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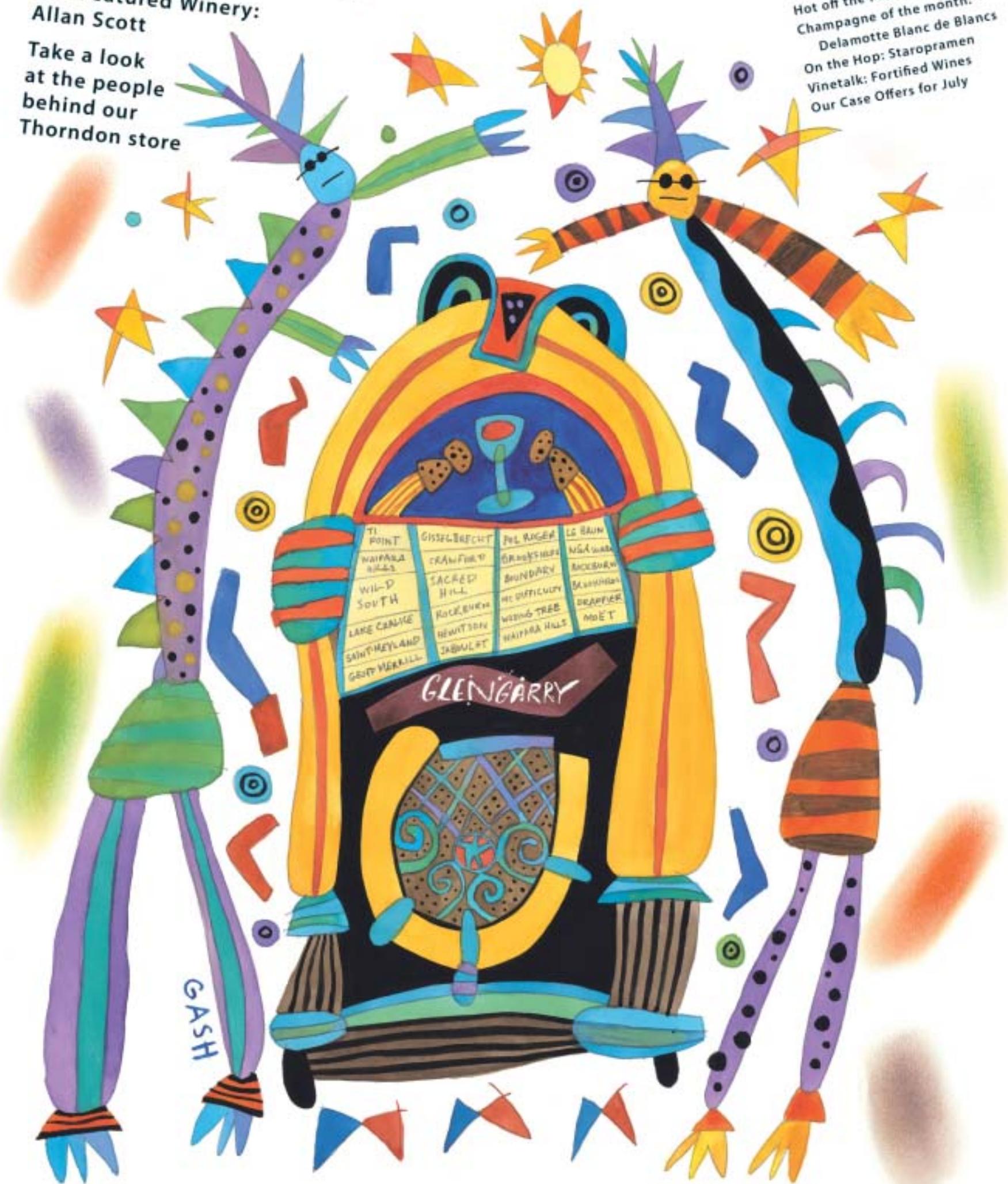
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Philip Rowe and Meredith Parkin

The folk in the capital are just capital, and have supported us since we first came to town, via Glengarry Thorndon Quay, in the mid-nineties. Our folk in the capital are mighty pleasant people too, it must be said, and so we rolled on in with the wind and had a yarn to Philip Rowe and Meredith Parkin at the Thorndon Quay store to see what, as the young people like to say, are 'the haps.'

Phil has been manager at TQ for eight years, and has spent most of his life since departing university in 1982 associated with wines in Wellington. 'I've always loved Wellington,' and he smiles like he means it, 'and I have longstanding connections to the people and area that I really treasure.' His passion, he tells me, from Petrus to Pinot Gris remains undimmed, a welcome enthusiasm in an industry that only the passionate can really excel in. 'How could my interest wane?' he challenges. 'The whole local Pinot Gris popularity contest is exciting everyone, and the rise in quality of those stunning Hawkes Bay Syrahs is one of the best things to come along in a while.' As for the changes he's seen in his back yard, these too are exciting. 'Oh, Wellington has just leapt ahead in the past few years with an explosion of good restaurants and a growing appreciation of good food and wine.'

Phil's quietly pleased with the crew he's assembled too. 'We have a great, young, enthusiastic bunch both here and in the outlying stores across the region. And despite the industry prejudice to the contrary, a great knowledge base comes with that.' The region's proximity to both Martinborough and Marlborough keeps the interest up too, Phil says, with 'plenty of drop-by visitors from the wineries keeping that knowledge fresh. Usually with the help of a good bottle or two.'

There has been a real growth in Fine Wine activity at Thorndon, with Meredith having expanded the stock, knowledge and client base exponentially. Most Wellingtonians would remember Meredith and her infectious enthusiasm from her seven years helming Glengarry's Kelburn store; she has found her subsequent shift to TQ has been the perfect tonic to keep the fine wine flame burning. 'It's just so interesting for me; I'm constantly learning and continually excited by the wines and the people.' Like Phil, Meredith is delighted by the passion and interest shown by the broad range of clients she deals with, and she caters to their various requirements by running two quite different tastings monthly.

The Fine Wine tasting is a more formal look-through whatever is new or sparking interest, while the Wine Club tastings are slightly less structured. Both always result in much robust debate, Meredith says. 'Particularly about Burgundy. It's so strong in Wellington, whereas Auckland tends to focus more on Bordeaux.' Because? 'Passion not speculation, is the driver down here. That's the difference, apparently.' That sort of comment should indeed invite unreasoned debate from those 'speculators' in the City of Sales. However, just to show the divide is more imagined than real, Meredith is looking forward to the 2004 Bordeaux wines landing, with a tasting to assess their character in August/September.

