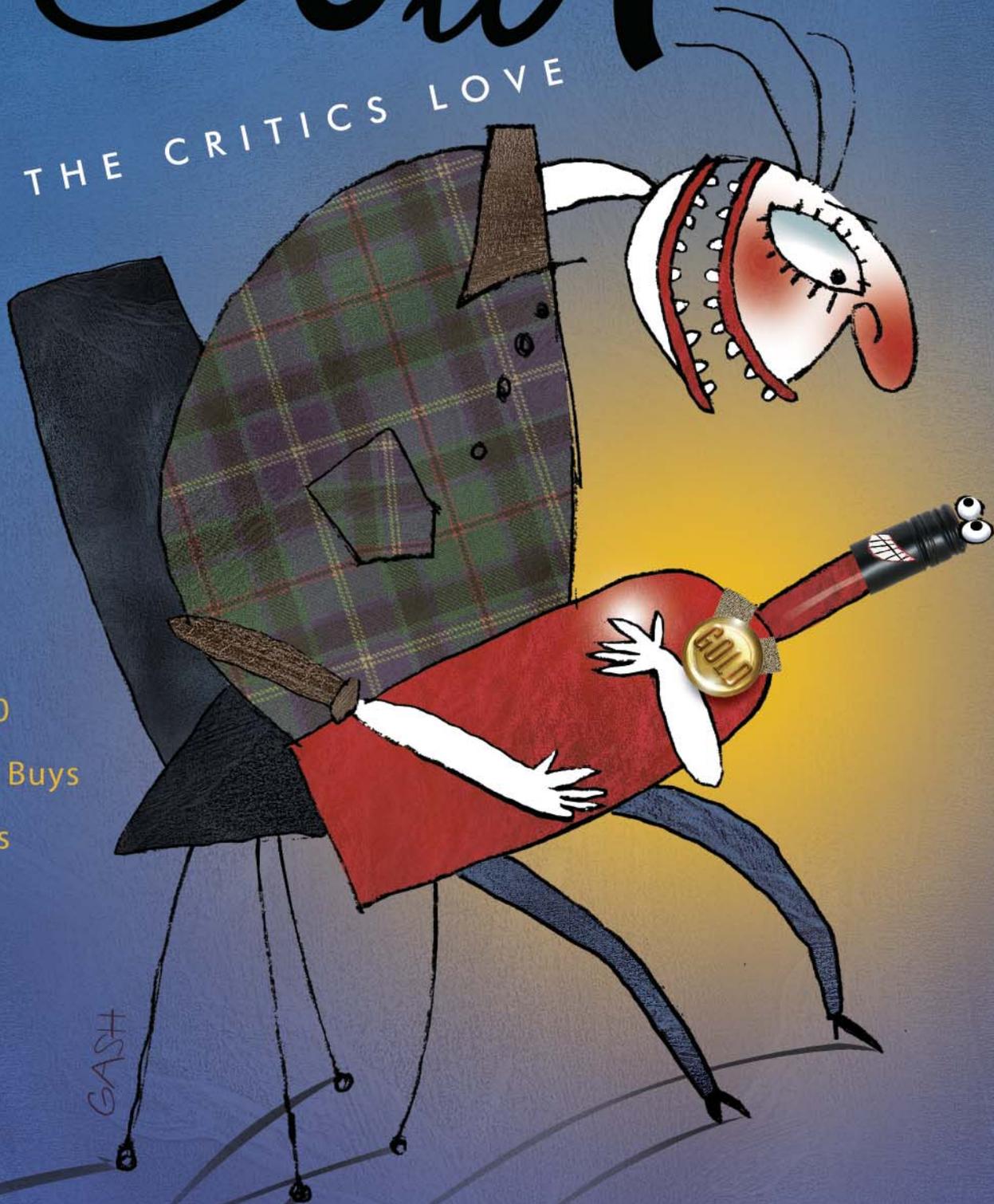


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Regan McCaffery, Glengarry Fine Wine Consultant, Auckland

'Women led me to wine,' laughs Regan McCaffery, the recently appointed Glengarry Fine Wine Consultant. 'I was going on a date with this girl who was interested in wine. I bought a generic Bordeaux, some \$20-25 I guess; we drank it together and I thought wow! This is so different to anything I've ever drunk. So much more interesting.' Hence the spark was struck.

As, at the time, he was working across the road from a wine shop, Regan started going over every lunchtime, reading the minute details on the imported wine labels and, occasionally, when he'd saved enough, buying something interesting and taking it apart. 'I realised that these were beverages and flavours that I didn't even know existed.' He came to loads of Glengarry tastings and took lots of wine to friends' places and shared it all around. 'The wines had all these obscure histories and stories, characters and personalities all their own.'

So he's not a dyed-in-the-wool conventional taster then? 'Tastings are brilliant, of course, especially vintage vertical tastings, comparative tastings and so on. But it's not just about taste, it really is about a wine's personality and the stories attached. I guess that's why I've always loved older wines. Young wines all speak similarly; it's not until they age that their real character starts coming out.'

