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When I asked the Corporate Team - Maryanne and Dianne in Auckland, Warren in Wellington - what they actually did for their clients at this time of the year, they replied, 'We take the headache away.' Having watched them deal with the mayhem that is Christmas for a number of years now, I think that's a good description. Christmas puts unique stresses on us all, but if it involves the drinking, delivery and gift-wrapping of wine or associated bevies, they are the people that can make it happen for you.

Among them they have experience in event management and hospitality management, in hotels and overseas, organising people and product so that the client gets exactly what they order, exactly when they want it, to the precise location specified. Dianne has organised conferences and events in hotels from London to Dubai, while Maryanne has had the phrase 'service ethic' indelibly etched on her brain from her years of keeping Parnell's players in order while managing Metropole, one of a number of key Auckland operations for which she has been responsible. Then, along with Warren, they have taken their finely-honed skills and applied them to meet the specific needs of Glengarry clients at Christmas time. And with about a dozen such Christmases amassed between the three of them, there's not much that they haven't successfully dealt with.

The demands are as many and varied as the services we offer to deal with them. Both Auckland and Wellington are set up for six day delivery, and with a bit of notice we can deliver your order cold, with ice and, within reason, wherever you need it to be sent. The team can advise you on how much wine, etc. you'll need for your specific function; they can advise you on which particular wines will suit what you're doing, both from a branding point of view and a budgeting one. The Corporate Team possess excellent wine knowledge if you need to get specific for a wine enthusiast or two, and with the likes of Phil Rowe, Meredith Parkin and Marcus Pickens lurking handy to their offices, they can access some serious Fine Wine knowledge for you as well.

The biggie is Corporate Gifts, and we really do have this covered. As usual, we have a Corporate-specific Gift-Wrapping Team ensconced at Glengarry Victoria Park, cellophaning and ribboning under the supervision of Vince Vela with pinpoint accuracy and much enthusiasm.

If you're wondering where to start, make sure you've availed yourself of our latest Corporate Product Catalogue, and our Christmas Gift Catalogue. They'll provide you with some ideas that the team can help to flesh out. For you Aucklanders, our Christmas Corporate gifts are displayed in our Victoria Park store, so come along and see them in all their living glory; they'll inspire you with a bunch of ideas.

And ultimately, that's what the Glengarry Corporate Team is there for: to inspire you with the range of gifts and event options, and to instil you with the confidence that whatever you've selected, it will be sorted to your strictest instructions. 'We take away the whole hassle factor,' Maryanne told me. As the frenzy gathers momentum, that sounds like a mighty appealing prospect.

Give them a call.

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Everyday Drinking

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

Nga Waka Three Paddles
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$15.90** 13587

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$14.90 A BOTTLE



They don't make a lot of noise at Nga Waka, just quietly going about their business producing excellent wines, wines that have consistently improved from their already fine beginnings well over a decade ago. 2006 was one of those 'not a lot of it, but what there is, is great' vintages, and this release underscores that. A full-flavoured, full-bodied beauty, its passionfruit and gooseberries leap about the palate with barely contained joy and much crisp persistence. Stunning at any price, earth-moving at this one.

Brookfields Bergman
Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$17.50** 10204

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$16.50 A BOTTLE

Excitingly ripe and competitively priced, named for the Bergman roses adjacent to the winery at Meanee. Fermented in French and American oak, subjected to a partial malolactic ferment, aged on lees - this wine sees all the treatment most wineries would reserve for their reserve wines. Yet Brookfields release it vintage after vintage at an enticingly affordable price. Rich and creamy, it works brilliantly with a host of foods, while being able to handle the jandal quite superbly on its own.



Lake Chalice
Marlborough Merlot 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13558

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$15.90 A BOTTLE



Lovingly nurtured and carefully selected fruit from key sites in Marlborough was fleshed out by some deliciously lush Gimblett Gravels grapes to ensure this is a fruitburst of juicy goodness, all luscious plums and cherries and the like. Doing time in French barrels has ensured integration of fruit parcels and flavours and a sneaky seasoning of spicy oak. Flakes of chocolate and sprinkles of cinnamon/nutmeg complete the picture: it's a great mouthful at the end of the day. Every day, in fact.

Montes Classic Series
Malbec 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 10603

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Like so many great red grapes, Malbec had its origins in France, and while the variety is still popular in the southwest and used as a blender in Bordeaux, it is the Argentines and Chileans who now produce the world's greatest expressions. This killer offering, from one of Chile's consistently great producers, is one of them. There's a silkiness not dissimilar to merlot, and a slight Cabernet spice and grip, but mostly its 100% dark, fruitily intense Malbec, straight up and delightfully drinkable.



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Feature Winery

Ti Point



Ti Point Winemaker, Tracy Haslam

Not so very long ago, the New Zealand wine industry was almost completely dominated by men. There were a number of women involved, but by and large they did not, with the odd notable exception, play a significant role. Today the wine industry can boast that whatever barriers existed have been well and truly demolished. There is probably no better example of the advances that have been made than Ti Point.

This Matakana vineyard is owned and nurtured by three generations of the Haslam family; matriarch Ilene, her daughter Jan and grand-daughter Tracy. The Family has owned the tiny, 3.5-hectare vineyard perched on the north-facing peninsular above Omaha Bay for seventeen years. It is very much an all-hands-to-the-pumps operation; the land was initially hand-cleared of scrub by the three women, with some help from friends and relatives.

The planting of Bordeaux varieties, Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc, was carried out progressively from 1993, and the vineyard is now well established. Everything on the scrupulously managed property is done by hand; pruning, weeding, canopy management and harvesting. The site enjoys a benevolent meso-climate, with steady, gentle sea breezes moderating the higher temperatures of summer.

The driving force at Ti Point is Tracy; she grew up in the Matakana area, went to the local high school and, after the traditional Kiwi OE, enrolled at Hawkes Bay's Eastern Institute of Technology, where she graduated with a Diploma in Wine Science. To gain winemaking experience, Tracy set off overseas and worked several vintages in different countries, including Italy, Switzerland, California, and at the famous Château Figeac in Bordeaux. On her return to New Zealand, she became winemaker at Hawkes Bay wineries Lombardi and Black Barn.

