out the espressos for all that need them, along with our usual massive array of deli foods, ready-to-go gourmet meals and whatever else you fancy.

And that's a good point to end on. Try and get a bit of what you fancy this Christmas, too. And whether you're heading to College Hill or the Coromandel, please, drive safely. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SAIK".

Jak Jakicevich

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Everyday Drinking

A quartet of smart wines that won't tax your wallet but will deliver a great mouthful

Landmark

Hawkes Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2002



was \$16 now **\$11** 10303

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$10 A BOTTLE

'02 Savvy you say,' they mused, scratching their beards, contemplating that this may be some farcical festive fiasco designed to beguile and bewilder. Then they sup from the golden cup. 'My word,' they exclaim, conferring amongst themselves. 'Tis indeed a fine beverage worthy of people of such standing as our good selves. Pop a case or two in the back of the Brougham and we'll trouble you no further.' Indeed, some came to scoff, but left rather chuffed. Fully flavoured, bottle aged and leanly priced.

Cheviot Bridge

Heathcote Shiraz 2004



was \$17.90 now **\$14** 21220

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$13.50 A BOTTLE

The fruit for this inviolately violet and musky, tear-provoking wine comes from tiny little plots dotted all across the best parts of the Victorian state of the lucky country. Using older wood ensures that fab fruit does the talkin' and the oak kinda mumbles away in the background. Indeed it is brimful of dark berries and spice, with said dusky violets and musky overtones. Floral hints it has, but a wallflower it is not, pushing its luscious ripeness upon you like a tipsy great aunt at the family Christmas after a second go at the Amontillado.

Waipara Hills

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$16** 10343

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Winemaker Fiona Turner is one mint chick, that's for sure and neatly, there's a hint of mint within this well-constructed poppet, a brushing of something slightly, sweetly herbal in amongst the kaleidoscope of flavours and aromas. Gooseberry, herbaceousness and a twinkle of tropical fruit crook a finger and beckon you onto the greater glories of the palate. Dry as, crisply refreshing and punchingly pungent, it is incisive yet broad, appealingly linger-some and a bargain to boot.



Vidal Unwooded

Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

was \$18.90 now **\$14.50** 19406

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$14.25 A BOTTLE

For such an agreeable price, the Vidal vigneron sure take a long and winding road through a thorough range of processes from their vine to mine glass. Though it has been said, there are no short cuts to any place worth going so we must admire their tenacity and perseverance, cos it means we can rip the lid off and achieve instant gratification because of it. Oh, slow ferments, some-but-not-all malolactic, lees stirring equals creamy, fat, tropical Hawkes Bay Chardonnay of fine quality and better value.



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Feature Winery

Fairhall Downs



Fairhall Downs

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 12791

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

You could never accuse these chaps of crass commercialism. This concentrated example of the wine that made New Zealand famous comes from very low-yielding vines, the fruit from which was harvested over four different dates to get the perfect mix of flavours and the ultimate balance of acid and fruit. At 12.9% alcohol, this is slightly less aggressive than most, and a little bit of French oaking along the way ensures plenty of richness on the palate. No shortage of crisp mineral acidity, though, and the tropical fruits and freshly cut herbs are delivered in an exuberant, vivacious and refreshing manner.



Fairhall Downs

Marlborough Chardonnay 2004

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 12786

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

Again, a couple of different harvest dates were undertaken here, the vineyard site dictating the flavours, not the winery. It's the fruit that speaks, rich, ripe, summery stonefruit that surges along on the creamy, luscious palate in a very alluring fashion. There is an embrace of toasty oak also, but it's not overly prominent, coming through primarily in a biscuity, slightly nutty way that melds with the fruit seamlessly. Being Marlborough chardy, some flecks of wet stone/mineral streak through the voluptuous fruit, igniting further complexity and combining with the acid to form a delightful, lengthy and moreish finish.



Fairhall Downs

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$29.90 now **\$26** 12792

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$25.50 A BOTTLE

The 2004 Pinot was an exquisite wine, handsomely rewarded too, winning Gold at the 2005 Air New Zealand Wine Awards and picking up a similarly coloured medal at the prestigious Sydney International Wine Competition earlier this year. Dare we say it, the 2005 is possibly an even more exciting wine. Deeply flavoured, it has layers of complexity, from the blueberries, blackberries and black cherries on top, through the subtle earth notes to the spicy oak beneath. The tannins support the weighty palate with finesse and subtlety, never once getting in the way of the generous, velvety textures and the warm heart of ripe fruit. Get in now.



Fairhall Downs

Marlborough Pinot Gris 2006

was \$25 now **\$19.90** 12790

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

There's a lot of ink being spilled over Pinot Gris at the moment, about where it should be grown, what style we should be making, etc. No such confusion exists at Fairhall Downs: their Pinot Gris is an unashamedly full-on, rich style of wine, graced with haunting, deeply-scented aromatics of ginger and pear and a voluptuous, peach-flavoured, mouthfilling silken texture. Hand-harvested from low yielding vines, the concentration is extraordinary; the decision to ferment some of that perfect fruit in older French oak and give it a lick with a stick on the lees has been rewarded by deep complexity and a biscuity richness.





Hot OFF THE Press

New releases, the strangely exciting or new vintages of old favourites out this month

Rockburn **The Stolen Kiss** Central Otago Rosé 2006



\$16 12325

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The name alone evokes images of summertime rolling-in-the-clover frivolity and romance, and the gamboling motif is enhanced by the buoyant nature of the wine itself. Made from juice off their best Central Otago Pinot before it becomes Pinot proper, this skips along with confected cherry and wild strawberry characters, the crisp and mouth-watering nature of the fruits seductively silenced by a slightly sweet cooked apple note and a hint of cherry pie. Get yourself a plaid blanket and a view of the trickling river.

Te Mata Estate **Woodthorpe** Hawkes Bay Gamay Noir 2006



\$18 19154

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

The clever bunnies down at TM not only imported their own clone of Beaujolais' famous grape, they also carbonic macerate the fruit, which is exactly the way fine Beaujolais is made. As we've shown with Methode, NZ can make its own take, not a fake, when it comes to the lauded French styles. This is all cherries, cranberries and warm hillside violets, with some candied characters that lure you back and then part to reveal choco-raspberry lushness of addictive proportions. Beautiful wine, appealingly different.