That said, Regan is far from a narrow-minded curmudgeon. 'No way am I a speculator. I have a cellar, but everything I bought, I bought to drink.' And the bulk of that is vintage Champagne. 'I know it sounds extravagant, but compared to top end Burgundy or Bordeaux, Champagne is a lot more affordable. I figured if you wanted to really get to know about a region, you had to try the best to get a reference point. That's much easier to do with Champagne at, say, \$400 than a first growth at \$4,000.'

That's why Regan is excited by some of the Bordeaux tastings he has coming up for our customers; they're a great opportunity to view the character and expression of some of the world's greatest vineyards without having to rob the kids' piggy banks. With the plans to extend our Victoria Park cellar as well, Regan is looking forward to having plenty to do, and having plenty of opportunities to meet the fine wine clients. 'And if I can communicate my enthusiasm in the right way, hopefully a lot more people will get hooked the way I did.'

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MANAGER'S PICK REGAN McCAFFERY



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The key to Champagne is personality, and this has absolutely tonnes of character. The palate is an exuberant, muscular, shamelessly luxurious exercise in indulgence. Essentially a Rosé expression of the NV, this has the richness and finesse of that wine, with the added excitement of Rosé Champagne's irrepressible spirit. It has the weight to go with food, but really shines with just a couple of candles and someone special. The best Non Vintage I have had in a long time. Smart price, too.

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Yealands

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.00** 10003

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New Zealand's leading sustainable producer

A single vineyard wine from the new big noise in Marlborough winemaking circles. The Seaview Vineyard is a steep and blustery spot, a collection of gullies that get much sun and little rain, thus producing thick skinned berries that respond to the meteorological extremes by delivering exceedingly concentrated flavours. The citrus-meets-herbs component screams fish; the typical Awatere mineral thread suggests scallops or crays.



The Ned

Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$16.00** 12242

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

This gleams in the glass with a slight coppery hue, reminding us that Pinot Gris is indeed a red grape, and white wine from red grapes is just one of life's little mysteries. Like long-forgotten summers, it has a wistful bouquet of musk and white flowers drenched in typical Pinot Grigian pears. Rounded and full in the mouth, the slight sweetness elbows its way past the fruit acid and ensures much mouthfilling appeal. The slightly limey, very juicy finish makes resisting another glass an exercise in futility.



Momo

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$22.00 now **\$17.00** 12860

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

Made by the team at Seresin Estate

This whole second label thing can get a bit confusing. Momo is a sub-label for Seresin, who are responsible for some of the best Sauvignon Blanc to come out of Marlborough. Not sure if that raises expectations of this fellow or not; less writing and more tasting I say, and... yip, intense herbaceous characters scream around like a kid on a trike, while a punchy pineapple and passionfruit or two get a say so also. Good weight and length, plenty to get excited about. Very smart indeed.

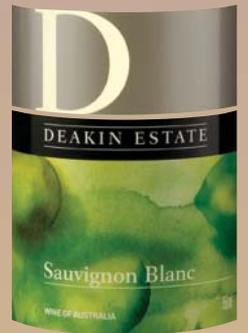


Deakin Estate

Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$14.90 now **\$9.90** 20792

A different expression than our beloved Marlborough Sauvignons, this has a green salad nose of fresh leaves doused in lime, while the palate is similarly savoury, a breezy run through of herbaceous zest and playful folly. It is achingly good with Thai food. And laughably cheap.



Sacred Hill Barrel Fermented Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$20.90 now **\$15.90** 18061

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

Consistently excellent and brilliantly priced, the Sacred Hill BF is the Oxford Dictionary of the wine world; every home should have one. The typically Hawke's Bay peaches & cream palate is licked with a fleck of vanilla, while a hint of citrus provides the refreshing balance. The flavours surge across toasty, leesy oak notes, delivering a fresh, flavoursome delight. Authentic, satisfying, brilliantly priced.

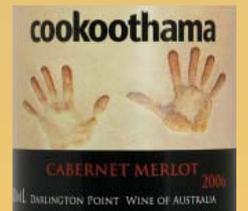


Cookoothama Cabernet Merlot 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.00** 21045

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

The name is derived from the Aboriginal meaning 'fertile land', the land in this case being Nugan family vineyards in the King Valley and Darlington Point on the banks of the Murrumbidgee. Deeply scented with a lush concoction of flavours, this adds typical Victorian mint and chocolate highlights to the more traditional dark berry and ripe plum characters of the varieties concerned. Silky smooth, fully flavoured and rounded perfectly by a couple of years' bottle age.