The first Ti Point Wines were released in the new millennium and were an immediate success. There is no room at Ti Point for a winery, so Tracy makes the wines at a Hawkes Bay facility. She aims to create wines that are supple, individual and food-friendly. To achieve this, she employs a 'minimal handling' regime that allows the wines to express their individual terroirs, using fruit that embodies the individuality of the variety. The flagship reds are made entirely from Ti Point-grown fruit, but the company's other wines, notably Chardonnay and Viognier, are produced from Hawkes Bay vineyards, and the Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough-grown fruit, all hand-crafted with great care, attention to detail and a passion for quality.

Ti Point

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 2007

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

Ti Point's latest Marlborough Sauvignon release owes much to the outstanding quality of the 2007 vintage. As always, Tracy's meticulous winemaking was aimed to emphasise and retain the fresh, zesty characters that have made Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc a world favourite. It is a pale yellow with flashes of green around the rim. The bouquet opens on a ripe, spicy note underscored by tropical fruit, hints of herb and mineral, while the palate is sharply focused, the upfront fruit flavours enhanced by a slick texture and balanced by smart, limey finish.



Ti Point

Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 2007

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

One sip of this, and it's easy to comprehend why Chardonnay is the world's favourite white wine. It is a subtly styled Hawkes Bay creation revealing a lovely array of nuances with every sip. Green-gold in colour, it offers up a fragrant bouquet of lime-edged peach aromas and the merest whisper of oak. It's a fresh, graceful mouthful, inlaid with stonefruit flavours bound by a light, creamy texture and balanced by a flourish of citrus. Not only is this wine great value, but it's an excellent accompaniment to food as well.



TiPoint
Vignère 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 9029

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Viognier is an ancient variety believed to have been introduced into the Rhône Valley by the Romans. A relative newcomer to New Zealand, it has a reputation for being difficult to grow, and yields can be unreliable; but the wines it produces, like this beauty from Ti Point, are very distinctive. This is a seductive wine, with lifted aromas of blossom, spice and honeyed apricot. The palate has a lovely spicy edge, a touch of oak and a wonderfully textural mouthfeel.



TiPoint
TWO Merlot Cabernet 2006

was \$38 now **\$34** 43303

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$33.50 A BOTTLE

A healthy, mahogany-coloured wine still showing youthful cerise highlights. The scented bouquet has an abundance of ripe berry, plum and coffee aromas that are well integrated with smoky oak nuances. There is a fine, immediately impressive density of berry and plum-toned flavours that spread endlessly over the palate, embellished by an unobtrusive oak influence that adds greater dimension, supported by a svelte texture extending the flavours even further. Excellent food wine and superb value.



 TiPoint
ONE Merlot 2005

was \$37.90 now **\$34.90** 9020

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$33.90 A BOTTLE

The 2005 Matakana vintage was one of best on record; fruit set was excellent and the long hot summer meant the grapes were harvested late in the season to deliver a well ripened, concentrated crop. The hand-harvested bunches were fermented (80% as whole berries) hand plunged, basket pressed and matured in new oak barriques. This is a stellar red, possessing ripe cherry, blackberry, chocolate and spicy oak aromas. The palate has a myriad of flavours coursing through, and boasts a slinky feel and a lingering, flavourful finish.



Hot OFF THE Press

New releases that are exciting or new vintages of old favourites out this month

Sacred Hill
Marlborough Vineyards Pinot Noir 2007

\$16 18413

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE



A recent addition to the Reserve range for Sacred Hill, this is 100% Marlborough fruit from an excellent vintage. An Aussie wine critic once described Pinot Gris as 'white paint on a white canvas'; I suggest someone send him a bottle of this immediately to change his mind. Intensely perfumed and fully flavoured, the overriding aromatic impressions are of fruit blossom and fragrant florals, while the palate continues the apricot theme and seamlessly adds a host of other rich fruit nuances for good measure.


Wild South
Marlborough Pinot Gris 2007

\$16.90 1173

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Winemaker Christie Brown has huge renown for her whites, so no surprises that this adds another goodie to the Christie canon. A spicy varietal lift is followed by warming and enticing baked apple characters, while the palate shows the subtle pear characters for which Pinot Gris is well-known. Said palate is luscious and unctuous, the richness shot through with a balancing minerality that is hallmark Marlborough. Grab some while you can: this won't sit around for long, especially at this price.



 Montes Limitede Section
Cabernet Sauvignon Carménère 2006

\$19.90 0576

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE



'The new power base for Carménère is Chile,' says English critic Jancis Robinson, hinting at its previous prevalence and eminence in Bordeaux. With the richness and charm of merlot, it's a perfect sparring partner for Cabernet. A single estate offering, this is a characterful, strongly-flavoured drop; 'soft and friendly' as they put it, but not lacking in structure and weight. We always seem to be running out of this; having landed an entire Chilean container, we promise satiation for ever more.

Nga Waka
Martinborough Chardonnay 2006

\$21.90 5808

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.90 A BOTTLE

With yields down but quality high for the '06 vintage, there was more than a stir of excitement when the first pallet of this hit the Glengarry dock. The first luscious mouthful is indeed deeply rewarding. A river of rich stonefruit runs over your tongue, while a mealy butter-scotch character adds intrigue and complexity, the whole being a wine of complexity and weight destined to enhance even your most furtive culinary experiences. Big ups to the pencil sharpeners for the excellent price, too.



Hot OFF THE Press

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Pinot Noir

24 of the best

It was the charming and low key gangsta rappers Public Enemy who said, 'Don't Believe the Hype', a phrase that you could be tempted to attach to all the fussing that's going on about New Zealand Pinot Noir. Golly, we have international conferences on the great grape happening regularly, we have people drawing pearl-handed pistols at dawn over whether Martinborough make better Pinot than those Central Otago upstarts and, most obviously, we have an explosion of plantings and producers that is as mind-blowing as it is exciting.

Because exciting it is, and hype it is not. Around the world there is a consensus emerging amongst wine writers, critics and Burgundy enthusiasts that, outside of France, the world's best Pinot Noir comes from inside New Zealand (damn but it's great to beat the Aussies at something). Likely, though, you know this already. There wouldn't be a profusion of producers if no one was drinking their product.