Georges Duboeuf

Beaujolais-Villages 2005 ★★★★★ Cuisine



\$17 43924

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The southern sun shone solidly in the summer of '05, and so the Eurocentric delights bounding across the oceans to us now are rich, frothily fruity wines, none more so than Georges' fantastic Villages-level offering. No light-weight when it comes to the flavour game, this sprinkles little concentrated droplets of silky dark cherries, propels wild strawberries and raspberries straight to your pleasure regions and just smells and tastes of long, heady, summer afternoons.

Jules Taylor

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006



\$18 12420

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

The third vintage of Sauvignon from Jules Taylor's label is, like all her wines, meticulously crafted with a firm view of where the fruit will lead. Some Wairau Valley fruit shows itself in the swathes of richness that swell the mid palate; Wairau Plains fruit flies in with a one-two aromatic punch, while the sophisticated Awatere component delivers a sound structure and some momentous length. The key: seamless integration into a rich, refreshing, well-balanced whole. Excellent, stylish Sauvignon.

Writing volumes of tasting notes, you look at a huge number of winery websites and it has to be said, with all due respect (and much respect is due, believe me), that the Fairhall Downs site was always a slight aesthetic disappointment. 'Why can't they visually match the glory of their vinous output?' I would cry into my Pentium chips every time I checked in. Imagine my delight, then, upon checking in recently and being confronted by visions of their Utopian, Mediterranean-style winery and exquisite images of the beautiful Brancott valley wherein the Fairhall Estate lies. And a lovely picture of the family, too! Finally, a change for the better that well reflects the gorgeous goings on at this quiet over-achiever.

Indeed it is a strictly family affair, Fairhall Downs, being started as it was by Ken and Jill Small, who planted their first vines on eight hectares of Fairhall River Valley land in 1982. They made wine under contract until 1996, when they produced a Sauvignon Blanc under their own label. It were great, they realised, and they have never looked back. They roped in their daughter Julie and her husband Stuart Smith (who didn't need too much convincing to abandon sheep and fog in Canterbury for vines and endless sunshine in Blenheim), and have ever since produced a range of wines from four classic varieties that have garnered them accolades and popular acclaim across the planet.

Always evolving, 2006 has proved to be a bit of a watershed. The website upgrade has been reflected in new packaging, and from the '06 Sauvignon there is new labelling stamped, I am pleased to note, with the Small-Smith 'brand': this is still very much a family affair. A new winemaker has been installed, none other than Brian Bicknell, who has made the legendary wines at Seresin, worked at Coopers Creek and Babich and also consults for a winery in Chile. Like flying do you, Brian? Brian will work in closely with the family; his philosophy that great wines must reflect where the grapes are planted is one that closely aligns his vision with that of the Smalls and the Smiths.

So, panic not, you Fairhall fans: the wines continue to be in good hands. And those wines are consistently shining examples of what great sites, long experience with the land, finely-honed viticultural techniques and smart, judiciously executed winemaking can produce. All the wines are single vineyard offerings, all come off estate-owned vineyards at the head of the Brancott valley, and these qualities, may it be noted, are rare things in Marlborough. Never would one decry the blending of parcels of fruit from various vineyards; it's just that it is exciting to taste wines that come solely from one site. With only Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir being made at The Downs, it is clear that this is a tightly-focused unit, one that sticks to its knitting and, to continue the analogy, knits mighty well. Enjoy the Fairhall Downs wines, they're mighty fine.



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Celebration Wines



Wild South

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$16.90 now **\$14** 11146

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$13.50 A BOTTLE

Wild South was the winner of the Decanter Trophy for Sauvignon Blanc for their 2005 wine. From one of the best vintages in years, the 2006 is right up there as well. It is an attractive green-edged wine with golden highlights and an irrepressible bouquet full of flickering aromatic highlights, displaying classic passionfruit and gooseberry aromas, and hints of melon laced with pungent herbaceous notes. It has a wonderfully frisky palate, riddled with deliciously mouthfilling fruit flavours brought into focus and balanced by a crisp citrus finish. Try it with smoked salmon or oysters off the shell.



Saint Clair

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$20.10 now **\$17.50** 18308

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17 A BOTTLE

Saint Clair Sauvignon Blancs have been singularly consistent in recent years, winning awards and praise from wine scribes both here and overseas. Recipient of Gold Medals in both The International Wine Show and The Top 100, this latest release was sourced from a group of vineyards that have a proven record. The grapes were separately fermented in stainless steel and the best batches blended. It is a bright, straw-tinged, green-coloured wine with an intense, mineral-edged passionfruit, berry and capsicum-scented bouquet. It has a youthful vitality supporting the ripe gooseberry flavours that are complemented by a long, lime-fresh finish.

Kim Crawford Te Awanga Vineyard

Hawkes Bay Unoaked Chardonnay 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 11754

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15 A BOTTLE

One word jumps to mind on first tasting this wine: purity - purity of fruit and purity in the expression of its terroir. It is produced using very ripe Chardonnay with high natural sugars that lifted the level of alcohol sufficiently to arrest the fermentation. The remaining residual sugar has given the wine greater depth and fullness. An attractive straw wine with a fragrant nose expressing tropical fruit/lime aromas, the enticing palate offers plenty of varietal apple/melon vinous characters wrapped around a slick coat and focused by a lengthy, tingling, citrus-fresh finish. Superb summer drinking and excellent value.



Ti Point

Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16.50** 19004

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16 A BOTTLE

Chardonnay's ability to match a wide range of foods makes it a particularly good choice for the festive season because of the variety of fare available. It is a great appetite stimulator, and excellent with canapé, shellfish and poultry dishes. Ti Point's would be a perfect choice for any of the above. It has a generous personality with a mouth-watering bouquet featuring intricate aromas of apricot, hazelnut and sweet oak. It is a sophisticated, skilfully-crafted wine based on ripe fruit, embellished by a creamy, slight mealy texture and balanced by a dash of grapefruit vivacity.