Boundary Vineyard

Kings Road Waipara Pinot Noir 2007

was \$21.90 now **\$18.00** 18347

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

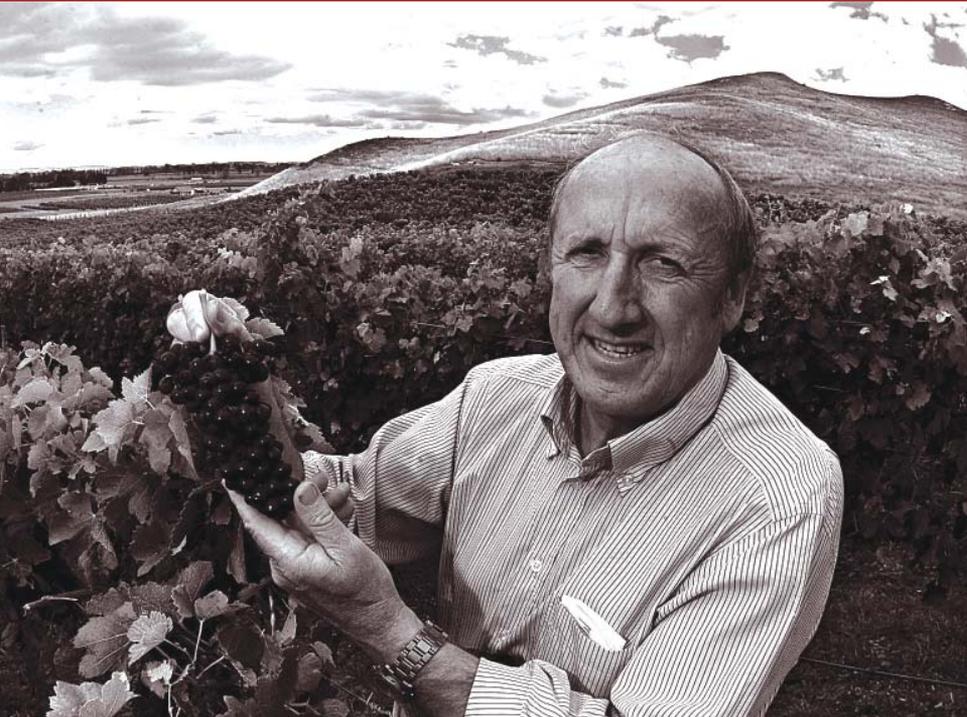
I'm surprised that there aren't more cracking Pinots like this coming out of Waipara. The soils tend to favour the difficult grape, and the region's long autumns, hot summer days and cooler nights provide the perfect kind of slow-burn ripening period so suited to Pinot Noir. No shortage of flavoursome, plummy/cherry characters, then, while some intriguing spice and earthy notes thread their way among the fruit to contribute to a most enjoyable drop. Nice price tag, too.





Feature Winery

Brookfields



Peter Robertson, Brookfields

A couple of months ago, as part of our on-going training programme, we took our team of retail managers to Hawke's Bay to visit some of the wineries whose wines we stock. One of the many highlights was our visit to Brookfields, a winery we have been involved with since way back when Muller Thurgau was New Zealand's most popular wine.

To show us around and guide us through an in depth tasting was owner and winemaker at Brookfields, Peter Robertson. It was a very interesting experience to try barrel samples, older vintages and wines that are about to be released, and the overriding impression in our team was that these wines are undervalued.

Brookfields is Hawke's Bay's oldest boutique winery, founded in 1937 alongside the Tutaekuri River and just a couple of kilometres from the sea in Meeanee. Peter Robertson bought the winery in 1977, and within a decade had established Brookfields as one of the region's most consistent producers.

When he graduated from Otago University, Peter took a job with McWilliams Wines in Hawke's Bay, working under the legendary Tom McDonald. He initially worked as a cellar hand, then laboratory chemist, but wanted a greater challenge. When the opportunity came up with Brookfields, he took the plunge.

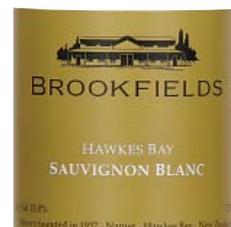
Peter says, 'Our philosophy is to make fruit-driven, balanced wines that are enjoyable in their youth, go well with food and have the potential to age and develop. We select vineyard sites that have the soils and climate, the terroir, to deliver superior crops. It's my belief that superior wines come from superior fruit; great wine is made in the vineyard.'

Brookfields' wines are produced from the company's Bergman and Marshall Bank Vineyards located adjacent to the winery, the Ohiti Estate in Tamatea, the Hillside Vineyard in the Bridge Pa Maraekakaho district and from shared ownership vineyards in other premium locations.

'We produce between 8000 and 10,000 cases each year; there is no desire to expand when there is the challenge to create even more dramatic wines,' states Peter. The proof is in the tasting; Brookfields wines impress across the range at every price level.

Brookfields Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11265



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Hawke's Bay Sauvignon may not enjoy the profile of Marlborough, but in the hands of a craftsman like Peter Robertson it can soar with the very best. This is a fresh, youthful wine with concentrated gooseberry and granny smith apple aromas ever so slightly tinged with mineral. The fruit-driven palate has a succulent juicy mouthfeel and a bright finish.