It has been a rapid rise to success for Pinot, relatively speaking. In little more than a decade we've gone from diluted raspberry cordial styles and/or over-extracted 'is this Pinot or Merlot?' styles to a vast range of Pinot expressions and consistently good wines, vintage to vintage.

Check out the following wines, look at the choice and feel the love. Wines from Martinborough, where it all started, from Nelson, from Central Otago, from Marlborough. But, you ask correctly, can every Pinot produced be that good? Can all that land that's been planted recently be perfect Pinot producing pasture? No, and no.

Which is why we've made an informed decision and selected what we consider to be the plum Pinots. Unfortunately there are some very average wines out there that qualify as little more than dry red, so characterless are they. And often, sadly, their price points don't reflect this. So we've tried to communicate value: a \$65 wine can actually be great buying, while one for a tenner might, technically, be thievery. Oh, we've tasted our way through a couple of hundred wines, don't worry, and Pinot, being subjective, means we could have been there all day; but a loosely formed consensus says the wines featured here represent some great drinking, good buying and show the dizzying array of characteristics emerging as our winemakers get a handle on this Holy Grail of red grapes.

Nodding respectfully to our French friends, we have also pulled out some great Burgundies so that, if you're a bit new to it all, you can get an understanding of how Pinot is expressed in the land where it all began. With both 2005 in France and 2006 in New Zealand being outstanding Pinot Noir vintages, one thing is for sure, you will not be disappointed.

CENTRAL OTAGO

Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection
Central Otago Pinot Noir

was \$29.90 now **\$26.90**

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$25.90 A BOTTLE



Medium bodied and soft, full and generous, with varietal black cherries and plums, while hints of forest floor keep it interesting. It's an authentic style of Pinot - there's no trickery or tom-foolery here, just 'essence of Pinot Noir' framed in some well managed oak tannins. It has a presence which is the result of pure, clean fruit, rather than of alcohol sweetness. One of the consistently finest wines from this wonderful region.

Kim Crawford Rise and Shine Creek
Central Otago Pinot Noir



was \$34.90 now **\$29.90**

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

The Small Parcel range delivers wines that absolutely reflect their site's individual characteristics. The fruit for this comes off the Clearvue vineyard in Bendigo, the gold-mining town of Central Otago. The glass-staining colour alone announces something special, while the intensity of myriad aromas of dark fruits, spice and game may mean you'll need to sit down and think for a bit. At over 14% it's a big beastie, but it's also stunningly classy, beautifully structured and destined for great things should you cellar it.

Montana Gabriel's Gully
Central Otago Pinot Noir

was \$36 now **\$29.90**

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE



While Gabriel's Gully was the beginning of the Gold Rush down Central way, Montana have wrested a different kind of precious gem from this historical soil. And it's the soil that counts; it's not called the Terroir Series for nothing. The nose is laden with damp violets, and that herbal hillside character that seems distinctly Otago. There's spice as well, with layers of rich chocolate and cherries delivered like plush velvet within the oak structural support system.



Matua Willey Estate Series
Central Otago Pinot Noir

was \$34.50 now **\$29.90**

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

Matua have been producing Pinot since back when Russell Crowe was known as Russ Le Roq, and there's no question that one of the keys to making a superb expression is experience. You simply have to do the vintages to see how different weather patterns, soil types and aspects effect the ripening and final flavours in the fruit itself. Medium bodied with soft tannins, this is most approachable and convivial company.

Akarua
Central Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$40 now **\$35** 10186



BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$34.00 A BOTTLE

Because they have planted on alluvial terraces, the Akarua vineyards get no frost and consistent sun, a critical key in getting ripeness and complex flavours in the fruit. A cracking wine from a phenomenal vintage, the 2006 shows that Akarua are an unstoppable force. Carefully managed from vineyard to winery, this seems to have an extra dimension of character compared to most, a wild herb meets dark cherry meets warm earth that almost feels like an afternoon on the sunny slopes in Central. One of the country's best.

Rockburn
Central Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006



was \$39 now **\$36** 12329

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$35.00 A BOTTLE

The carmine colour flashes like a disco ball in a plush London club before you're carried off on a high with aromas of violets, brambles and blindingly bright fruit. There is a consistent flow of wondrous flavours, a firm acid and tannin presence and one of those 'are we there yet' finishes. The flavours are dense black cherry with a lovely savouriness to boot, the palate a velvet beauty that'll leave you gasping. A rock star that merits your close attention.

Vall Bannockburn Vineyard
Central Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$50 now **\$42.50** 12945



BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$42.00 A BOTTLE

With the winemaker being Grant Taylor, you're expecting greatness before you've even got the cap off. Grant has amassed some 40 vintages around the world but it is this, his little pocket of Pinot paradise, that keeps his attention (and ours) these days. This is a dense, concentrated mouthful, an artfully constructed wine with a succulent, sexy mouthfeel and real power in the fruit. A total star, worth every cent and more. Get acquainted.

MARLBOROUGH

Belmonte
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005



was \$22.6 now **\$18** 10729

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

Belmonte are a fully sustainable and growing winery who, through fortuitous family connections, are able to use the highly-skilled John Forrest to make their wines. If anyone knows his terroir it is John, a Marlborough man for many a moon, and with this wine he has coaxed, from a more difficult vintage than the 2006, a wine with much charm and appeal. It's a smooth, seamless offering with lifted strawberry/raspberry/red fruit characters, some warming alcohol through the mid-palate, and a sweet fruit finish.

Lake Chalice
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$22.5 now **\$19.90** 13559



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

Lake Chalice have spread their wings enormously since they began. Growth hasn't meant sloth, though, and control freaks that they thankfully are, all the fruit for this comes off their own vineyards. A bright, punchy and appealing wine, with charming fruit sweetness and intensity of flavour. Cherries and currants, mostly, though you may hear a squeak of raspberry as you give it an engaging swirl about your palate. Some oak, some spice, all very nice.