Huber & Bléger

Alsace Pinot-Gris 2005

was \$26.90 now **\$20** 46937

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

Most of Huber & Bléger's wines are purchased by French Michelin Star-rated restaurants. From that, it's not difficult to deduce that they are particularly good food wines, and this Pinot Gris is definitely in that category. It is an elegant, well-balanced, off-dry style with an aromatic nose that displays appealing wafts of orange peel, almond and honeyed spice. The palate is suave and weighty, underlining the ripe, fresh fruit flavours that roll on and on, and there is a bright shaft of citrus that gives freshness to the finish. An elegant and graceful wine that will complement seafood superbly.



Rockburn

Central Otago Pinot Gris 2006

was \$26.90 now **\$21.50** 12321

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21 A BOTTLE

The perfect wine to serve with sushi, sashimi, or prawns, this is a pure delight. Produced from hand harvested Pinot Gris selected from Rockburn's cool climate Lowburn and Gibbston Valley vineyards, a portion of the wine was matured in barrel to add some complexity to the final blend. It has a beautifully tiered bouquet showing peach, Asian apple and a hint of musk. The vibrant palate is nicely weighted with a good depth of spice-edged fruit wrapped around a smooth texture, all balanced by a smart citrus note at the finish.



Château Le Plantier

Bordeaux 2003

was \$19.90 now **\$15.50** 41148

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14 A BOTTLE

This won a Gold Medal in 2004 at the Concours General in Paris. Château Le Plantier, a 27-hectare property located close to the historic fortress town of Sauveterre de Guyenne, has been in the same family since 1892. Produced from vines averaging 25 years of age, the wine is a blend of 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc. Nicely proportioned, it has aromas of currant and plum with a hint of herb lingering in the background. Medium bodied with a solid core of fruit, velvety tannins and a fine finish, its a good match for lamb or grilled meats, and will make a great base for a Sauce Bordelaise.



Brookfields Ohiti Estate

Hawkes Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19194

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The unpredictability of New Zealand's summers can deliver up some unexpected and unwelcome cool evenings, whose effects can be alleviated with a glass or two of a substantial, warming red. On such occasions there is probably no better wine than this exceptionally well-priced Cabernet, harvested from the sun trap that is Brookfields' Ohiti Valley vineyard. This is a glossy, intensely coloured red with an inviting bouquet filled with blackcurrant, plum and subtle spicy oak aromas. It is a well structured wine with a warm, generous, fruit-filled palate enhanced by a svelte texture and a poised finish.

Geoff Merrill Liquid Asset

McLaren Vale Shiraz-Grenache-Viognier 2003

was \$22.90 now **\$18** 22106

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Geoff Merrill's wines have achieved a remarkably consistent and impressive track record, including 23 Trophies, 111 Gold Medals, 280 Silver Medals and 830 Bronze Medals in Australia and at International wine shows. The tally keeps on growing, as this wine, too, has won a Gold Medal. Produced from classic Rhône varieties grown in McLaren Vale, this is a dinkum Australian wine full of exuberant fruit with bright spicy currant and plum aromas. Dominated by ripe fruit flavours, it's enhanced by some peppery spice and balanced by fine tannins. Ready to enjoy now, it will be a great accompaniment to char-grilled game or beef.



Hewitson Miss Harry

Barossa Valley Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2005

was \$27 now **\$18.50** 21780

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18 A BOTTLE

The hot, dry climate of the Barossa appears to be perfectly suited to Rhône varieties. The Grenache (55%), Shiraz (33%) and Mourvèdre were sourced predominantly from 80-plus-year-old bush vines grown without the benefit of irrigation. It is a very well crafted wine, with a youthful ruby appearance and an aromatic bouquet expressing berry, plum and spice aromas. The palate is full bodied with a core of superbly ripe fruit flavours that last forever. The maturity of the fruit characters is matched by a silky texture and a fine tannic structure. Easy to enjoy and fantastic value.



Martinborough Vineyard

Te Tera Martinborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$30 now **\$25** 13730

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Martinborough Vineyard can take credit for alerting New Zealanders to the potential of Pinot Noir. The release of their outstanding 1986 Pinot cemented the company's reputation and did much to establish the Martinborough region as well. Te Tera is the 'second' wine to the company's signature Pinot Noir, and was created to be approachable earlier. Like its stablemate, this is a well-crafted wine with distinctive varietal character. The nose, with its defined cherry/floral notes announces a silken, fruit driven palate supported by understated oak and balanced by a fresh spiciness that provides focus to the finish.



Wooing Tree

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2005

was \$34.90 19776

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$32 A BOTTLE

Obviously a romantic lot, the Farquharson family who own this 26-hectare Cromwell vineyard have left the 'Wooing Tree,' a landmark and favourite local haunt, in the middle of their vineyard. Produced from handpicked fruit, the wine was matured in French oak barriques, minimally handled and not fined. It is a polished, youthful-looking red with a complex character, very evident on the nose, which has an abundance of cherry/plum aromas seasoned with toasty oak. The complex, berry-flavoured palate is supple, complemented by a graceful harmony and enhanced by a generously long finish. Gold Medalist at The International Wine Show and the Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

★★★★★ Cuisine

Methodes



Saint-Meyland

French Methode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 43010

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.50 A BOTTLE

The Saint's dad regularly swaps cups of sugar with various Champagne winemakers for, while this is officially like, Burgundian, it's that close to Champs that, well, move a fence or two and you're there. Pinot power and Chardonnay charm drive this baby forward; it dances toward you on a sky full of acacia-based aromatic stars before the luxuriant palate steals what remains of your heart. With plenty of verve, panache and bounce in its step it could be considered frivolous, but there's a seriousness of gravitas and weight that makes you go back for a second look.



Arcadia

Methode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$26 now **\$19.90** 11152

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$19 A BOTTLE

This comes on fruit-driven, a singular assault of the most delightful kind of Otago stonefruit, spiced and diced with hints of citrus, ensuring that it's refreshing as well as rich. These lush fruits are then neatly punctuated by crisp, curly commas of bread and toast, making for a breadth that you didn't quite expect. It's seamless, soft and mouthfilling, taking you all the way through to a finish that is long, balanced and dreamily creamy.