Brookfields Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2008

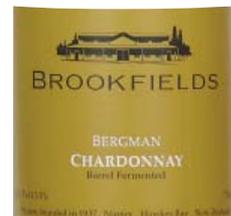
was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11266

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Peter Robertson was one of the first winemakers to produce Pinot Gris in New Zealand. That early start has proved to be particularly beneficial in understanding the variety's idiosyncrasies and how to coax the best flavours out of it. This latest release is packed with subtle pear and honey-like aromas and flavours. The palate has good weight and a fresh, clean finish.

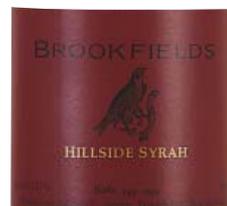
Brookfields Bergman Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11253



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Located adjacent to the winery, the well established Bergman vineyard has consistently delivered premium quality Chardonnay; this artful and superb value expression from the excellent 2007 vintage is no exception. It is a beautifully crafted wine with a subtle lime-edged stonefruit nose. A well balanced, well measured, stylish wine that implies richness and leaves a positive impression of complexity.



Brookfields Hillside Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$44.90 now **\$39.90** 11261

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$38.90 A BOTTLE

A deep, dark, inky-coloured Syrah with an impressive spicy, peppery, fruit-laden bouquet supported by toasty oak. Full bodied and richly flavoured, with plum and spice flavours on the palate that last forever. The wads of generous flavours build through the mid-palate and are complemented by integrated oak nuances and velvety tannins. A superb food wine.

11269	Brookfields Hawke's Bay Rosé 2008	\$16.90
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Drappier Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$55.00 now **\$39.90** 43500

The real deal for under \$40

Parker rates the Drappier house 4-star quality, Robert Joseph trumps that and goes one star better, and Oz Clarke gives the house a 'highly recommended.' This is a house that produces some excellent wines, and this is indeed one. From the lively, gung-ho bead and the prickly, very tiny bubbles, you are uplifted with some floral and baked bread aromas. The fresh and acid palate has a definite frisson of zing, a slightly chalky, mineral element and a fruit-toast range of flavours that charms.

Veuve Clicquot Brut NV

was \$90.00 now **\$72.90** 49810

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE

It's Paris Fashion Week as I write this, a fact I have acquired not through my need for a new set of spring gowns, but because Veuve are heavily involved and promote the connection widely. Relevance? That, while this house has the most wondrous history going back to Madame Veuve and beyond, it is also a thoroughly modern Champagne. Sipped by starlets, nosed by the new elite, it has a freshness, vigour, elegance and vivacity that perfectly reflect the fast times and giddy lifestyle that we all get a taste for now and again. Indulge.

Bollinger Rosé NV

was \$144.00 now **\$120.00** 40810

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Bollinger's first non-vintage Rosé

This is a completely new style for the Bollinger house, a wine that runs down similar lines to the Special Cuvée, with the addition of some still red wine from their Grand Crus vineyards. The first new wine in the Bollinger stable for thirty years, and six years in the making, it's probably worth getting quite excited about. Being 60% Pinot fruit, it's a strong-minded chap, toasty and broad-flavoured, yet also very crisp and refreshing. Warm floods of summer fruits dance among the sturdy yeast notes and it's just one big pink party. Excellent.

Delamotte Brut NV

was \$69.90 now **\$59.90** 42845

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$58.90 A BOTTLE

The sister house to the esteemed Salon, with fruit coming off the same vineyards, so you're in good hands, here. Delectably dry, there's a nice undercurrent of toast and yeast, the fruit firms up down the sides of the palate, while citrus lingers. A delectably fresh aperitif style; start your evening thus and you can't go wrong.

Philipponnat Royale Réserve Brut NV

was \$80.00 now **\$64.00** 43510

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From its 18th-century cellars to the ancient Roman church in the midst of its vineyards, the house of Philipponnat is drenched in history. Drench yourself in this, their definitive house style. Pinot dominant, the intensity of the NV is complemented by Chardonnay elegance, a mixture of rounded mature characters and a lively freshness. There is toast smeared with lemon conserve, hints of lime, a dewdrop of viscous honey and a final taste and texture that leaves an indelible impression of class.

Moët & Chandon Rosé NV

was \$92.00 now **\$79.00** 47206

Complimentary gift box

A seductive and glamorous expression from one of the world's greatest Champagne houses. The aromatics are so intense you'll need to retire to your velvet couch to take it all in; strawberries, raspberries, hints of dark cherries. The palate is a creamy dream, with a fleshy sensuality that floods the mouth. A wine of generosity and opulence that finishes firmly and unforgettably.

Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

was \$89.90 now **\$74.90** 48210

Gold medal & trophy winner

With almost a third of the final blend comprising reserve wines that have been maturing in the chill depths 33 metres below Christian Pol-Roger's study and a family decision to only release the wine when the youngest component is a minimum of three years old, this is a fully-flavoured, plump yet elegant style, exquisitely fresh and resoundingly rich. Fresh and crisp, certainly, but its overriding character and charm come from its supreme elegance.