Main Divide
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$26 now **\$21.90** 13604

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

Pegasus' 2nd-tier label is still first rate, and this Marlborough Pinot has much to recommend it. With the heat accumulating rather than blasting forth, the fruit develops peak physiological ripeness while maintaining some great acid. Meaning? The jam-packed flavours don't blow out on you, so to speak. This shows a great integration of fruit and savoury notes, with dark cherries and plums further enhanced by gamey, truffle characters. There's a hint of Mocha there, too, on the very long finish. Much going on for minimal outlay.

Allan & The Hounds
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$31 now **\$29.90** 7445



BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

A single vineyard wine from one of the most consistent winemakers in the Marlby 'hood. A serious, brooding and intense style, with its hand-picked and sorted fruit spending 18 months in French oak, resulting in a powerful, masculine wine that shows huge concentration and much swaggering opulence. Layers of cherry-chocolate richness spread themselves over the slightly spicy, toasty oak while the firm and integrated tannins frame up the extended finish with finesse. You will be wowed.



Saint Clair Block 4
Saw cut Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$32.5 now **\$29.90** 13300

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

Winemaker Matt Thomson and owner Neal Ibbotson have taken the Burgundian approach to detail into their hearts, and vineyards, having individually rated each Saint Clair site on its terroir. Hence individual Block releases such as this magnificent example of Marlborough Pinot. Overflowing with dark cherries and darker plums, it has sexy spices and a firm oak hand. There's a surety to the whole thing, a confident yet elegant expression that see-saws seamlessly between sweet and savoury.

Pinot Noir A

Cable Bay

Marlborough Pinot No 2006

was \$35.90 now **\$32.90** 2443

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$31.90 A BOTTLE



Made by the legendary Neill Culley, this show-stopper reminds you that Marlborough can produce wines with as much concentration and finesse as any of the other Pinot-dedicated regions. Jammy and ripe, it shows flashes of garnet in the glass, while the bouquet is all scented violets and intense red cherries. Sexily elegant yet weighty, with a league of deep, succulent flavour, it is generous, opulent, silky-smooth and dangerously seductive. Class.

MARTINBOROUGH



Nga Waka Three Paddles
Martinborough Pinot No 2006

was \$23.6 now **\$19.90** 5810

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

When Nga Waka was still a toddler, winemaker Roger Parkinson concentrated on making white varietals of profound class and finesse. But when you own some of the best land in Martinborough, well, it'd be churlish not to make Pinot, surely. So now he makes two and this, little brother of the 'standard' Nga Waka, is an exuberant, fleshy offering. Soft, round and ripe, it paddles a gentle stream of cherries and red fruits, with the occasional swish of spice to keep it intriguing. Neat wine; great price.

Pencarrow

Martinborough Pinot No 2006

was \$26 now **\$22** 17047

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



After the difficulties of the 2005 vintage, 2006 in Martinborough turned out to be a sparkler and perfect for Pinot. This here is a second label, which shows how far NZ Pinot has come in such a short space of time. She's is a delight; a sincere, succulent style, red-fruited, polished and well integrated, with a touch of savouriness that augments the fruit and provides for notes of intrigue on the classy coda. Stonking value, too.

Margrain Home Block
Martinborough Pinot No 2005

was \$47 now **\$42** 13683

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$41.50 A BOTTLE



Nasty southerly weather at very much the wrong time meant Martinborough had a bit of a shocker in 2005. Don't panic, the wines are fabulous; there was just very little fruit to make them from. This has that poached-fruit-in-a-pie nose, blackberries and plums warming and spreading their seductive aromas, and there's a brambly note that adds to the pastoral idyll idea. Plunge on in and add savoury meats to a list which unfolds further with each mouthful.

NELSON

TeMania

Nelson Pinot No 2006

was \$21.5 now **\$17.50** 4233

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE



From sunny Nelson which, when they get those long, lazy summers, can really get developed, complex characters in the fruit without falling prey to over-ripeness. As always with Pinot, it's a balancing act, and Te Mania acquit themselves with aplomb. And a plum or two, in this fruit-first style. Oozing blackberries, plums and dark cherries, it carries a whiff of spice and a gamey, leathery angle that ensures food matching success with lamb, pork or rabbit.

Neudorf Tom 'Block
Nelson Pinot No 2006

was \$36 now **\$29.90** 5481

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE



This wine is extraordinary value, with the depth, concentration and finesse that you'd expect to pay over fifty notes for. Seductively complex, with its cherries and plums bobbing in a sumptuous pool of mocha and cream, this has an underlying tease of earthy/forest floor notes that add much to an already remarkable wine. Subtle oak, starbright fruit, stupendous price.

BURGUNDY

Laboure Roi Collection

Bourgogne Rouge Pinot No 2005

was \$28 now **\$25** 42230

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



'Most reliable of the Burgundy négociants, with the most competitive prices,' said Oz Clarke, while Wine Spectator gushed, 'No négociant has pursued a more original vision than Laboure Roi.' The wines are focused, authentic and fiercely reflective of their terroir. This is chock full of cherries and softly tannic, with an appealing oak toastiness that hints more at the New World than the old.

Domaine Torchot
Cuvée Fine Sélection Bourgogne 2005

was \$39 now **\$35** 42408

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Chantal Tortochot has revived and reinvented the family estate since taking over from her father Gabriel towards the end of the '90s. The oldest vines date back nigh on a century, and its reputation in Gevrey Chambertin is immense. The wines are very fruit-driven and much more approachable than some of the more unforgiving Domaine expressions. With its hint of violets and feminine edge, this is a pretty wine, brilliantly executed and charmingly priced.

Nicholas Pott Cuvée Gérard Pottel
Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2005

was \$36 now **\$35** 42420

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$34 A BOTTLE



Made in honour of Nic's pops, and in a style that the veteran would have no doubt approved of. Concentrated, elegant Pinot, this shows beautiful depth and length, with the 40-plus-year-old vines also contributing concentration and an intensity of cherry/dark fruit flavours. Precise and focused, it offers up plenty of primary fruits touched with scintillating spice, followed by a second layer of truffle and earthy notes all in a seamless, sensuous whole. An exciting, stylish and very interesting wine.