Taltarni

Brut Premium Vintage 2004

was \$27 now **\$19** 27778

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Very, very creamy, Nigel, from one of Australia's most experienced and awarded sparkly producers. A lush, nougat-touched palate that is supple yet sumptuous draws forth comparisons to its far more expensive French counterparts. And counterparts they are, for this punches way above its (price) weight, and has all the elegance, complexity and froufrou that those imperious Gauls have the gall to claim as uniquely their own. No wonder so many French sparkly makers are sneaking off to Australia for a secret sniff, so to speak. Most excellent.



Chandon

Méthode Traditionnelle NV

was \$26 now **\$22.50** 25599

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$22 A BOTTLE

Classically-styled sparkling made with the guiding remote control of Messrs Moët & Co, this has always had a huge following down these parts, and with good reason. Very sophisticated and rather deftly shaped, it has a slight figgy/chardonnay scent which is more than a little alluring, a light toastiness that adds complexity and texture, and a soft, creamy, rather sexy palate. A honeyed nut character shows itself just before the lingering, almost lascivious finish kicks in. Should come with some sort of Government Certification. Flirtatious.



Taltarni

Brut Taché 2004

was \$27 now **\$19** 27881

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Being a touch cooler, 2004 was ideal for making stylish sparkling, and this, neatly is both of those. The colour of a slowly grilling salmon steak, and far less messy, this is a confectioner's delight, with some Turkish, er, Delight hints and candied fruits on the nose, while the palate whips up a storm of creamy peaches and rich apricot flavours. Nougat on toast is the bass note that carries one and all through to the rather magnificent finish. One small glass and you'll feel like you've hit the big time.



Daniel Le Brun

Brut NV

was \$30 now **\$24.50** 12145

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$24 A BOTTLE

One of Glengarry's biggest-selling wines, this is the sort of methode that out-Frenches the French in many ways. Multi-vintaged and from a host of top Marlborough sites, the wine sits on lees for an unheard of four years, ensuring a consistency and weight that many local offerings would love to imitate. Finely beaded with a most assiduous mousse, this is a complex style with apple, slightly spicy fruit smeared atop a solid biscuit base. With the finesse of wines twice its price, it is a flagship New Zealand wine deserving of the many accolades it continues to receive.

Champagne



Charles Courbet Spéciale Cuvée NV

◀ **\$29.90** 41526

Couldn't help but notice that North Harbour's founding chairman, Chris Kennings, had a bottle of Charles Courbet set aside with which to celebrate their extraordinary Ranfurly Shield win recently. A man of taste and vision, indeed. The approach at Courbet is much like Harbour's: pretty hands-on, their relative smallness allowing plenty of room for dedication to detail and artisan-like craftsmanship. Fresh and attractive as a Harbour cheer-leader (stop now, please) a delicious citrus is smeared lovingly over a toasty, bready base that is both flavoursome and elegant. Creamy and vivacious, the mousse tingles the senses, the balance and length amaze and the finish is crisp and moreish.



Drappier Brut Nature Pinot Noir Zero Dosage

◀ was \$58.90 now **\$49** 43520

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$48 A BOTTLE

No dosage, or liqueur d'expédition for you purists out there, means the remaining natural residual sugar (about two grams per litre, according to my lab, and her name's Sharon) is all there is. Bone dry then, and 100% Pinot Noir. Drappier dream differently, huh. It's almost coppery in the glass, with an elegant mousse that brims with refinement rather than rash frivolity. There's a shapely wash of yeasty and nutty characters slipping under the citrus on the nose, while the palate crackles with chewy cherry fruits and bready richness. The finish is so inordinately and refreshingly dry that you are already summoning your waiter.

Drappier Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$55 now **\$39.90** 43500 ▶

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

The Europeans all like to outdo each other on the history front, but when you can say your family's vineyards were planted by the Gallo Romans in 1 AD, you're likely to trump all-comers, aren't you? Drappier's cellars were built in the 12th century, while the family have mined the terroir since a relatively recent 1908. History lesson over, today's Hedonism Lecture will tell you the Carte Blanche is a finely wrought, rather fruit-driven style that is both deliciously fresh and exquisitely delicate. There is plenty of complexity and intrigue from teasing start to tantalising finish, and its elegance and refinement make for the ideal aperitif-style Champagne.



Delamotte Brut NV

was \$69 now **\$49.90** 42845 ▶

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$45 A BOTTLE

Delamotte is a relatively small Champagne House with a mighty rep. Part of that is due to location, location, location: they sit smack bang in the middle of Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, which just happens to be one of the greatest crus of the Côte de Blancs, and is a stone's throw away from the mighty Salon, with whom Delamotte shares owners. And there are certainly similarities in style: no malo is used in either, and only stainless steel employed for aging, so we're talking a precise, refined yet luscious style with layers of toasty, biscuity notes. Hauntingly aromatic and refined, it is an excellent expression of the great region at an enchanting price.



Drappier Carte d'Or Brut NV

FREE MAGNUM WITH EVERY CASE

◀ was \$55 now **\$39.90** 43501

FREE MAGNUM WITH EACH CASE OF 12 (equates to \$34.20 a bottle)

This is an exciting take on the Drappier House NV style, being an exquisite Pinot-dominant wine of some complexity and class. And it's a delicious dominance (90%), because it ensures that there is a sturdy and exquisitely rendered structure for the myriad aromatic and flavoursome characters to cling to, like wee beautiful barnacles beneath a big bubbly boat. Hazy jasmine marks the scent spot, while a touch of apple-tinged fruit comes into land on the silkily textured runway. It's lively yet imbues languor, bold, balanced and a blindingly good bargain: a free magnum with every case? That's Chriss-mouse sorted, then.

Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut NV

◀ was \$71 now **\$55** 46445

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$49 A BOTTLE

OK, so what's the 'Cordon Rouge' about? It's a tribute to Napoleon's Légion d'Honneur, the highest order in France, and having been adopted by the House of Mumm in the late 1800's it has become as significant a branding identity as the Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label. What's on the inside? Aromatically, fresh tropical fruit slips into the senses, lavishly layered over vanillin and caramel-smeared toast. The palate has a vivacious citric character and a creaminess that hints at honey. There's no shortage of power length, or balance, all the components that separate the excellent from the merely very good. Champagne Mumm... Who's your Daddy?