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

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

Château Lucière Bordeaux 2005



was \$18.90 now **\$15** 41147

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$14.00 A BOTTLE

This is great wine at fifteen bucks; \$14 for a case is Lucière lunacy. Especially when our experienced crew tried it blind and got the general impression that fifty dollars would have to be parted with to secure a wine of such flavoursome and intense character. Soft, round and ripe, the bright cherry-like flavours are quite flashy, and are worn rather beautifully on the firm yet sensitive tannin framework. With Merlot to soothe the Cabernet's passage, you get the best of all worlds for very little indeed.

Hanging Rock Shiraz Pinot Malbec Grenache 2004

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 21760

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$14.00 A BOTTLE

This winery gets five stars from Halliday, and while there is a bad pun about rock stars or something dangling and begging to be used, what's more important is the high praise the boys near the very high Mount Jim Jim attract. Macedon, where they are based is, frankly, marginal climactically for Shiraz, so the addition of some sweet Grenache and soft silky Pinot fruit ensures the sound structure of this excellent offering has a good thick middle, as should we all as we eat our way through winter. Bright and flavoursome, with plenty of meat to go with your, er meat.



Ti Point Chardonnay 2006



was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19022

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$15.50 A BOTTLE

This is a great glass of wine. Its perfume is alluring, the palate is fulsome, the flavours strong and true, and it doesn't involve the cost of a limb or two to secure yourself a decent bundle of it. It smells like the sort of old orchard fruit trees that winsome and fey English poets used to lie under whilst penning sonnets to their paramours, while the palate is the sort to inspire said purple prose - all peaches, cream and fresh, juicy flavours. At nigh-on \$50 off a case, grab a couple. Of cases, Shakespeare.

Windy Peak Victoria Shiraz Viognier 2003

was \$23 now **\$16** 28623

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$15.00 A BOTTLE

The notion of adding a little white Viognier to a Shiraz predominant wine is becoming increasingly popular in Aussie but, let's face it, they've been doing it in Côte-Rôtie since, like, forever. And at the innovative Windy Peak winery, as it happens. This is a warm, ripe, fulsome spice-fest, and the Viognier adds some lifted perfume on the nose and a layer or two of added interest on the palate. Along with the four years' bottle age, what it all means is you get a wine that's doing quite a bit but costing not a lot.



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Feature Winery

Allan Scott



Allan Scott

Marlborough Sparkling Rosé NV

was \$22.50 now **\$16.90** 17422

BUY 12 BOTTLES FOR ONLY \$180 AND GET A 13th FREE

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 offering from Allan Scott, you'd have to say that's a shame, because this is a superb wine. Creamy, smooth, refreshingly crisp and berryish, slightly chilled it's a delicious drink and teasingly different. Serve it up at your next soirée and you will be soigné, we guarantee it.

Allan Scott

Marlborough Chardonnay 2005

was \$21.50 now **\$17.90** 17405

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.90 A BOTTLE

This makes a lovely first impression; the colour is a light straw with golden highlights, the bountiful bouquet full of peach and apricot aromas with traces of lime, and subtle spicy oak characters derived from the barrique fermentation and maturation. The well integrated palate is alive with promise; it is beautifully supple, with a heart of ripe stonefruit flavours that is enhanced by a creamy textural dimension. Complex and full bodied, with all its component parts blending together to deliver a beautifully measured wine that will be perfect with food.



Allan Scott

Marlborough Riesling 2006

was \$19.20 now **\$15.90** 17411

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

Allan Scott has a particular penchant for Riesling, and we understand where he is coming from - this is simply delicious. The grapes were harvested from the family's Moorland Vineyard, which at almost 30 years of age boasts some of New Zealand's oldest Riesling vines. It was stop fermented to retain a degree of natural residual sugar, and is softly greenish-gold in colour with a beautifully fragrant bouquet displaying classic varietal aromas of honeyed lime and mandarin edged with hints of mineral. Brilliantly balanced, it maintains a distinctive fruit presence right through to the last swallow.



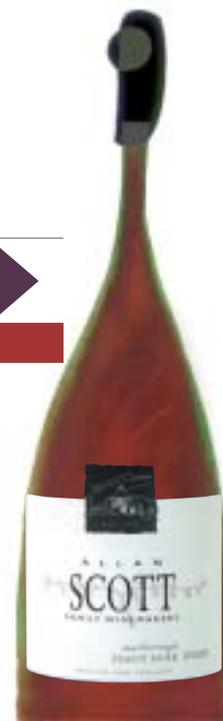
Allan Scott

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$26 now **\$22.50** 17417

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

Hailing from the excellent 2006 vintage, this was hand harvested, fermented on indigenous and cultured yeasts and matured in French oak barriques for twelve months. A cerise wine of moderate depth and bright appearance, with a spicy bouquet displaying cherry, raspberry, plum and subtle oak aromas. It's a finely balanced Pinot Noir, still young, but with ample nicely layered, sensuous fruit and spicy oak supported by mild tannins and a persistent aftertaste.



17401	Allan Scott Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006	\$17.90
17415	Allan Scott Marlborough Pinot Gris 2006	\$22.50
17421	Allan Scott Blanc de Blancs Marlborough Brut NV	\$22.50



Hot OFF THE Press

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

Nga Waka Three Paddles Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006



\$14.90 15807

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.90 A BOTTLE

The 'regular' Nga Waka Sauvignon Blanc is widely considered to be one of this country's finest, so it's a coup for us enthusiasts that they've now added a Sav to the more everyday, yet no less special Three Paddles range. It's also a tad exciting to have a Martinborough and not a Marlborough Sauvignon for a change, and this one carries with it a swathe of jungle-juice-type tropical fruits that you don't tend to see south of the border. Gooseberries sneak in there of course, to add a punchy intensity that serves this vibrant, crisp wine very well.

Akarua The Gullies Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006



\$32 10184

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$31.50 A BOTTLE

The idea of 'The Gullies' is that you can enjoy it from its release and marvel in its riches while the main label Akarua Pinot evolves in your cellar. If it seems greedy to make more than one label of their stunning droplets of delight, remember Akarua got 'Winery of the Show' at the Air NZ's when they'd been around about five minutes, and both Pinot labels have had accolades, trophies and awards almost beyond measure. So a new vintage of 'The Gullies', by golly, is worth raising a glass to. And buying a case of.