Gros Rére et Soeur
Hautes Côtes de N. Bourgogne 2005

was \$44 now **\$39** 41006

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The area known as the Côtes de Nuits contains some of the greatest red wine names in the world: Vougeot, Chambolle-Musigny, Gevrey-Chambertin, and yet it is really a wee sliver of land with its own unique characteristics. This is a bright and lively reflection of the place, darkly coloured and wonderfully expressive, with pure, varietal and very French Pinot flavours driving the palate from end to end. There is prominent, not dominant, oak and a supple freshness that is a joy.

 Alex Gambal
Cuvée les Deux Papi Bourgogne 2005

was \$49 now **\$44** 42300

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$43.00 A BOTTLE



The fruit harvested and harnessed to make this most excellent and elegant Pinot Noir comes from villages in the Cote du Beaune, and it carries more than an echo of Volnay, really, with its elegance and seductive fruitiness. There is a hint of Pommard-like robustness here too, though it's more a tannic confidence than a blustery arrogance. Ultimately this is a seductive, sensuous wine that will win you over with charm rather than disarm you with power.



Domaine de Coeur
Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2005

was \$58 now **\$49** 42348

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$48.00 A BOTTLE

Sourced from a tiny (0.7ha) site that has itself been divided into two plots, which is a charming reminder of how seriously the Burgundy Domaines take the notion of terroir. This is consistently fabulous, and a great wine for those gingerly dipping their toes into the sacred Burgundian waters. It's made deliberately in an older style, with a robust tannic structure and an earthy rusticity that many claim is Burgundy's defining characteristic. Loads of fruit too, though, and no shortage of class.

 Fearless Buys

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Wally's Hut
Shiraz 2006

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

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Looking through a recent tasting of under \$15 Aussie Shiraz, one is confronted (or indeed affronted) by names such as 'Hogwash Blend', 'Pelican Point' and 'Warrenmang Bazzani Pyrenees'. Puts Wally's Hut in perspective, huh? Nuts to perspective, anyway: put a case in your boot, then put a good slosh into your glass. Rich, ripe and jammy, it's fully loaded with plummy/berry flavours, showing plenty of weight and a singing spiciness. Where the bloody hell is that second bottle, Shir!?

Villa Man
Riverstone Pinot Gris

was \$11.90 now **\$9.90** 49623

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

There's a lot of prancing about in the media as to what is this week's Pinot Gris label, which is why it is so cool of the Villa-ites to cut through the carry-on and make a well-priced, great drinking expression. We can all get our heads - and our wallets - around this one, a shining, authentic example with its green apple and pear characters, its slight citrus zing and its distinctive edge of spiciness. Loads of flavour, plenty of punch and as much character as many wines at twice the price.



Taltarni
Brut Thé Premium Vintage 2004

was \$27 now **\$19.90** 47778

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Fermented in the bottle and made from the traditional triumvirate of classic Champagne varieties, Taltarni have been making this exquisite 'stained' rosé style since 1985. From perfectly acidic fruit in the Victorian Pyrenees and cool-climate Tasmanian sites, this is a fresh, energetic style with robust, ripe fruit, nutty nougat lees characters and an overall delicacy and finesse that puts it in the top league of Australian Methodes. Brilliant with a mid-morning Danish or an early evening plate of prawns.



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New arrivals from the Rhône 2005
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Cost: \$30 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 9th October

A look at the new Pinot Noir
7:00pm Glengarry Devonport Wine Club
Cnr Clarence St & Wynyard St
Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 10th October

The wines of the Loire
6:00pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay
Cost: \$45 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 10th October

Pinot Noir: Burgundy vs New Zealand
6:00pm Glengarry Kelburn Wine Club
Caffé Mode, Kelburn
Cost: \$30 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 10th October

Jules Taylor Tasting - meet the Winemaker
5pm-7pm Glengarry Ponsonby, 139 Ponsonby Road
Free of charge

Thursday 11th October

Pinot Noir: Burgundy vs New Zealand
7:00pm Glengarry Kingsland Wine Club
467 New North Road
Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings required

Thursday 18th October

Veuve Clicquot Masterclass
7:00pm Glengarry Herne Bay, 54 Jervois Road
Cost: \$35 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 23rd October

Château Mouton Rothschild: Vertical Tasting
6:30pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
Cost: \$250 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 24th October

Glengarry Wine Academy, Stage 1 - Auckland
Commencing 4 weeks of classes from 6pm-8pm
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Cost: \$195 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 24th October

We explore Viognier
6:00pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay
Cost: \$35 per person. Bookings required

Thursday 25th October

Ti Point Tasting - meet Winemaker Tracy Haslam
5pm-7pm Glengarry Ponsonby, 139 Ponsonby Road
Free of charge

Thursday 25th October

Ti Point Tasting - meet Winemaker Tracy Haslam
7:00pm Glengarry Newmarket Wine Club
22 Morrow Street
Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