Champagne



Lanson Brut NV

was \$64 now **\$55** 46313

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$54 A BOTTLE

Pierre Lanson was one of the first true PR men of Champagne, realising way back in the fifties that wine was sold by talking directly to clients and breaking new markets, not sitting at home with pops regaling bored visitors with dull family anecdotes. This is the man who delivered Lanson to the troops during the Algiers war by striking a deal with the military: he could deliver the elixir in army trucks if he paid for the gas. Pierre, think of your margins! Don't try this in Baghdad! Anyhow, thoroughly modern, is Lanson, and insanely popular; a lively, full-bodied popper possessing much character and a delightful price tag for Christmas.



Bollinger Special Cuvée NV

was \$100 now **\$72** 40820

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$69 A BOTTLE

One of the Grand Marques that is as much a brand as it is a wine, it can be difficult to separate Bolly's iconic status from the wine itself, especially after its adoption by those loud-mouthed old tarts on the telly. However, its robust style is more distinctive than most. Fermentation in small oak casks has a lot to do with this uniqueness, and of course its weight and power; but like all NV cuvées from the Big Guns of Champagne, its consistency, brilliance, and almost indefinable beauty are what have kept Bollinger on the tip of the tongue and beyond for a legion of satisfied drinkers across the globe. A cross between a panther and a pussycat, then.

Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

★★★★★ Cuisine

was \$83 now **\$64.90** 48210

FREE MAGNUM WITH EACH CASE OF 12 (equates to \$54 a bottle)

Pol's collection of medals and trophies at the recent New Zealand International Wine Show proved yet again the esteem in which critics hold it, and with the NV priced so reasonably, it's a sure bet that Churchill's favourite sparkling is likely to grace a number of tables once again this Yuletide. With an even spread of each of the great Champagne grapes, almost a third of the final blend is comprised of reserve wines that have been maturing in the chill depths 33 metres below Christian Pol-Roger's study. Owing to the family decision to only release the wine when the youngest component is a minimum of three years old, this is a fully-flavoured, elegant style, exquisitely fresh and resoundingly rich.



Laurent-Perrier Brut L-P NV

was \$91 now **\$75** 46415

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$74 A BOTTLE

From sitting at the bottom of the Champagne Hot 100 just after WWII, Laurent-Perrier is now the fourth largest producer in, like, the whole widey world, kids. This is a seriously ambitious house, and also a maker of excellent NV Brut, as it happens. L-P NV (ideal, really, in this age of acronyms) has a summer-lea freshness to it, a spring breeziness that hints at sunny citrus and blossom, while the palate itself is complex and balanced, its extraordinary finesse due in no small part to a high proportion of Chardonnay. It is, like all fine things, well rounded and expressive, with a weight that partners the birds and the loaves and the fishes rather charmingly.



Veuve Clicquot Brut NV

was \$82 now **\$66** 49810

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$65 A BOTTLE

Mireille Guiliano, who has been CEO at Clicquot for more than twenty years now, has almost become more famous for her foodie books, in particular the Ga(u)llingly entitled 'French Women Don't Get Fat', a delightful account of how judicious indulgence (surely a tautology) can keep you slim and happy. The wine she champions covers all the food groups: (white) fruits, (freshly baked) bread, citrus, even a hint of coffee and nuts, the latter being particularly important in any protein diet. So it would seem the recipe is: save money by not buying the book, and just drink delicious bottles of this lush, rich - yet not fattening - wine all summer. So practical, the French.



Perrier Jouët Grand Brut NV

was \$92 now **\$75** 47810

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$74 A BOTTLE

Perrier Jouët are globally renowned for their bottle with the pretty painted flowers, the Belle Epoque; this, their most excellent NV, does not pale in comparison. Indeed it is crystal clear and almost limpid in the glass, and fabulously fresh and lively. The bubbles spiral all the way to heaven, via a delicate bouquet of acacia and spring blossom with hints of tropical fruit. Broad, rich and ripe, with a sexily deep palate, Perrier Jouët is full and fleshy, and lusciously reminiscent of caramelised pears and apples. There is a delicious, dulcet sweetness as it heads into the final turn, where a slivering dip of butterscotch says, thank you Frankie, a top-up would be tops.



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Delamotte

Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

was \$89 now **\$79** 42850

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$78 A BOTTLE

If you thought only Pinot-dominant Champagne could deliver richness and complexity, this rather sexily designed delight may have you rereading your notes. Being 100% Chardonnay is no barrier to depth, as it happens, so forget the notion that anything blonde is simple, lightweight and frivolous! Primary fruit notes on the nose are threaded with sultry smoky characters, while the palate is a solid surge of toast and citrus, the flavours culminating in a finish that takes you into the following morning. There is a hard core of Champagne fans who only drink Blanc de Blancs styles: a sip of this will help you understand and admire their singleness of purpose.

Pol Roger

Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill 1995

was \$240 now **\$225** 48219

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$200 A BOTTLE

The greatest man of the 20th Century was an avowed Pol Roger fan, naming a race horse after the family and religiously consuming a bottle of the stuff a day. For his nerves, of course. Pol returned the favour, and when they launched this prestige cuvée in 1975, there was only one name going on the label, and it wasn't Elvis Presley. Richly, alluringly gold in tone, the nose is a cornucopia of Arcadian aromas: freshly baked pastries, wild flowers, dried fruit, while the palate soars with a rush of elegant mousse. Robust, soundly structured and, like Winston, almost unfathomably complex, this truly is one of the great wines of the world.

48200	Pol Roger Cuvée Rich NV	\$79.00
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Wally's Hut

Australian Shiraz 2005

was \$12.90 now **\$9.90** 28424

\$9.90 gets you what, exactly, in 2006? Enough 91 Unleaded to nose the Bentley out of the driveway? Mebbe. A coffee and a basil and mozzarella tart on Nuffield Street? Pushing it. Parking in Auckland's CBD? About 40 minutes if you're in that Elliot Street one. Rattle your \$9.90 at Showgirls or Boys and, hell, you might get a smile... or, for the same forage, you get a bottle of happy juice, 750 millilitres of tasty berry-flavoured Wallyfruit™, scented with yummo vanillin oak, and augmented by a crisp acid finish. Put your money where your mouth wants you to.