Brut de Charvis French Methode Traditionnelle NV

\$19.90 43013

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Those of you who have taken the Saint-Meyland Methode to your bosoms will be delighted to know that we have managed to secure some of her sister wine. The Brut de Charvis is a slightly dryer style, and has a sophistication and charm well beyond its rather approachable pricepoint. This is beautifully balanced wine, with aromatic hints of cherry and rose, and a toastiness that adds to the overall enjoyment rather brilliantly. Very drinkable, too.



Wild Earth Central Otago Pinot Noir 2005

\$36 16022

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$35.00 A BOTTLE

There are floods of wines coming through from Central Otago now; having treaded through a few we can confidently pronounce the Wild Earth to be most excellent. They went to a lot of trouble with this, and the resultant vino is one of warmth and richness, with some exotic wild herb/brambly underbrush beneath the jammy, dark fruit. It has great presence and much style, as well as a Gold at the Easter Show and one at Sydney, if you need further third party reassurances.



Hot OFF THE Press

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One of Marlborough's star performers, Allan Scott is possibly its most experienced winemaker, with a history stretching back thirty-four years to the very beginning of the modern era of wine-making in the region. Today, the Allan Scott winery is owned and operated by the family, with every member involved in the day-to-day running of the enterprise. Son Joshua is the winemaker; older daughter Victoria has run the winery's Twelve Trees Restaurant and cellar door, while the youngest daughter Sara works alongside chief viticulturist and uncle, Brian Kenny.

Allan Scott grew up on a north Canterbury farm, and as he says, 'I did just about everything on the farm; dagging, docking, fencing and shearing, but I was always interested in horticulture; so when my wife Catherine and I moved to Marlborough in 1973, I got a job working in the vineyards with Montana when they were just getting started. It was nothing spectacular; just general work, planting, putting up posts and anything else that needed doing - it wasn't glamorous, but I had found my niche.'

Within a month, Allan was appointed vineyard manager, and a little later, supervisor of Montana's Fairhall vineyard. In 1980 he was head-hunted by Corbans and oversaw the establishment of their Marlborough vineyards. He became their senior Viticultural Manager, with responsibility for the company's entire national grape intake, and part of the winemaking team.

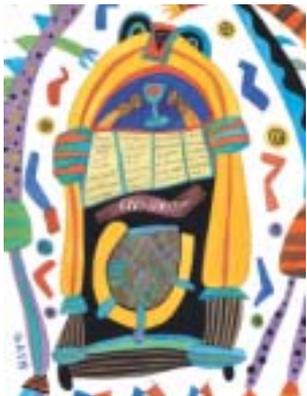
Allan and Catherine had purchased a block of land in Marlborough in 1975, which they operated as contract growers. In 1985, they sold that block, purchased a new one in the Rapaura district and planted their first Sauvignon Blanc, a year later purchasing a second vineyard across the road where the winery now stands.

The company sources its grapes mainly from the Wallops Vineyard (originally planted by Allan and the mother nursery for grafting rootstock), the Hounds Vineyard, adjacent to the Wallops and the Hares Vineyard. The annual intake from the Company's vineyards is supplemented by grapes from leased vineyards and from contract growers.

Unlike many other wineries, the Allan Scott operation is self contained; they own their own harvesting equipment, which allows them to pick grapes in optimum condition. The winery, which is centrally located to the vineyards, is well equipped. To preserve integrity, cellaring, bottling and labelling is done on-site.

Allan Scott Wines practise sustainable winemaking practises in both vineyard and winery, and they have recently converted four hectares of established Sauvignon Blanc to organic status. Josh Scott: 'This is just a trial block; It'll take three years of hard work, so if all goes well, we'll be making organic wines. Our approach is to make wines that capture the individual characteristics of our vineyard and the region. I believe that winemaking is an art; science just helps the process.'

Glengarry's Greatest



Glengarry's Greatest Hits

It all sounded like lots of fun, compiling our own chart of big movers and high fliers. It was. Really though, it's *your* greatest hits, for the wines assembled here are those that you discerning Glengarry enthusiasts have bought in considerable volumes over the past few years. The vinos that have flowed like a tasty river from our shop floors to your front doors are all here - give or take a vintage change or two - and looking at it, the defining component isn't actually price, we are delighted to say, it's value. There is a marked difference between the two. These are all great quality wines, and that's the key to the selection and, ultimately, the key to a wine's popularity: it has to be well-priced, but it has to satisfy in the quality stakes as well.

So, get in amongst them: for our part, we've rounded them up, crunched the numbers and served them up on special to blast your way through the winter blues. For your part, well, just enjoy!



Wild South Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$14.90** 11146

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$13.90 A BOTTLE



Like any Sauvignon worth its salt, this assaults the senses like some sort of herbaceous wake-up call, jolting you out of your seat and sending your synapses spinning. It has a classic Marlborough spring in its step, a zesty personality and all the gooseberry-tinted zing you'd expect. There are swathes of lemongrass, plus a citrus enhancement in the fat mid-palate that scoffs at anyone who may suggest that Sauvignon Blanc can be one-dimensional. Pah! There's so much going on here, you'll need a second glass just to get a handle on it all.



Waipara Hills Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$15.50** 10915

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

This label is really taking off, making some seriously good wine from some seriously good sites in both the Waipara Valley and Marlborough. The Wairau Valley is where the fruit for this calls home, and it's where the fruit for some of the world's best sauvignon resides, a kind of Park Lane address if you will. One suspects the grapes are delivered by chauffeur rather than Kubota. Ripe fruit, brilliantly fresh, with the concentrated energy and vibrancy that is Marlborough savvy perfectly preserved for us all to enjoy. Gorgeous.

Ti Point Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19023

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE



Ti Point are Matakana-based, but as we (and the world) have all worked out, the best Sauvignon comes from Hawkes Bay or Marlborough, and so southwards is where they trekked in search of the ultimate grapes. You love it, with the cases barely hitting the floor before disappearing into your waiting arms; so we are delighted to still have some of the flavoursome and richly rewarding 2006 to offer to you. Beautifully balanced, the cornucopia of flavours has integrated expertly, and she's a mighty great bottle of vino.



Lake Chalice Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 13561

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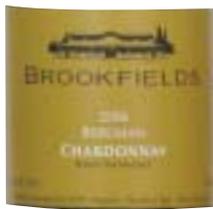
Crikey, you'd have to get up early to catch these chaps out; 2007 Sauvignon in July. The joy of Sauvignon, of course, is that this is exactly how it should be - grapes harvested, fermented, stainless-steeled and good to go. Preserves the fresh, clean and intense flavours which this wine has to spare. Searingly crisp and refreshing, it carries its weight well, with the typical Marlborough flavours contained within a rich palate that zips to the end of a good long finish with finesse and style.