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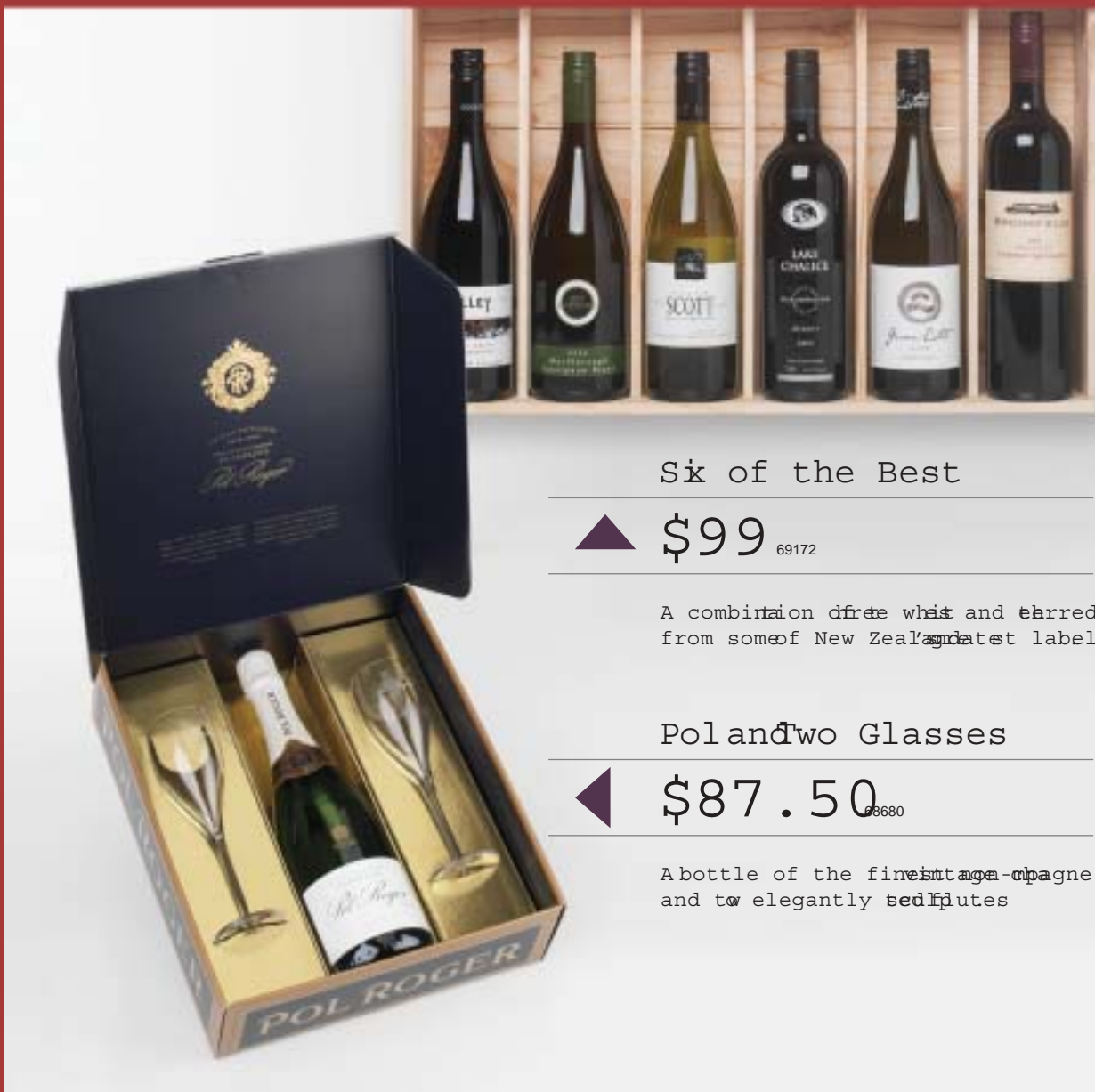
A look at Syrah/Shiraz
6:30pm Glengarry Courtenay Place Wine Club
Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings required

Friday 26th October

Ti Point Tasting - meet Winemaker Tracy Haslam
A degustation of Kiwi flavours
7:30pm Dida's Food Store, 54 Jervois Rd, Herne Bay
Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings required

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The Malts of Bowmore
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Champagne



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White Rum 700mL 92824

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France

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Château Lucière

Bordeaux 2005

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

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The weather throughout the 2005 Bordeaux growing season was exceptionally dry, with temperatures frequently well above average. The vintage produced superbly conditioned and concentrated grapes. The resulting wines combine natural richness with a wonderfully focused balance. This particular wine is a traditionally fermented and matured blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. It displays an abundance of black cherry and vanillin notes, and has a slight hint of chocolate on the nose. It is an appealingly forward, fleshy style with a silky-soft, yet dense, texture. Exceptional value.



Georges Duboeuf

Beaujolais Villages 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$17.90** 43902

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

The appellation 'Villages' was adopted in the 1950's to identify wines considered to be superior. Previously, there was a multitude of wines named after a particular village. The appellation, however, may only be applied to wines grown or blended from thirty-eight specific villages. This Duboeuf has a perfumed bouquet expressing raspberry and strawberry. The palate is consistent with the bouquet, showing good finesse, rounded tannins and a velvety, fruity mouthfeel. It's a great early drinking style.



Laroche

Vin de France Syrah 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 8525

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

The soils and climate of the south-eastern French wine region of Languedoc combine to create an environment that is exceptionally well-suited to viticulture. So good, in fact, that 40% of France's total annual wine production is derived from this region. Here, quality-minded winemakers like Michel Laroche are producing well priced, premium varietal wines. This Syrah is distinguished by a purple-violet colour, some aromatic, spicy, peppery, plum aromas and a lick of vanilla on the nose. A seductive wine with ripe fruit flavours and soft, grainy tannins.



Pierre Sparr

Alsace Pinot Gris 2005

was \$34 now **\$24** 46909

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

Domaine Pierre Sparr have been involved as growers and wine producers in Alsace for over 300 hundred years now, regularly winning accolades and awards. The company owns substantial vineyards, including three outstanding Grand Crus, and is involved in partnerships with other leading growers. This wine is a golden-yellow with green highlights, and has a fine, fruity nose displaying citrus aromas accompanied by mineral notes. The palate has the same striking fruit quality, evoking peach, flowers and dried fruit, and rounds off on a slightly nutty note.



Domaine Laroche

Saint Martin Chablis 2005

was \$40 now **\$35** 48538

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$34.00 A BOTTLE

Along with Champagne, Chablis is probably France's most imitated wine. This offering from Laroche is, however, unique, in that it captures the essence of its terroir. It is, of course, 100% Chardonnay, traditionally fermented and matured for up to nine months. A class act, it has a crystal clear appearance with lovely green-gold flashes. The fruity bouquet has aromas of pear and apple, and hints of mineral and cream, while the palate is elegantly structured, richly flavoured and enhanced by buttery nuances, traces of mineral and nuttiness, all balanced by a fresh, lingering finish.



Paul Jaboulet

Côtes du Rhône Sélection 2005

was \$21.50 now **\$17.50** 45315

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

The Jaboulet family have been in the winemaking business since the early part of the 19th-century, and own vineyards in just about every significant appellation of the Rhône Valley. This provides them with an excellent palette of wines from which to create their cuvées. This comes from the excellent 2005 vintage, which provided well-ripened, balanced grapes. It is a deep ruby-coloured wine with notes of ripe fruit and flowers on the nose. The palate is full bodied and generous, and awash with fruit over a fine tannin structure.