Deakin Estate

Victoria Chardonnay 2005

was \$14.90 now **\$9.90** 20733

The name of the Deakin, oenologically speakin'
Tells of flavours like peaches and cream
And a wee bit of wood, just to keep it all good
It's a value for money extreme
The smiles on your faces, as you load up with cases
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It's the kind of wee wine that you sip while supine,
Thinking where did 2006 go?
Let that drab thought rush past as you refill your glass
With ole Deaks' most fantastic veen-oh!

Need a little ripper of a white to see you through
the bright months? Load up with the Deakmeister.
He will not see you wrong.

Allan Scott

Sparkling Rosé NV

was \$23 now **\$18** 17425

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

When the statisticians do their pie charts detailing what volumes of which wines sell the most, you can rest assured that the piece of sparkling rosé pie won't exactly be nudging, say, Chardonnay off, looking for room. And tasting this excellent little bouncer, you'd have to say that's a shame, because this is way cool wine, people. Creamy, smooth, refreshingly crisp and well, berryish, slightly chilled it's a dreamland drink and teasingly different. Serve it up at your next soirée and you will be soigné, we guarantee it, and ahead of the pack; sparkling rosé sales jumped 41% in Australia last year. We're next.





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Natale Felice \$45 68672

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CHRISTMAS

Gifts

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Put It Away
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Post-Prandial Pleasure
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94820
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92908
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Grey Goose
Vodka
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92657
\$67.00

93436 **Bunnahabhain**
12-year-old 700mL
\$79.00

Fresh and aromatic with a subtle whiff of smoke; tastes of fruit and nut lead to a malty sweetness, with a rich and lingering finish.



93655 **Bruichladdich**
10-year-old 700mL
with Gift Tin and Glass
\$89.00

93602 **Bruichladdich**
12-year-old 700m & Gift Tin
\$95.00

An excellent aperitif that doesn't flood the senses as many Islay malts can do. Stylish and subtle.

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91246	Emerson's Pilsener Organic Lager 500mL	each \$5.60
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Unoaked Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

Fermented in stainless steel tanks with selected yeasts to emphasise pure fruit characters, and aged on lees to provide complexity; this has a bouquet dominated by ripe pineapple and melon aromas and a palate of lovely, rich, tropical fruit flavours, with just a hint of mealliness enhanced by a vibrant citrus edge.



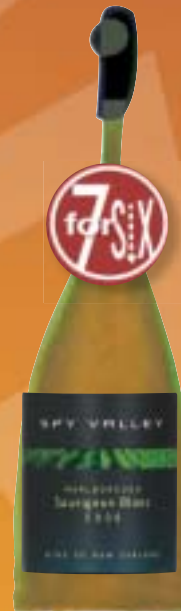
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Spy Valley

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

Given the favourable vintage conditions experienced in 2006, this is everything you'd expect from a Marlborough Sauvignon, with its ripe passionfruit and tropical fruit aromas laced with a lovely hint of nettle. The palate is bright, with juicy fruit flavours that linger on endlessly in their journey towards the lively lemon finish.



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Spy Valley

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2004

Hand-harvested fruit was selected from four separate blocks on Spy Valley's free-draining Waihopai Valley vineyard. Fermented initially on indigenous yeasts and oak aged for sixteen months, it is replete with rich cherry, plum and vanillin oak aromas, and the abundance of fruit flavours are enhanced by a smooth texture and a fine finish.



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G Château Lucière

Bordeaux 2005

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As a matter of policy we only purchase Bordeaux wines from the best years, which brings both good and bad news. First the bad: prices for the cru classé estates are high. The good news is that the quality of the 2005 wines was not restricted to just the big names, and we have sourced some excellent wines that offer exceptional value. This is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, harvested from the family estate. It has an aromatic nose of blackberry and milk chocolate and a generous, well-proportioned palate that is fleshy as well as silky smooth.



Pascal Jolivet

Attitude Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$29 now **\$22** 41090

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE

As in Marlborough, the dominant variety in the communes of Sancerre and Pouilly-sur-Loire, sited on opposite banks of the River Loire, is Sauvignon Blanc. There the comparison ends, because the soils and climate are different, as is the winemaking approach. This wine has a subtle yet characteristic varietal bouquet leaning toward apple and kiwifruit, with traces of lemon. The palate is light and fresh, with a juicy character complemented by mineral and sage nuances, finishing on a clean, bright note. The perfect match for grilled fish, shellfish and goat's cheese.



Château Tour du Foussat

Bordeaux 2003

was \$19.90 now **\$17** 41150

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16 A BOTTLE

This estate derives its name from the 200-year-old moat (foussat) and tower that dominate the vineyard. That vineyard is comprised of just twenty hectares and is planted in the classic Bordeaux varieties. From the excellent 2003 vintage, this wine is primarily Merlot based and given a firm backbone by a 20% portion of Cabernet Sauvignon. It has an appealing fresh and fragrant nose, with blackberry ranging to blueberry aromas. Additional bottle aging has given the palate a mellow silkiness that enhances the lush Merlot flavours. Terrific value.



Les Vins de Vienne

Côtes du Rhône 2004

was \$31 now **\$24** 41274

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$23 A BOTTLE

A decade ago three northern Rhône winemaking friends, Yves Cuilleron, Pierre Gaillard and Françoise Villard, launched Les Vins de Vienne, subsequently joined by Pierre Jean Villa. The company combines winemaking with a négociant business; they produce wines from their own estates and also buy in from other growers, using their expertise to blend wines such as this Côtes du Rhône. This is a cut above the average; nicely balanced, well focused and offering pepper-scented cherry and plum aromas that lead on to a generously-flavoured palate.