Hits

Brookfields Bergman Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19204

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE



Whence you slide your Burgundy XKR across the gravel and adjacent to the verandah at the Brookfields winery, the roses to your right, now caked with your filthy, irresponsible dust, are in fact Bergman roses; perfumed, intense, beautiful. Just beyond them is the Bergman vineyard, a chardonnay spot from which comes this excellent wine, one that is, neatly, perfumed, intense and beautiful. Rich and generous with opulent stone-fruit, there is a subtle oak underpinning that supports the fleshy fruit and helps deliver the luscious, mouth-filling flavours that this delivers for a ridiculously low \$16.

Nga Waka Martinborough Chardonnay 2005

was \$23.50 now **\$19.90** 15803

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE



One of the most distinctive New Zealand chardonnays around, redolent as it is with the most palate-titillating grapefruit character, a unique component that alone makes it worth the minimal, sub-\$20 entry fee. The fruit is always ridiculously ripe and beautifully controlled by Roger Parkinson, who has been pulling exceptional wines out of his hat for well over a decade now. Intense, leaping with flavour and wonderfully textured, it will wow you now, and, should you hang onto some, blow your mind for a further few years.

Rockburn Central Otago Unoaked Chardonnay 2006

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** 12326

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE



At the other end of the stylistic spectrum from the Nga Waka meisterwerk above comes this finely tuned, minerally-spined Central option. They spend an inordinate time carefully controlling the ferment so that the fresh, intense and crisp fruit characters don't just disappear into the ether, but instead find their way into the bottle. Being Deep South, the fruit has a high acid component, but a full malo trims this back and adds a richness that is creamily divine, layering up peaches, poached nectarines and lively lime notes.

Saint-Meyland French Methode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43010

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE



Typical chart-topper, this: great quality, great value. Auxerrois, in the north of Burgundy where this wine is made, is blessed with the conditions that, like Champagne, favour the production of top quality sparkling. The soils are the chalk/clay that Pinot and Chardonnay do best in, and the climate marginal enough that the fruit retains the acid and finesse needed to make world-class methode. Which this is. Elegant yet mellow, it has a crispness that makes it a perfect aperitif, and a richness that matches well with a host of foods.

Daniel Le Brun Methode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$30 now **\$28** 12145

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$27.00 A BOTTLE



Golly, you people drink this by the vat-full, which shows your exquisite taste and great parochialism. This is a very focused and elegant style, a little less commercial than some at this price and all the better for it. It offers complexity and intrigue that reflects the long ageing process, the careful winery handling and the experience it takes to consistently produce outstanding Methode. Very drinkable and inordinately stylish, this is a wine that will see you from canapés through to the last sliver of camembert perfectly.

Drappier Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$55 now **\$39.90** 43500

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$38.90 A BOTTLE



Where Pol Roger had Churchill as their biggest fan, Drappier had De Gaulle. Take from that what you will. Off 75 prime hectares on vineyards planted around 1AD (true!), the Drappier famille certainly have all their history ducks in a row. The wine is pretty smart too: an imposing, forward style - likely due to the high proportion of Pinot in the final blend - with a splendid depth and richness. The overt fruit is balanced by a biscuity suaveness and a certain skip-through-the-golden-fields lightness that charms the long socks off you.

Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial NV

was \$70 now **\$62** 47211

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$59.90 A BOTTLE



The cellarmaster at Moët (what a plum job!) describes Brut Impérial as being 'rich and generous without being opulent and showy.' Nicely put. It's not a flashy, dazzling drop, and for sheer weight and presence you might look more towards, say, Bollinger; but for an attractive, impressive and wonderfully rewarding Champagne, you need look no further. The fresh fruit is framed in controlled acid, the texture sexily seductive, the balance perfect. A brand this big has to be consistently excellent and faultless. Fine traits indeed.



Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

was \$85 now **\$69.90** 48210

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE

In Parker's Wine Buying Guide there are only a dozen or so Champagne producers that he rates as 'outstanding'. Unsurprisingly, Pol Roger is one of them. Critics and consumers alike beat a path to their seven kilometres of chalk cellars, paying homage to a house that consistently produces some of the world's finest wines. This, their flagship NV Brut, is undoubtedly one. Finely beaded with an all enveloping, foaming mousse, it is elegant, citrus-fresh and baked-bread beautiful, filled with finesse and richly harmonious.

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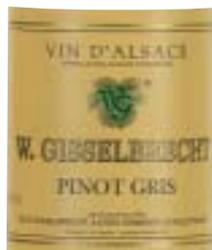
Waipara Hills Waipara Pinot Gris 2006

was \$25 now **\$22** 10399

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.00 A BOTTLE



With an alcohol level of 14.5%, one suspects ripeness wasn't an issue in Waipara come 2006. One would be right. Richly ripe, with delicious apricot and pear-tinged fruit flavours, with the added interest of almonds for good measure. There are some spikes of spice, and a sprinkle of ginger that ignites further delight. All of these components integrate cleverly on the wonderfully textured palate. It's rich, for sure, but not so weighty that you're stuck should you find yourself foodless; a delicious wee afternoon tea all on its own.



Gisselbrecht Alsace Pinot Gris 2005

was \$29 now **\$22** 46986

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.00 A BOTTLE

Our dear friends from north-eastern France are probably sniggering into their berets at the notion that Pinot Gris is 'fashionable' in New Zealand, having made stunning, scintillating wines from this noble variety since about 1711. 300 years on, and they show no sign of slipping in quality. This is complex and full-bodied, with floral and honey aromas and a nutty, spicy palate that demands food. As only a few hundred hectares in Alsace are responsible for these world-renowned beauties, it's great to get any at all in these parts.

Kim Crawford Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$20.90 now **\$16** 11745

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



Always one of the best value Pinots from any vintage, this bright and cheerful, cherry-fuelled fellow is assembled from a selection of key Marlborough sites to deliver a consistently excellent, drink-now style of wine. It will keep half a decade, were you so inclined, but reclining with this now is a delightful activity. There is a welcome array of flavours along with the cherries: some toasty, integrated oak and a funky smoky meat character that, when you pair this with some roast pork or quickly-seared fillet mignon is just fantastic.



Boundary Vineyards Kings Road Waipara Pinot Noir 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$20.90** 18347

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$20.00 A BOTTLE

This shows lashings of individual personality and adds much weight to the argument that Central and Martinborough alone don't have the only vineyards from which to source ultra-ripe, concentrated Pinot fruit. Weight is the word here, with the wine showing plush plums and spice notes, a hint of burnt bacon and black pepper, all atop a lush, dense and generous palate. It has an earthiness that gives it a Burgundian feel, but a freshness and fluidity that could only be New Zealand Pinot. Very smart, and wonderfully priced.

Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg Pinot Noir 2006

was \$28 now **\$24.90** 14935

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$24.00 A BOTTLE



This Meg roars kinda quietly, with the charms of yet another stunning Mt Difficulty offering being spoken rather than shouted. The fruit takes your hand and guides you down a path soaked in blackberries sprinkled with spice and laid out on a sturdy structure of subdued tannins and toasty oak. There's plenty of punch and vivacity, make no mistake, and the full flavoured palate certainly drives to an arresting finish; but the lasting impression is one of style and strength, a rare achievement indeed.



Wooing Tree Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$39 now **\$36.90** 19779

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$33.90 A BOTTLE

The 2005 got a gold at the fiercely competitive London International Wine Challenge and this, from the excellent '06 should clutch similar medallions to its décolletage. Made by Carol Bunn, who knows her Central Otago terroir, no question this is a robust, front foot forward kinda Pinot, with a heady (14%) nature, persistence and presence allied with a typical Pinot charm offensive. Richly ripe, silky of tannin and luscious of texture, it stuns now but will silence you totally after a few years' sleep in a quiet little space. Top notch.

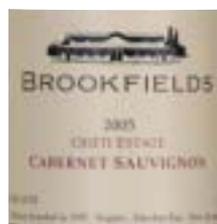
Rockburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$39 now **\$34** 12329

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The first vintage of this wine to be processed in the rather fabbo new winery, and the fruit obviously enjoyed all the new toys, for this has indeed come out shining like a star, bright as the new wine press. The Rockers resolutely keep their hands in their pockets when making this, which, when you have vineyards so well-sited as they do, and subsequently fruit this clean and ripe, is an action of inaction that you can afford to take. A pure, concentrated and seductive expression of Central Pinot that is delicate, intense and complex.



Brookfields Ohiti Estate Hawkes Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

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

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As if the Ohiti heat trap where Peter Robertson cultivates the fruit for this wasn't hot enough, 2005 delivered a summer of Indian-like composition in the Hawkes Bay. The fruit, and the judicious winemaker, made a meal of it, and thus this always super-ripe, super-priced wine is even superer and riperer than normal. Ripe, rich, and intensely flavoured, this has a warm, enveloping feel that ensures it slips down all too easily. Don't scratch your head about the low \$\$; just flick the boot and load her on up.

Hits

Paul Jaboulet

Côtes du Rhône Selection 2005

was \$21.50 now **\$16** 45315

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The sort of red that accompanies so many occasions in the day-to-day lives of the Rhône's inhabitants that the most obvious description is 'versatile.' It'll suit the comfort food we favour at this time of year (stews, casseroles, braised bison), and yet also works as a perfect post PC-pounding pick-me-up before you queue for the bus in the rain. There's plenty going on to satisfy the enthusiast - rich blackcurrant fruit, rounded tannic structure, pepper and spice - yet it's deliciously drinkable if your brain has done enough for the day.



Geoff Merrill Liquid Asset

McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Viognier 2004

was \$23 now **\$18** 22136

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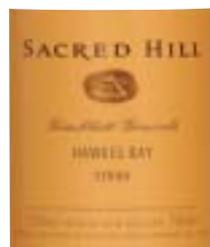
In between improving his golf handicap and twiddling his not inconsiderable moustache, Geoff goes about making some of the most exciting reds to come out of the McLaren Vale. This takes the Southern Rhône tradition of adding a touch of white Viognier to Shiraz for extra fragrance and fruit a step further, with some sweet Grenache thrown into the mix as well. So there's a rustic earthiness in there, coupled with a bright black fruit factor that seems to expand exponentially as the glowing red is exposed to the air.

Sacred Hill Gimblett Gravels

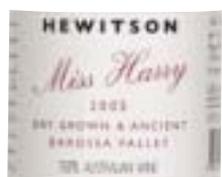
Hawkes Bay Syrah 2006

was \$21.90 now **\$19** 18365

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Hawkes Bay Syrah is really starting to make some exciting strides, with increasing regional knowledge and exceptional wines showing winemakers that the ole Gimblett Gravels is the spot for producing rich, ripe offerings such as this. It has all the qualities you'd want - lifted white pepper and bright fruit aromatics, a supple, concentrated palate dipped with spice and chocolate, and a balanced and harmonious finish. Everything, except a hefty price tag. No wonder you all climb into it with such abandon. As you were, then.



Hewitson Miss Harry

Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2005

was \$27 now **\$22** 21780

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.00 A BOTTLE

2005 in the Barossa was dry, and there was such a naturally exceptional concentration of the Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre that goes into this, that the wine made itself and everyone went down the pub for a jar. OK, not quite. Sourced from 80-year-old, dry-grown bush vines (some of Dean Hewitson's Mourvèdre vines are 150 years old) which, considering the government was paying growers to rip such vines out 20 years ago, shows the tenacity of Deano. Big and brave, but hugely approachable, this is a real treat.



Fearless Buys

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Villa Maria

Riverstone Chardonnay

was \$11.50 now **\$9.90** 19608

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$9.00 A BOTTLE

The sort of wine that is deliberately manufactured so as not to be noticed. It's not bland, not for a moment. It is designed for maximum enjoyment, no question and it delivers that in no uncertain terms, something you notice around the second half of the second glass. 'That's not half bad,' your friends will comment, taking another slug. And that's all the praise a wine like this needs. Pair its luscious ripe stonefruit flavours up with some teriyaki-stained chicken nibble things and you've got yourself a splendid Saturday arvo shindig.

Wally's Hut

Shiraz 2006

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28428

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

So, this sits neatly in the commercial spectrum - at less than a tenner, what else could it possibly be? It's music for the masses. Excellent! We are those masses. And when a ripe, flavoursome, mouthfilling but not brain-draining red is called for, which is usually at 4pm of an afternoon, well, Wally is your man. I could tell you this wine has a real concentrated core of fruit essence with a racy acidity that gives the wine its vibrancy and life.' Or that it's nine dollars and ninety cents. Fully informed now?



Sacred Hill

Whitecliff Brut NV

was \$16.90 now **\$13.50** 18001

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$13.00 A BOTTLE

We all should really drink more sparkling wine; we really should. That celebratory thwack of a sparkling wine cork should not be a sound reserved for so-called special occasions. Unless that special occasion is surviving another day without getting your car dinged or your hard drive corrupted. A sparkling as good as this - delicate, elegant yet flavoursome, rich and complex - available for these sorts of dollars, should encourage us to bring a bit of excitement to the everyday. Always have a bottle of this in the fridge. You'll never know when it may prove handy.