The Glean of Gold

WINES THE CRITICS LOVE

Five stars, gold stars, rock stars seeing stars; hell, it's a jungle out there when it comes to wine criticism. So who do you believe? We all know wine comes down to personal taste, so we figured that with the myriad labels and bottlings and vineyards all vying for shelf space, it helps to have a few bods around the place give us all a bit of a heads up on what's consistently good.

There are a few credible competitions and knowledgeable wine writers upon whose results and opinions one can generally rely. We took a look at what was being raved about in the press, what was getting attention at the shows, what people who knew a thing or two were crediting as being wines worth drinking.

The selection below takes in wines that are lauded and awarded across a range of shows, and/or by a large enough number of critics that it is fair to assume that these expressions truly are worthy of merit and worth a look. It's not always the best wines that win trophies, nor the poor ones that miss out, but the overwhelming evidence from the jury is that the ones below stand out. We've knocked the prices down so that in the end, you can be the judge of that.

Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13576

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The lofty Decanter magazine awarded the '07 vintage of this vibrant baby a hefty 5 stars, saying that it was 'a classic expression,' something few would argue. This has always been one of Marlborough's, and the variety's, most authentic examples; hence its winning award after award, vintage after vintage. This year is another intense classic. Vivaciously acid and bursting with flavour, it is an exhilarating experience which is likely, once again, to find favour with the nation's critics when the show circuit comes round again.



Otuwhero Estates

O:TU Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$20.00 now **\$17.50** 12485

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

A Sauvignon Blanc specialist who makes one wine from one Awatere vineyard... hmmm, eggs, baskets and all that. But, concentration and focus on one wine can pay dividends, as this lot found out with the release of their second vintage. The 2007 version won Gold at the Sydney International Wine Challenge and the NZ Royal Easter Show, while this vintage grabbed 4 stars in Winestate recently. It is a standout example of the variety; fully-flavoured, with a beautiful balance of fruit and herbaceous characters and a firm hand of fresh acid to see everyone home safely.



Jules Taylor

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$18.90** 10711

Multiple gold medal winner

The 2007 won the Champion Sauvignon Blanc Trophy at the Air New Zealand Awards last year, a remarkable feat for such a small winery. Think how many make Sauvignon (over 40% of our vineyard land is devoted to the little buggers), and yet there is Jules, kicking everyone in the pants. The 2008 model is a gem, too, typically Marlborough in its intensity and pungency. A citric, tart attack flows through to a rich, well rounded palate, while the peacock's tail of flavour and texture leaves you gasping. For more, of course.



Kim Crawford SP

Spitfire Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$33.00 now **\$29.90** 11675

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

The year this won a gold at the Air New Zealand wine show, two other Crawford Sauvignons also cleaned up in the precious metal stakes. Midas touch and all that. As Kim notes, 'it is seldom a single vineyard gives us the full spectrum of flavours to make a complete wine,' and I would add particularly when the variety is Sauvignon. But complete this is. Intensely aromatic, perfumed with grassy, nettly Marlborough characteristics, the palate full-throttle, the mostly tropical fruits filling your mouth with concentrated deliciousness.



Lawson's Dry Hills

Marlborough Gewürztraminer 2007

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 13385

Classic NZ Gewürztraminer

Consistently one of the country's most impressive Gewürztraminers,' says Michael Cooper, his 'two bunch' Classic rating bearing out his words. A trophy at the Air New Zealand Awards last year shows he's not alone, and unless you've spent the last ten years in a hot water cupboard, you'd know that Lawson's is a byword for outstanding Gewürz. The vineyard starts it all, a site where the fruit ripens to amazing levels before being subjected to all manner of procedures to enhance its glories, resulting in a rich, ripe, intense, exciting wine that is, frankly, peerless in this land.





Gunn Estate

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$13.90** 18061

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.90 A BOTTLE

Quality assessors don't read price tags. While it may seem that gold medal wines all cost a fortune, that's not strictly true. This charming chardonnay is a good reminder that great winemaking can come through, whatever the pricepoint. Thus we have a gold medal wine available for a mere \$15. As fresh as the white peaches it smells and tastes of, and as juicily thrilling as their flesh, this is a non-oaked, authentic, varietally true expression.

Gunn Estate

Skeetfield Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$32.90 now **\$26.50** 18442

This has always had a good following; like its little brother, it's very well made and manages to represent excellent value at the same time. Very Hawke's Bay in its execution, it shows lovely developed barrel/lees notes with some toasty richness as well to support the masses of fruit. Perfectly rounded, the flavours are more citric than tropical, though there is a peachy/orange thread that adds a very appealing dimension. A prestige product at a primo price.



Cottage Block

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$36.90 now **\$29.90** 12058

Gold medal & trophy winner

Gold and trophy at last year's Air New Zealand Awards, and not the first time this label has covered itself in glory. That consistency is crucial; it is when vintage to vintage the comments and votes are all positively weighted that we know we're onto a good thing. Typically nutty Hawke's Bay characters, and typical grapefruit too. Beautifully flavoured, weighty, with layers of fruit and oak, this 2-year-old is still vibrant, its delights leading to a widescreen finish awash in flavour and texture.