Château Nicot

Bordeaux 2005

was \$21.90 now **\$18** 41623

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

The 2005 Bordeaux vintage has been lauded as a textbook harvest, when rainfall, sunshine and temperatures harmonised to produce outstanding quality fruit. Owners of this 15-hectare, 200 hundred-year-old Château, the Dubourg family, have taken full advantage of the conditions to produce a gem of a wine. With a good concentration of blackberry, plum and cedary aromas on the nose, it is a rich and compelling mouthful, given extra roundness by the 34% proportion of Merlot and firmness by the Cabernet. Classy, concentrated and just terrific value from Bordeaux.



G Nicolas Potel

Cuvée Gerard Potel Bourgogne 2004

was \$32 now **\$29** 42245

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$28 A BOTTLE

Nicolas Potel has specialised as a négociant since the sudden death of his father Gerard Potel, the highly regarded manager of Domaine Pousse d'Or. In a remarkably short time, his dynamic approach and skill as a winemaker has set a benchmark for négociant wines. This is a top Burgundy; bright and fresh with heaps of Pinot Noir varietal strawberry and cherry on the nose and palate. Elegantly structured and beautifully focused, with a juicy character supported by a supple, velvety-smooth texture, it is a wonderful tribute to his father.



Italy

Each month, discover the value and style of Italian wines

Pasqua Terre del Sole Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2005

was \$12.90 now **\$9.90** 66074

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$9.50 A BOTTLE

For the price of a movie ticket, this mellow-textured red dances with life and shows ripe plum, berry and violet aromas as well as a fine tannin structure. From one of Italy's most reliable producers, it represents some of the best value around. It is supple, with well defined fruit flavours, a sprinkling of herbs and the concentration and mouthfeel you would expect from a much higher priced wine. Ready to be enjoyed now, it is the perfect match to red meats, and well worth stocking by the case to see you through the summer Barbeques.



Cecchi Bonizio Sangiovese di Maremma 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 62443

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The Cecchi family have had a strong association with the Maremma region of Tuscany for generations. Maremma is on the coastal flank of Tuscany, and though the Cecchi estate is inland, its proximity to the ocean, together with the soils, produces wines with a distinctive character. This traditionally fermented and matured, 100% Sangiovese has masses of ripe berry, cherry and slightly meaty aromas with hints of rosemary in the background. Nicely weighted and generously flavoured, with ripe berry and plum flavours that develop in the mid palate and jog right on through to the easy-paced finish.



Santa Margherita Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Brut NV

was \$33 now **\$26** 62538

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$25.30 A BOTTLE

Prosecco di Valdobbiadene is fast becoming one of the most admired and successful sparkling wines made today. Its charm is derived from the gentle Prosecco variety that has thrived in the northwest since ancient times. This wine, made by the Charmat method (the second fermentation is in pressurized tanks), is a sunny, golden colour, with spring blossom, melon, almond and a hint of yeast on the nose. The palate has a distinct personality, with peachy, nutty flavours enhanced by a fine mousse, balanced by a refreshing, lemon-edged finish.

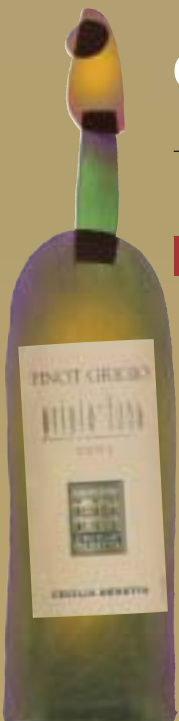


Cecilia Beretta Grigio Luna Pinot Grigio 2005

was \$21.90 now **\$17.50** 60486

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$17 A BOTTLE

The southern Tyrol region in northeast Italy is located in the valleys sculpted by glaciers, rivers and streams flowing from the Alps. Its cool climate and alluvial, gravelly soils are well-suited to the production of aromatic varieties like Pinot Grigio. Some of the leading vineyards for the variety are centred on the town of Roveré della Luna, the source for this wine. With a fragrant, cheesy, apple-pear bouquet, the palate is distinguished by supple fruity characters that lead to a fresh and lively finish. Perfect as an aperitif, and with seafood.



Fontanafredda Le Fronde Moscato d'Asti 2005

was \$34 now **\$29** 62644

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

During the Christmas season, Italians eat panettone, the wonderful, fruit-filled sweet bread from Milan, at breakfast, with coffee, in between meals and after dinner with spumante. This wine is the perfect match, not just with panettone, but with all those other Christmas treats. It is a low-alcohol, straw yellow wine with an intense bouquet that evokes just-picked grapes, musk and orange blossom. The palate has a lovely spritzig mouthfeel that enhances the honeyed Muscat fruit flavours. It is a sweet style that is balanced by a nice touch of citrus at the finish. A must for Christmas.



a taste of
Spain

Freixenet

Cordon Negro Brut NV

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 85010

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$9.50 A BOTTLE

This wine didn't get to be the world's number one-selling sparkler just because it's great value; it's a pleasure to drink. With its light gold colour, steady mousse and a bouquet showing floral, apple, pear and yeasty notes that follow through to the palate, Cordon Negro is fresh, lively and versatile, and worth stocking by the case for the summer season.



Rojo

Granrojo Garnacha 2005

was \$16.90 now **\$14.50** 85020

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.25 A BOTTLE

From the Campo de Montiel in the Valdepeña wine region, this youthful looking, garnet-coloured wine is packed with blackberry and cherry aromas. The fruit-driven palate is beautifully fresh with a nice tinge of spice in the background. Balanced and silky smooth, with a lingering finish.



Coto de Hayas

Campo de Borja Reserva 2002

was \$25 now **\$22** 81005

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100% Garnacha selected from vines over forty years old, traditionally fermented and matured for 24 months in American oak barrels. The aromatic nose displays complex aromas of spice and dark fruit. With its wonderful array of plum, berry, chocolate and liquorice flavours combining with spicy oak and enhanced by a smooth texture, it's drinking superbly. Exceptional value. Buy it by the case.



Valdespino

Rich Cream Sherry

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This style is derived from a blend of Oloroso Sherries enriched by a portion of sweet Pedro Ximenez. It has smoky orange rind and caramel aromas supported by vanilla bean. Richly flavoured, it features raisiny, toasted caramel and toffee flavours bound around a sweet, viscous texture. Perfect with dessert, fruit cake or on the rocks.