Italy

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Pasqua

Valpantena Valpolicella 2005

was \$15.90 now **\$12.90** 66005

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Beyond the ancient city of Verona lies the valley of Valpantena, which in Greek means 'Valley of Gods,' but according to the Veronese means 'Valley of wines.' By any description, the vineyards of the Valpantena have historically been the source of some of the best examples of Valpolicella. This wine was made from native varieties and cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain fresh fruit flavours. It is a healthy, ruby wine with forward cherry and plum aromas. The palate has a juicy, fruity character and finishes on a bright, rounded note.



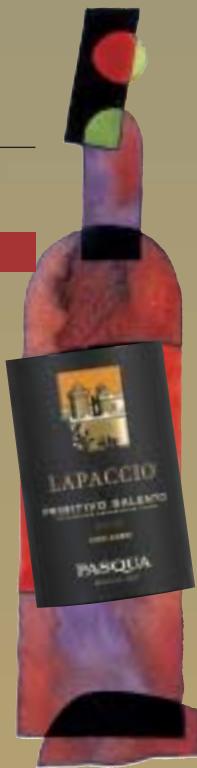
Pasqua

Lapaccio Primitivo Salento 2005

was \$17.00 now **\$15.90** 66025

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

Italian Benedictine monks in the 17th-century named this widely-grown variety, possibly of Greek or Croatian origins, 'Primitivo' because of its precocious tendency for early ripening. DNA analysis by the University of California has shown that Primitivo is the parent of California's Zinfandel. Like Zinfandel, Primitivo produces a wide range of styles and is widely used in blends, but in the hot Apulian climate it produces big burly reds. This is a deep-coloured wine with concentrated cherry, clove and blackberry aromas. The rich palate has deep seated spicy-plum flavours, enhanced by a slick texture and a long aftertaste.



Cecchi

Chianti Classico DOCG 2005

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

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

When Michelangelo was chipping away at that chunk of marble to create the statue of David, he probably alleviated his dusty throat with drafts of the local Sangiovese-based wine we now know as Chianti Classico. This wine from Cecchi is from the vineyards surrounding the commune of Castellina in the historical heart of the Classico region. With its alluring bouquet of plum, violet and understated oak, the palate is nicely focused and balanced; the ripe plum and berry flavours are deftly spread, and exhibit a hint of earthiness at the finish.



Scrimaglio

No Cork Barbera d'Asti 2002

was \$33 now **\$18** 68716

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

The Scrimaglio family have been based in the Italian north-west province of Piedmont for four hundred years. The family winery is in the historical region of Monferrato, famous for its food (particularly truffles) and Barbera wines. The Scrimaglios enjoy a reputation for producing wines that respect the traditions of Piedmont, but they have not shied away from embracing modern technology in order to improve quality. This wine has an exuberantly fresh character, with a morello cherry twist complementing the dominant, ripe plum flavours. Well rounded, superb value.



Santa Margherita

Valadige Pinot Grigio 2006

was \$28 now **\$23** 62535

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$22.00 A BOTTLE

Just when the Pinot Gris mutation of Pinot Noir occurred is a matter for speculation, but the variety has the ability to adapt to a wide cross-section of soils and micro-climates. In Europe, it is most widely-grown in Germany as Rüländer, in Alsace as Tokay, and in Italy as Pinot Grigio. Stylistically, the wines could not be more different. This particular example, grown in the Valadige DOC, is a pale golden colour with a mineral and herb-edged, apple-like bouquet. The palate is fresh and lively, with mineral flavours, a flicker of spice and a clean finish.



Fontanafredda

Serralunga d'Alba Barolo 2003

was \$74 now **\$69.90** 62656

Barolo, made from the Nebbiolo variety, has been called both the 'king of wines' and the 'wine of kings' and it is undoubtedly one of the world's greatest. Traditionally fermented and aged for two years in oak, this was given a further extended period in bottle prior to release. It is a robustly intense wine, with cherry and damson aromas supported by hints of rose and tar. The spicy fruit, liquorice and leather flavours are enhanced by a weighty mouthfeel and a long tannin finish. It is a superb red, well priced and the equal of top Bordeaux. Worth cellaring.



a taste of
Spain

Castell del Real Tesoro
Cava Brut NV

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 96000

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Cava (Catalan for cellar) produced by the méthode traditionnelle is by far Spain's biggest wine export, hardly surprising since the quality (as this wine clearly demonstrates) is excellent and, moreover, represents outstanding value. This lively, straw-coloured Cava has fresh yeast-edged aromas, a fine fruity palate showing citrus and apple and a clean, crisp finish.

Rojó

Granrojo Garnacha 2005

was \$16.90 now **\$14.90** 95020

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Produced from forty-year-old Garnacha vines, this is almost impenetrably deep, with a bouquet exuding black-berry aromas and hints of liquorice. The rich, full-bodied palate is well balanced, with fresh, ripe berryfruit flavours enhanced by a textural mineral character and a firm finish.

Valdespino

Inocente Single Vineyard Fino Sherry 375mL

was \$23 now **\$19.90** 99827

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

The Valdespino family has been involved in making Sherry for 700 years. Unsurprisingly, their methods are very traditional; typical of their approach is Inocente Fino, the only single-vineyard Sherry produced in Jerez. Largely fermented in oak casks, it's very clean and superbly integrated, with a nutty character and a delightfully long, elegant finish.

Solar Viejo

Crianza 2004

was \$25 now **\$19.90** 98006

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Solar Viejo have gained a reputation for producing outstanding Tempranillo-based Rioja reds. This Crianza is bright ruby in colour and displays ripe cherry aromas underscored by toasty oak. Well rounded and balanced, it boasts good depth of fruit supported by oaky nuances, and finishes on a long, satisfying note.



A lokatlesswellknown, ne and intriguing wine types

Chenin Blanc

There has been much use and abuse of this extraordinarily versatile grape variety, and it is that versatility that has probably accounted for the extreme range of uses to which Chenin is put. In warmer climate regions, like California and parts of Australia, it is grown in large volumes, maxed out high yields, so much of its wonderful aromatic and acidic character is lost, and then blended with Chardonnay or the rather innocuous Colombard to produce bland, easygoing quaffers which punters climb into by the vatful. Known as Steen in South Africa, it was blended and blended there too for much of its history, with a few producers only now looking to make serious expressions of this great Loire grape.