July 2007

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Tuesday 3rd July

Tasting the wines of Esk Valley with Royal Easter Show Wine Awards 2007 Winemaker of the Year, Gordon Russell 7:00pm Glengarry Herne Bay, 54 Jervois Road Cost: \$30 per person. Bookings required

Monday 9th July

A comparative tasting of GSM from Australia and the Rhône 6:30pm Glengarry Kingsland Wine Club 467 New North Road Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 10th July

New Zealand Pinot Noir Tasting 6:30pm Glengarry Courtenay Place Wine Club Paramount Cinema Building, 27 Courtenay Place Cost: \$35 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 10th July

Bordeaux Club Tasting: The 2004 Vintage 6:30pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St Cost: \$45 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 11th July

Tasting the wines of Allan Scott 6:00pm Kelburn Wine Club Caffé Mode, Kelburn Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 11th July

Iconic New Zealand Chardonnays 6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay Cost: \$40 per person. Bookings required

Monday 16th July

Exploring Gold Medal Australian Shiraz 7:00pm Glengarry Devonport Wine Club Cnr Clarence St & Wynyard St Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 17th July

New and exciting New Zealand Pinot Noir 7:00pm Glengarry Herne Bay Cellar, 54 Jervois Road Cost: \$45 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 17th July

Glengarry Malt Whisky Tasting Club The definitive Glenfiddich tasting 7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St Cost: \$35 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 18th July

Southern Rhône Tasting 6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay Cost: \$35 per person. Bookings required

Friday 20th July

A mid-winter French food and wine matching evening 7:30pm Dida's Food Store, 54 Jervois Rd, Herne Bay Cost: \$65 per person. Bookings required

Monday 23rd July

Tasting Allan Scott wines with winemaker Allan Scott 7:00pm Glengarry Newmarket Wine Club 22 Morrow Street Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 24th July

Bordeaux Club Tasting: Pichon Lalande vertical tasting 6:30pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St Cost: \$65 per person. Bookings required

Thursday 26th July

A taste of Spain: includes new arrivals, a little sherry and tapas to match 7:00pm Glengarry Takapuna Wine Club Cnr Hurstmere Rd & Killarney St Cost: \$25 per person. Bookings required

Monday 30th July

Montes Winemaker's Dinner with Douglas Murray at Mollies Hotel in Ponsonby

Tuesday 31st July

Tasting the wines of Montes with Douglas Murray from Montes 6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay Cost: \$25 per person. Bookings required

JULY 14 BASTILLE DAY



Bastille Champagne Pack ⁶⁹¹⁰¹

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Pascal Jolivet Attitude Pinot Noir 2003
Château Lucière Bordeaux 2005
Les Vins de Vienne Les Cranilles Côtes du Rhône 2004
Laroche Chablis 2005
Delamotte Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
Louis Sipp Alsace Pinot Gris 2004



On the Hop

There's a whole world of beer out there; we try them, then let you know what not to miss

Staropramen

Premium Lager 330mL

4-Pack **\$7.90** ⁹¹³²⁵

From what is generally considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe comes one of the most satisfying lagers to cross our threshold for some time. Time, with eurobeers such as this, is a crucial element of the final taste, with Staropramen having been produced since 1951 and the brewery, located on the Vltava River in Prague, having been around since 1859. The fermenting hops get lots of ageing, too, so the final foamy fellow is a rich, multi-flavoured smooth bevy, with a hint of eastern European floral to those flavours, and a malty creaminess that slips on through to the last gasp. A bit of a bite keeps you upright.





Champagne



Delamotte Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

was \$89 **now \$59.90** 42850

Wouldn't it be great if we could drink Salon every day. Regrettably, it is one of the world's rarest champagnes; Salon makes only one; a Blanc de Blanc, exclusively from Chardonnay from the Grande Cru vineyard in Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, in limited quantity and only in the best vintage years. And it is pretty pricy. The good news is that its sister company, Delamotte, also located in Mensil-sur-Oger, uses the Chardonnay that is not required for Salon's Vintage Champagne for this Blanc de Blancs. This is, in fact, one of Champagne's best kept secrets; it has bright, yeasty, toasty aromas and a foamy, amazingly fresh and vivacious palate, with nutty nuances that add a neat touch of complexity. Delicious either as an aperitif or with food, for champagne lovers, this is a must-try.

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Cabernet Sauvignon 20790
Shiraz 20791



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in fine Spirits

Jagermeister Herb-Liqueur 700mL

\$45 92932

'Jaga' must have more hip references in rap, rock and cinema right now than any other drink you care to name. From Beck, to The Bloodhound Gang, to Soul Positions' 'Blame It on the Jaga' this is the drink to be seen sipping, shooting and sampling. Makes sense, too, as the southern chill swirls across the nation and surfboards are retired in favour of snowboards. Ohakune probably hasn't too many firsts in anything, but you can bet more Jaga gets knocked over by the snow patrol there than anywhere else in the land. Constructed from 56 herbs and spices (Jaga, not Ohakune), it's bitter, instantly, warmly, effective and really does reach the parts others can't. Its time has come.



a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

Saint-Meyland

Rosé Brut NV

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43011

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

The stablemate of Saint-Meyland's massive-selling regular Non-Vintage, this lovely Rosé methode is an appealing salmon pick in colour, with a vibrant bouquet displaying strawberry fruit aromas nicely supported by toasty yeast characters. The palate is beautifully balanced, with the persistent foam of bubbles adding a creamy dimension. It possesses a pervasive freshness that lifts the berry flavours and subtleties teasing the palate. Brilliantly priced.



Les Vins de Vienne

Les Cranilles Côtes du Rhône 2004

was \$30 now **\$24** 41274

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

In the short time since it was established, Les Vins de Vienne have been widely acclaimed, which is not surprising since the people behind it have been involved as growers, producers and negociants in the Rhône Valley for generations. The company was founded on the philosophy of delivering classic Rhône wines offering both quality and value. The bouquet is rich, ripe and fragrant, with bursts of plum and spice backed by subtle oak. A real charmer with a silky touch, it's packed with fruit flavours and spicy notes, and boasts a lengthy finish.