Sacred Hill

Rifleman's Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$53.90 now **\$49.90** 18481

'Excellent winery' - Robert Parker

Three bunches from Michael Cooper, meaning Super Classic. 'One of New Zealand's greatest Chardonnays,' he says, and he'd be right. The 2006 took Gold at the Air New Zealand Awards this year, the 2005 Gold at the Air New Zealand's 2007, the 2004 Gold at the Air New Zealand's 2006... is there a pattern emerging here? This is an exceptional chardonnay, with recognition from all over the world. It has explosive power combined with immeasurable finesse. Tidal waves of flavour engulf you, yet it is elegant. Benchmark, classic.



De Bortoli

Show Reserve Muscat NV

was \$47.00 now **\$39.00** 20861

8 gold medals

No one gloats about medals and trophies quite like our country cousins. This has a long list indeed; eight golds, a trophy, an award for Best Fortified wine in the much-respected Penguin Good Wine Guide and it even wandered over here and picked up a Gold at the Top 100. This is a great expression of a stunning wine style. Teeming with dried fruits, toffee and a nutty richness beyond compare, it is a luxurious legacy of lushness that would be perfect with some little tarts. Christmas ones, of course.



Pol Roger

Blanc de Blancs Vintage 1999

was \$139.90 now **\$99.00** 48198

Gold medal winner

A wine adored by the critics, both here and overseas. Fortunately, we find that it's adored even more by the people who buy and drink it, and that can be a pretty unforgiving audience at times. Standing head and shoulders above the rest in most tastings we do, it's a specific style, being 100% Chardonnay and very dry, but its elegance and sheer weight of flavour seem to grab everyone. Racy and fresh, yet substantially packed with flavour, it is an extraordinary wine.



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Cable Bay

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$35.90 now **\$29.90** 12443

Blue-Gold
★★★★★ *Cuisine*

This lounge lizard-like liquid ingratiated itself with the judges in Sydney and Cuisine which, after a reasoned mouthful or two will surprise you not one whit. What is surprising is that there is still any stock left at all from the cracking 2006 vintage, and that the sillies in the Bureau of Bean Counting found it within themselves to discount this treasure. It has lively fruit overtones, smoky, earthy undertones and a palate that winds round you like a silken scarf. It will win your heart, tis true.

Burnt Spur

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$39.50 now **\$36.00** 18955

Buy a case of 12 and we'll throw in a bottle of the 2005

More ink is spilled over Pinot Noir than just about any other variety in this country. Leaving those scraps to whomever, it's what's in the glass that counts. Gushing with cherry on the nose, this is incredibly concentrated aromatically. On the palate there's a tamarillo/savoury note behind the fruit that fills your mouth with cherries, berries and a scraping of toasty oak. A serious wine with good tannin structure and palate weight, it needs a good chunk of meat to accompany it.



Rockburn

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$45.00 now **\$39.00** 12336

Save more and buy a case of 12 for only \$36 a bottle

Gold at the International Wine Show already for this wine, while the 2006 took gold at the Bragato Awards and the Sydney Top 100, a trophy at Air New Zealand, and five stars in the annual Cuisine tasting. Judge Sarah-Kate Dineen, a Pinot Noir winemaker herself, said the wine was 'text-book perfection.' High praise indeed. The 2007 is a killer; richly, thickly textured and flavoured, its delicacy shows in the floral/wild herbs bouquet, the punch and power coming on the intense yet elegant palate. Already one of NZ's best examples.



Torbreck Cuvée Juveniles

Barossa Valley Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2007

was \$35.90 now **\$29.90** 21018

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

90/100-James Halliday

90 points in Halliday's Wine Companion; 91 points from Robert Parker, who says that Torbreck 'remains a Barossa benchmark as well as one of the world's greatest wine estates.' 88 points from Spectator. And so on. With 100 different parcels of wine and vines that range from 40 to a staggering 150 years old, Juveniles' great appeal, we reckon, is that while it is immense in its concentration and its range of flavours, it is immediately approachable and enjoyable, with loads of life left should you decide to cellar it.

Vidal Soler

Hawke's Bay Syrah 2005

was \$45.00 now **\$39.00** 19408

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

Well, don't the glossies like this wine: 4 stars in both Cuisine and Winestate, while Michael Cooper gives both this and the previous vintage an unequivocal 5-star rating. Master of Wine Alastair Maling has shown what he can do with Syrah in the Bay, and the low-yielding Gimblett Gravel sites lend huge power and finesse to this. So ripe is the fruit that it's almost sweet, which makes it a delight when mixing it up with the spice and pepper notes. Succulent, supple, full of flavour and beautifully made.