A look at less well-known, new and intriguing grape varieties

VineTalk
Gewürztraminer

'Great with Asian food,' is the epithet often thrown about when Gewurztraminer is mentioned, and while in some cases this is not inaccurate, there is a lot more to this slightly pink-skinned beauty than slugging it down with a bit of old Laksa. The direct translation of the 'Gewurz' part of the name means 'spiced' but in context, says guru-ess Jancis Robinson, this should be read merely as 'perfumed.'

Indeed the aromatics of a good Gewurz will nearly lift your head off, in the loveliest way possible, assaulting your senses with concentrated, heady aromas of lychees and deeply-scented roses, while layers of exotic spice characters - cinnamon and ginger, black pepper and cloves - will often dot the bouquet's landscape.

Because the grapes are pink-skinned, you can get a seductive coppery hue to the deep golden wines, and while a spectrum of characters appear on the palate, any Gewurz worth its salt will be luscious, just this side of oily and the other side of rich, with strong spine, decent weight and a long, unctuous finish. Because the grapes are naturally high in alcohol and low in acid, you won't find malolactic conversions bounding about, and wood use is virtually non-existent. Like the other 'noble' varieties of Alsace, Riesling and Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer wines are all grape, their their fullness of flavour and ability to cellar a result of the fruit and the terroir, rather than any winery trickery.

So are our local versions worth a punt? Sure. While Alsace claims to be the home of Gewurztraminer, winemakers in New Zealand have started to take to the variety again with renewed vigour and startling results and there are plenty making solid, exciting and true-to-variety examples. From scintillatingly dry to honeyed and almost sweet, there is a range of styles and a range of pricepoints available on the market. Having trawled our way through a huge number of local and imported offerings, what we can say is that the wines tend to offer great value, to be way more exciting than you might have been led to believe and they partner far more occasions and culinary styles than takeaways and telly. Push the boat out and reel one in.

Framingham

Marlborough Gewürztraminer 2005

was \$28.50 now **\$22** 12682

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A decade or so ago, many of the Gewurztraminer wines produced in New Zealand were flabby and oversweet, and as a consequence, the variety lost popularity. Fortunately some winemakers appreciated that it wasn't the variety that was the problem but the style. Framingham has made this wine in the Alsace Style, with the emphasis squarely on aromatics, palate weight and richness of texture. There's some residual sugar, but it is balanced by some fresh, lively notes. The bouquet is nicely concentrated, with exotic, effusive aromas hinting at musk, ginger and spice. The palate opens on a fruit-laden note, peach and crystallised ginger mingling with allspice.



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| 12322 | Rockburn Central Otago Gewurztraminer 2006 | \$21.00 |
| 18614 | Seresin Marlborough Gewurztraminer 2006 | \$23.00 |
| 10342 | Waipara Hills Marlborough Gewurztraminer 2006 | \$23.00 |
| 18916 | Stonecroft Hawkes Bay Gewurztraminer 2006 | \$25.00 |
| 19801 | Vinoptima Gisborne Reserve Gewurztraminer 2004 | \$52.00 |

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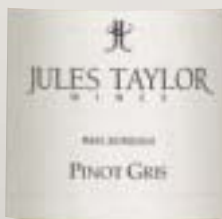
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Each month, from the hundreds of wines submitted to us, the Glengarry Tasting Panel selects our top ten wines

1 Jules Taylor Marlborough Pinot Gris 2006

was \$26.90 now **\$24** 12421

This is an easy-drinking, off-dry style with a vibrant character alive with lovely pear and quince aromas and flavours, enhanced by a slick texture and a lingering finish.



2 Michelle Richardson Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$26 now **\$23.50** 17475

Class, right from the impressive first sniff of rock melon-gooseberry-herb aromas, through the lush mid palate to the zingy fresh finish. An outstanding wine that will improve.



3 Lake Chalice Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13550

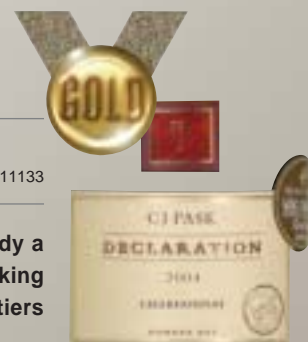
From the excellent 2006 vintage, this beautifully balanced wine has a mouthwatering presence full of sumptuous varietal flavours enriched by a long, elegant, citrus-edged finish.



4 C J Pask Declaration Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2004

was \$40 now **\$35.50** 11133

This superbly-crafted Chardonnay is already a winner of four gold medals and it's drinking magnificently. Crammed with integrated tiers of peach, citrus, spice and nutty flavours.



5 Coopers Creek Swamp Reserve Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

was \$31 now **\$24.50** 11867

A complex, pale greenish-gold Chardonnay with a distinctive lively core of apricot/lime aromas and flavours that pick up some spicy, creamy notes, framed by toasty oak. Great value.



6 Boundary Vineyards Kings Road Waipara Pinot Noir 2005

was \$21.50 now **\$16.50** 18347

A generously flavoured Pinot Noir with earthy, cherry, mushroom and spicy oak aromas. The palate is built on a supple frame emphasising the fruit flavours and finishes long and fine.



7 Shingle Peak Reserve Marlborough Pinot Gris 2006

was \$24 now **\$19.50** 14106

A full bodied, juicy, seductive wine, with melon, spice and floral aromas enhanced by a touch of oak. The appealingly round, complex, polished palate finishes on a bright, clean note.



8 Jean Chartron Clos de la Combe Bourgogne Chardonnay 2005

was \$25.90 now **\$20** 41405

A balanced, elegant, estate-grown Chardonnay with enticing, spicy stonefruit aromas and flavours that develop with every sip. A classy number, very well priced.



9 Nga Waka Three Paddles Martinborough Riesling 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$15** 15801

A richly flavoured, off-dry Riesling with a slight oily consistency that complements the mineral-edged floral-tropical fruit aromas and flavours. Finishes on a fresh citrus note.



10 Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Shiraz 2001

was \$36 now **\$25** 21231

Classic Australian Shiraz with oodles of ripe berry and plum flavours swirling around with anise, black pepper and spicy oak. Balanced and well structured, it finishes on a minty note.



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