Pascal Jolivet

Attitude Pinot Noir 2003

was \$33 now **\$19.90** 41091

Pascal Jolivet may be seen by some traditionalists as the *enfant terrible* of the Loire Valley, but no one will deny he is probably the region's most dynamic wine producer. The House has specialised in the wines of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé that feature in Michelin-starred restaurants throughout France. This Pinot Noir is typical of his approach to winemaking: letting nature take its course. The wine has an irresistible ethereal shimmer and an elegant presence of spice edged cherry and strawberry aromas on the nose. Expressive, with distinctive varietal characters and a silky texture balanced by mellow tannins.



Louis Sipp

Alsace Pinot Gris 2004

was \$31.90 now **\$24** 46959

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During World War I, while her husband was away at the Russian Front, Louise Sipp acquired the family's first parcels of vineyards, and by 1920 the winery had won its first awards. Today, Domaine Louis Sipp is one of the most highly regarded producers of Alsace wines, and famous the world over for delivering some of the best value in the region. This is a delicious wine with an aromatic bouquet displaying musky, honeyed, spicy and nutty nuances. The slightly off-dry palate has a satin smoothness that complements the spicy fruit tones.



Gisselbrecht

Alsace Riesling 2005

was \$26 now **\$19.90** 41243

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$19.00 A BOTTLE

Willy Gisselbrecht established the company that bears his name in 1936, but he can trace his family's involvement in the Alsatian wine trade back to the 17th century. This is very much a family business, with three generations involved in every aspect of the company. Gisselbrecht produce the full range of Alsace wine styles, which are renowned for their quality and consistency. This 2005 Riesling has a fragrantly ripe floral bouquet with green apple aromas and traces of orange peel. The palate has a juicy character and finishes long and gracefully.



Laroche

Chablis 2005

was \$34 now **\$29.90** 48529

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$29.00 A BOTTLE

Chablis, in the most northerly reaches of Burgundy, is world famous for its whites; no other wine style has been more widely imitated around the world than Chablis, prototype for unoaked Chardonnay. Michel Laroche, a fifth generation producer with an intimate knowledge of the region, is considered among its élite. Produced in stainless steel tanks to maximise varietal flavours, this wine is a green-gold colour with a bouquet displaying classic Chablisean mineral characters, along with some apple aromas. Elegantly structured with pure fruit flavours and hints of mineral, and balanced by a dash of citrus.



Italy

Each month, discover the value and style of Italian wines

Pasqua

Terre del Sole Montepulciano 2005



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

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The grape variety Montepulciano is often confused with Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, a wine made from Sangiovese in the Tuscan town of Montepulciano; the grape Montepulciano is a totally different beast, and in this instance, it was grown in the Abruzzi region, on the opposite side of the Apennines. The grapes were grown in vineyards near Chieti, which is close to the Adriatic Sea. It is a lovely, youthful ruby wine with berry and plum aromas. The palate has a robust character, but with a supple roundness and a lingering after-taste.

G Pasqua Lapaccio

Primitivo Salento 2005

was \$17.90 now **\$15.90** 66025

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

The plains of Italy's Salento peninsula enjoy a hot, dry climate, perfectly suited to the ancient Primitivo variety that is commonly blended to lend body and soul to reds produced in the north of Italy. The Pasqua family, originally from the Salento, have made this wine entirely from the Primitivo grape. Traditionally fermented and matured in barriques, it is a full bodied, robust red with a bouquet of cassis, cherry, hints of cinnamon and understated oak. With a palate that is rich and balanced, it is firmly structured and long in flavour.



Cecchi

Chianti Classico DOCG 2005

was \$27 now **\$19.90** 62421

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

So famous is Chianti, that there is probably not a restaurant outside of Italy that does not feature it on its wine list. Familiarity, as we all know, can breed contempt; Chiantis rarely get the accolades that some of them deserve. This flagship wine from Cecchi is among the best, and great value as well. It has vivid aromas of cherry, plum and violet, and hints of leather on the nose. Medium-weighted and artfully balanced, with enticing flavours, a slick texture and a seemingly endless finish.



Cecchi

Orvieto Classico 2005

was \$18.90 now **\$15.90** 62444

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

In the Apennines in central Italy lies Umbria, a hilly and verdant region well-known since before Roman times for its wines. The Umbrian province of Terni is home to the region's most famous wine town, Orvieto. This was produced from native varieties (Grechetto, Trugpeggio, Procanico and Trebbiano) that were grown in the Classico zone. It is a pale straw wine with an aromatic freshness that features blossom, herb and almond nuances. Soft and easy, it has pear and melon flavours that wash across the palate and it finishes on a sustained zesty note.



Santa Margherita

Valdadige Pinot Grigio 2005

was \$28 now **\$23** 62542

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$22.50 A BOTTLE

Back in 1961, Santa Margherita's winemaker was the first Italian to employ white winemaking techniques to vinify the pink Pinot Grigio grape, thus creating a new Italian wine style that ultimately became highly fashionable around the world. This is the biggest-selling Pinot Grigio in the USA. It has intense apple-like aromas with hints of herb in the background, and is a versatile food wine, with a lively freshness that neatly complements the spicy fruity flavours and silky mouthfeel.



Fontanafredda

Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 2005

was \$35 now **\$29** 62712

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

Dolcetto means 'The little sweet one' in Italian, but that is deceptive, because wines made from this variety are not sweet. The Dolcetto grape, in contrast to other Piedmont varieties, ripens early and produces wines that are approachable while still young. Interestingly, it is the wine most commonly consumed by the Piedmontese. This example is lowish in alcohol, with black cherry and hints of quince on the nose. An early drinking style with an appetizing morello cherry character, a smooth texture and a fine finish.



a taste of
Spain



Freixenet
Brut Rosé NV

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 85016

Hard to resist, not only for its price, but because it tastes great as well. It has a delicate, fruity, yeasty bouquet, while the palate is well balanced and has a nicely restrained structure, with the emphasis on the fruit flavours. The smooth yet the lively textural mouthfeel keeps the fruit to the fore, and the clean, refreshing finish is most appealing.

Solar Viejo
Consecha 2006

was \$20 now **\$16** 88005

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

The Solar Viejo (pronounced *vee-a-ho*) winery was established in 1937. The wine is 100% consecha (a harvest considered excellent) Tempranillo. It is a medium-bodied red with exuberant black cherry, mulberry and currant aromas on the nose. The palate is generously flavoured, with a supple, lush texture to complement the ripe fruit.



Solar Viejo
Crianza 2004

was \$25 now **\$21** 88006

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$20.00 A BOTTLE

According to Spanish Denominación de Origen (DO) regulations, a Crianza wine must be aged in oak for a minimum of twelve months. This is a vivacious red with a delicate bouquet displaying ripe cherry and plum aromas supported by vanillin oak nuances. A complete wine, with deep-seated fruit flavours, a suave texture and a long, flavoursome finish.