It is in the Loire Valley, mainly in Anjou-Saumur and Touraine, where Chenin shows what it can achieve when handled correctly and vintage conditions are sympathetic. Names that may well be familiar, such as Quart de Chaume or the dry-styled Sauvonnieres, are made from Chenin. Of course if you've had Vouvray then you've drunk French Chenin, and from the chalky, mineral, floral dry styles through to the thrillingly sweet Moelleux expressions, Vouvray is a wine that is as scintillating as white wine gets. Chenin is often used as a base for sparkling wines also, its high acidity a natural for making Crémant de Loire, among others; and some of these, as with Vouvray, can actually live many, many years. There are wine lists around town currently selling Vouvray from the 1955 vintage; if you feel like splashing out, you could do a lot worse!

In New Zealand we really only have a handful of producers - and a mere 57ha currently planted - some who specialise and make wonderful expressions, such as Millton Vineyard in Gisborne, and others who make good, solid workhorse styles that offer a taste of something other than Pinot Gris or Chardonnay to the thirsty workers. Montana's Lindauer is mostly Chenin Blanc, grown (like the Millton's) in Gisborne; so it's likely that more of us have tried Chenin than we may have initially thought.

Check these Bourillon wines out though: they will show you, better than anything we can tell you, about the myriad complex joys that a French Chenin can offer. Careful though; once hooked, you're hooked for life.

Domaine Bourillon-Déans

La Coulée d'Argent Vouvray Sec 2006

was \$34 now **\$29.90** 40974

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Remember that 'sec' is French for 'dry' and so this is along the mineral, almost Sauvignon Blanc, end of the spectrum, with its firm acid and appley, limey fruit. There's already a hint of the honeyed richness that will come with age, but right now this is an excellent example of what Chenin can do in a cool climate, when handled by a renowned and expert producer. Rich, dry, intriguing and very drinkable, it'll partner food magnificently - just don't overwhelm it: a little time in the glass and the bottle and its glories are revealed.

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| 11429 Collards Chenin Blanc 2004 | \$12.50 |
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| 40972 Domaine Bourillon Vouvray Demi-sec 2003 | \$29.90 |



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the ^{GLEN GARRY} Top 10

october

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

1 **Trinity Hill** Gimblett Gravels
Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

was \$31 now **\$29.90** 19225

A nicely weighted, concentrated Chardonnay exhibiting forward stonefruit flavours enhanced by toasty oak nuances, a silky-smooth texture and a lingering finish. Lovely food wine.



2 **Jules Taylor**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$21.90 now **\$17.90** 12420

A fresh and lively Sauvignon Blanc with forward passionfruit, capsicum and lemon-peel aromas. The persistent pure fruit flavours are balanced by vibrant citrus notes at the finish.



3 **Château Souvenir**
Bordeaux Supérieur 2003

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 42212

A full-bodied, brilliantly priced Bordeaux from the outstanding 2003 Vintage. It has pervasive ripe berry and plum fruit aromas and flavours wrapped around a seductive, silky texture.



4 **Pasquavila** Borghetti
Vapolicella Classico 2005

was \$18.90 now **\$16** 66056

A super-value Italian red packed with vibrant fruit aromas that gush onto the palate. Medium-bodied, with a hint of spice to the fruit, it's well structured, nicely rounded and long flavoured.



5 **Renato**
Nelson Chardonnay 2005

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 11183

A well crafted, weighty, barrique-fermented Chardonnay with a mouthfilling and complex character displaying ripe peachy flavours, a hint of vanilla and a fresh citrus finish.



6 **Kaiken**
Argentine Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 10609

Argentine oak-aged Cabernet with lots of ripe, concentrated, spice-laced blackberry, cherry and plum aromas. Well integrated, silky smooth, it finishes on a long, firm, flavoursome note.



7 **Iron Horse** Miseryard
Sérine Kerikeri Syrah 2006

was \$39.90 now **\$36.90** 11190

This silver medal-winning Northland Syrah is particularly expressive of the variety, with forward peppery nuances that enhance the ripe berryfruit flavours. Elegantly styled.



8 **Sacred Hill** Gimblett Gravels
Hawkes Bay Syrah 2006

was \$21.90 now **\$18** 18365

A moreish, ripely flavoured wine with cherry aromas enhanced by black pepper nuances. Artfully balanced, with its spicy fruit flavours, supple texture and firm finish.



9 **Kim Crawford**
New Zealand Pinot Gris 2007

was \$20.90 now **\$16.90** 11707

This tastful Pinot Gris has a slightly honeyed, spicy bouquet that hints at pear. The palate is rich and rounded with a distinct edge of stone-fruit, a creamy texture and a fine finish.



10 **Tatarni** Three Monks
Cabernet Merlot 2005

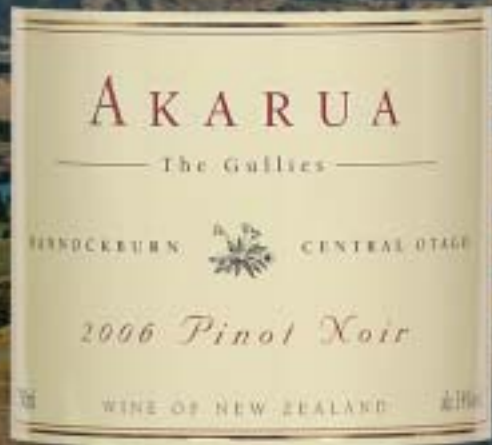
was \$25 now **\$18** 27892

A well structured red with classic berry aromas supported by hints of coffee, and vanilla. The palate is packed with ripe fruit flavours that linger satisfyingly at the finish.



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14940 Pinot Gris 2007	\$22.90
14930 Target Gully Riesling 2007	\$22.90
14828 Rosé 2007	\$22.90
14935 Roaring Meg Pinot Noir 2006	\$24.90
14942 Pinot Noir 2006	\$36.90