Sacred Hill Deerstalkers

Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$64.90 now **\$59.90** 18441

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$58.90 A BOTTLE

New Zealand's No.1 Syrah

A single vineyard wine from the new big noise in Marlborough winemaking circles, the vineyard itself being steeper than the charges at an inner city car-park. The Seaview Vineyard is also a blustery spot, a collection of gullies that get much sun and little rain, thus producing thick-skinned berries that respond to the meteorological extremes by delivering exceedingly concentrated flavours. The citrus-meets-herbs component screams fish; the typical Awatere mineral thread suggests scallops or crays, whatever you can get your hands on.



Methodes

UNDER \$10

Castell del Real Tesoro
Cava NV

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 85000

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$9.50 A BOTTLE

Very tidy little Cava, full of the sort of frothing joy that is perfectly attuned to festive activities, and with a price tag that means you'll even be willing to share it with Great Aunt Myrtle without building up the sort of thunderous resentment that will last till next Christmas. Fresh, lemony-tinted fruit on the nose leads to a bouncy castle of a palate, with fresh fruits and a hint of toastiness all combining to make for a soft landing that will please everyone, all the time. Perfect.



UNDER \$15

Freixenet
Brut Rosé NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.90** 85016

If you can find any other sparkling wine that ages three years on lees and costs less than lunch, I'll eat my cheesecutter. That length of ageing is undertaken in order to get some serious complexity into the wine, yet the joy of this ebullient Rosé is that it's so fresh and vigorous. The Grenache component gives the wine its exotic salmon tinge; the house style is one of vibrant red summer fruits dancing wildly on a palate that pulses with freshness and delicacy.



Freixenet
Cordon Negro Brut Cava NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.90** 85010

Buy 2 bottles for \$20

Just in case you haven't got a handle on it yet, 'cava' is simply the name the Spaniards chose for their sparkling wine. It's not a grape, or a way of producing it, or a small, dusty town where moustachioed gun-slingers sling; it means cave or cellar. Etymology lessons aside, as Cava goes, they don't get any more popular than Freixenet. It is dry, softly mouthfilling and flavoursome, with effervescence aplenty and a distinguished length of palate. Brilliant with little morsels of food; a winner straight off the ice.



Deakin Estate

Brut Chardonnay Pinot Noir NV

was \$17.00 now **\$13.90** 20783

Another well made methode from across the canal, with a price tag that beggars belief and a quality and character that will please every man, woman and ocelot who passes through your kitchen this Christmas season. As Halliday pointed out, it's not that long ago that a wine at this price would be made from anything but Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, and no way would it be estate grown. This is all these things and more, a soft, fresh, flavoursome sparkler that you can roll out all night with much abandon.



UNDER \$20

Saint-Meyland

French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

We often forget that the French make sparkling wine other than Champagne. I know, crazy isn't it. This is a revered style in itself, where nothing but a mere sliver of geography means that this is sparkling wine rather than Champagne. Fermented in the bottle and aged on its lees, this has all the benchmarks of greatness, with Pinot dominating the structure and Chardonnay delivering the deliciously soft and creamy middle. At this price, your festive season is sorted, guv'nor. Back up the Hummer.



G Brut de Charvis

French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$22.90 now **\$19.00** 43013

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

Like the pale saint above, this too is a Crémant de Bourgogne, the grapes and winemaking methods fulfilling the nasty red tape requirements that the Gauls so love, and ensuring it can carry that much-respected moniker. This is a very pretty wine, with delightful scents of apricots, citrus and a rather addictive bready/dough character that sends the senses into a spin. Intensely flavoured, apricots magically become peaches on the palate, while white fruits join hands, sing La Marseillaise and then recline across the toasty/yeasty divan for a breather. Clever, unpretentious, perfect.



Methodes

UNDER \$20

Bolla

Torraltá Prosecco di Conegliano DOC NV

was \$22.90 now **\$19.00** 62566

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

This delightfully flamboyant, stylish wine comes from vineyards around the town of Conegliano in northeast Italy. The sites are so dangerously steep that even the winemaker's Alfa Romeo Spyder stalled at the second fence post, so the brutes handpick all the fruit instead. Our gain, friends; that fruit is fully-flavoured, tingling with crisp apple characters and fizzing with citrus. Prosecco is starting to finally get the recognition it deserves in our land; its hint of sweetness and lower alcohol make it the wine for every summer afternoon here on in.



Allan Scott

Blanc de Blancs Marlborough Brut NV

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 17421

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

I truly cannot believe that we can all get to experience a wine that is so carefully crafted for a mere \$19.00. This wine is so cool, with the grapes coming off a site that has served Allan and his sparklings well for some time now. Picked slightly under-ripe so that, when processed, the fruit retains that freshness and acidity we all chase in methode, and fermented in the bottle and aged for two years. Disarmingly elegant.