Valdespino
Fino Sherry

was \$29 now **\$24** 89800

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$22.00 A BOTTLE

Probably the most misunderstood wine in the world, and probably the most imitated. Real Sherry comes only from Spain, and the oldest producer, with a 700-year history, is Valdespino. With its aromatic bouquet, this is nicely balanced and elegant, with nutty nuances and a wonderfully fresh finish.



VineTalk

A look at less well-known, new and intriguing wine types

Fortified Wines

Basic fortification is the addition of spirits, usually grape spirit/brandy to a fermenting wine. Most bacteria and strains of yeast are rendered impotent by the addition of the alcohol, and so can't react with the natural sugars in the wine: thus the whole shebang stops fermenting and you get naturally high alcohol levels combined with phenomenal sweetness.

Port is the most ubiquitous fortified around, its popularity virtually an accident of history. When French imports were banned in England in the 17th Century, the thirsty chaps turned to their mates in Portugal. In the north, along the Douro River, they found deep dark reds that got a good measure of brandy whacked into them before shipping so they would remain stable on the voyage. 'Top hole,' said Lord Lymington, and a famous wine style was born. This often misunderstood wine is also disregarded by many as a safe drink for the pipe-and-slippers brigade. Not so.

The other fortified styles that melt hearts and tongues the world over include France's vin doux naturel and the mighty liqueur muscats from across the water. The former, which literally translates as 'wines that are naturally sweet' contains so much grape sugar that the yeasts give up trying to ferment the sugar into alcohol, leaving a residue of natural sugars in a wine that still has normal alcoholic strength. The wines from Rasteau, made with Grenache, and the exquisite Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise (both from the Southern Rhône) are shining examples of this style.

Muscat is the grape that the stunning sweet and alcoholic Aussie Muscats are made from. Sumptuously hedonistic, they are produced by letting the grapes virtually wither to a semi-raisined state on the vine, harvested, partially fermented then fortified with grape spirit before being wood aged using a unique process. Richly sweet, thickly alcoholic and totally mesmerising, they have been described as 'Australia's gift to the world,' and are a must if you haven't tried them. Remember, too that these amazing wines are bottled ready to drink, and don't improve with age. All you have to do is lift the lid, lie back and think of nothing much in particular.

Morris
Liqueur Muscat 500mL

was \$23.50 now **\$19.90** 23960

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$19.00 A BOTTLE

Rutherglen Muscats are legendary the world over. These small berries turn to raisins on the vine in the hot, dry, NW Victoria summer, after which they are hand-picked, crushed, fermented on skins, pressed to juice and then fortified with neutral grape spirit. The wine is matured in huge oak casks, after which the winemaker blends across vintages to ensure lusciousness, richness, age and freshness. Rancio - that nutty character found in aged fortifieds that is imparted by time on wood - plays a part here, but mostly it is intense raisins and spice, with some lush caramel notes and a toffee richness that's almost stupefying. 'I defy anyone to not love this wine,' said Australian Good Taste, and you'd have to agree. Exceptional.

23962 Morris Tawny Port 500mL	\$19.90
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45370 Paul Jaboulet Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise 375mL	\$19.90
79010 Quinta de la Rosa Tawny Port	\$36.00
79015 Quinta de la Rosa Ruby Port	\$36.00
43307 Rasteau Signature Vin doux Naturel Rouge 2001 500mL	\$36.00



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the GLENGARRY Top 10

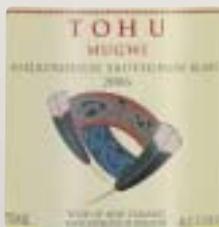
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Each month, from the hundreds of wines submitted to us, the Glengarry Tasting Panel selects our top ten wines

1 **Tohu Mugwi**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$29 now **\$26** 14102

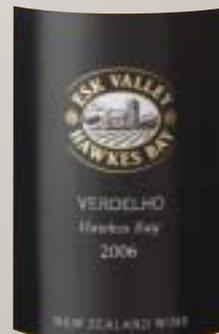
Stand-out, medium weighted Sauvignon awash with classic regional characters. Passionfruit and gooseberry aromas and flavours linger on, beautifully balanced by a lively finish.



2 **Esk Valley Black Label**
Hawkes Bay Verdelho 2006

was \$20.50 now **\$18.50** 12810

A focused, distinctive wine with rock melon and stonefruit aromas flowing on to a nicely weighted, fruit-laden palate that's balanced by a dash of citrus.



3 **Coopers Creek Swamp Reserve**
Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$31 now **\$26** 11866

A classy, generously flavoured Chardonnay with distinctive citrus notes on the nose. The palate is enhanced by a mealy, creamy texture and long, crisp finish.



4 **Paul Jaboulet** 375mL
Muscat de Beauges-de-Venise 2005

was \$26 now **\$19.90** 45370

A superb dessert wine boasting a dazzling array of peach, mango and lychee aromas and flavours; it gives the impression of biting into a bunch of freshly-picked Muscat grapes.



5 **Spy Valley**
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$30.50 now **\$27** 18372

A well-crafted Pinot with lovely cherry and plum aromas supported by tarry oak nuances. The fruit flavours on the palate are enhanced by spicy notes, hints of coffee and a silky texture.



6 **G Geoff Merrill**
Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

was \$27 now **\$24** 22134

A voluptuous Cabernet sourced from McLaren Vale and Coonawarra. Packed with ripe cassis, berry and plum aromas and flavours supported by vanillin oak spice and chocolate nuances.



7 **Ti Point Two**
Merlot Cabernet Franc 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19021

A beautifully proportioned Bordeaux varietal blend that is velvety smooth and layered with lush plum and berry fruit, neatly spiked with nutmeg and liquorice nuances. Great value.



8 **Saint Clair Pioneer Block 11**
Cell Block Chardonnay 2006

was \$29 now **\$25** 18384

An elegantly subtle wine with pineapple and melon aromas underscored by hints of mineral and vanillin oak. The palate is nicely weighted and finishes on a fresh, lingering note.



9 **Waipara Hills**
Waipara Riesling 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$15.90** 10908

A great-value Riesling; well balanced, with an elegant personality dominated by ripe fruit flavours supported by hints of lime and honey-suckle, and underscored by traces of mineral.



10 **Vasse Felix Adams Road**
Margaret River Shiraz 2004

was \$23.50 now **\$19.50** 20310

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