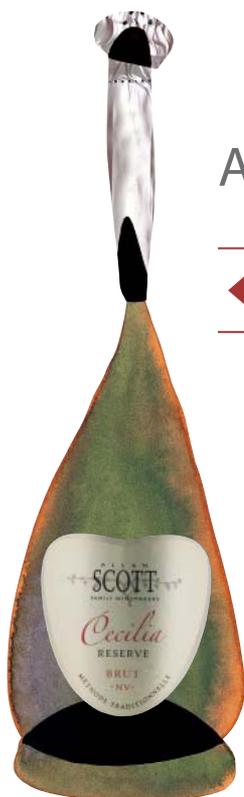
Allan Scott

Cecilia Reserve Brut NV

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 17397

Made by Allan for his wife Cathy

As with the Blanc de Blancs, this wine is artfully put together with much care and precision, from picking decisions in the three vineyards from which it is sourced, through to the amount of dosage used in the final wine. What's interesting, or at least unusual, is that the fruit - both the Pinot and the Chardonnay - is aged in oak barrels. This adds a biscuity richness that, when combined with the luscious stonefruit, makes for a proposition of absolute splendour.



Segura Viudas

Creu de Lavit Rosado Brut NV

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 87902

Stunning Spanish Cava

This is a most attractive wine, from its pale strawberry washes of colour through to its delicate yet flavour-some palate. Often with the less expensive sparklings you find the mousse kicks off with a hiss and a roar and then deflates quickly, but this has a lovely bead that persists from start to finish. The flavours are raspberries and redcurrants, with a distinctive pomegranate note slipping under the radar to keep you on your twinkling toes. Fresh, with great flavour presence right through to its gentle conclusion.



Segura Viudas

Lavit Brut Nature 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 87901

New to New Zealand

We've had so much interest in the range of Spanish wines we've been bringing in that we have decided to import the most excellent wines of Segura Viudas. Sitting in the premium Cava camp, these are highly rated by Parker et al and are deliciously drinkable. The Lavit has an excitable array of bubbles and a feathery light mousse. The aromas reflect the ageing; there's a real buttery-nutty richness to the bouquet, scented with ripe fruits. The palate is a Silk Road woven with fruit and yeast characters that charms your britches without you even knowing.



Taltarni

Premium Vintage Brut 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$19.90** 20783

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

Terrific value

This is very smart wine from the Australian sparkling wine experts. Taltarni have been making magical methodes for 30 years, and they have more than got the hang of it. Mostly even amounts of Chardonnay and Pinot, it has a beautiful bouquet of fresh citrus, melon and a very appealing nougat character, all of which carry through to the palate. Soft in the mouth, with toasty/nutty notes crowning the fine fruit, while it finishes up very smooth and impressively rich. Incredible quality, terrific value.



UNDER \$30

Quartz Reef Bendigo Central Otago
Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$32.00 now **\$25.00** 17230

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.00 A BOTTLE

The Quartz Reef wines attract serious comment, with even guru Jancis Robinson stating on her website that she found this 'really interesting and refreshingly bone dry.' She loved winemaker Rudi Bauer, too, but until they bottle him we'll stick with the happy juice. Lots of that biscuity richness that underpins the world's great sparklings, with beautiful mineral-threaded fruit and a purity of flavour that belies the meagre price tag. Neal Martin at Robert Parker said, 'I don't think you will find a better NV NZ sparkler.'

G Santa Margherita
Prosecco di Valdobbiadene DOC Brut NV

was \$31.00 now **\$26.00** 62538

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.00 A BOTTLE

Prosecco's second fermentation is traditionally done in a tank, unlike that of Champagne or Methode, which takes place in the bottle. Not because Italy is running short on glass or the winemakers are lazy monkeys, but because the yeast produced from a bottle ferment would simply overcrowd the pretty, delicate flavours for which Prosecco is renowned. Bella. So clean, so fresh, so fruity is the nose, with little spring blossom notes to take you to heady heights of delight. The palate is whimsical yet focused, with a charming spring in its step and a tantalising aftertaste.

Daniel Le Brun
Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$30.00 now **\$26.90** 12145

Buy the NV and we'll sell you a bottle of Le Brun's Blanc de Blancs 2000 or Vintage 1999 for the same price

When this wine garnered a gold medal and a trophy at this year's Royal Easter Show Wine Awards, it was a good reminder to us all that despite having been produced now for many years, the quality and attention to detail has, if anything, become better as time has gone on. It's a delight to get a sparkler that has the class and finesse you'd pay twice the dollars for.

OVER \$30

Cloudy Bay
Pelorus Sparkling Wine NV

was \$36.00 now **\$32.00** 12122

Save more and buy a case of 6 for only \$29.90 a bottle

From the Cloudy Bay label, this breaks all branding rules by being a huge success and being named after a dolphin. The world is indeed a strange and marvellous place. The fruit is all hand-picked, the intrigue and interest in the final wine in no small way contingent on some of the juice spending time in oak, that process also explaining the extraordinary depth and richness of this wonderful wine. Fresh and crisp, with delightful nutty/yeasty tones and shades, it is concentrated yet delicate, finely textured and wonderfully balanced.

Segura Viudas
Heredad Brut Cava Reserva NV

was \$44.90 now **\$39.90** 87900

Served in first class on top airlines

A Grand Reserve Cava using the best pick of the varieties in its makeup (Macabeo and Parellada) with the fruit subjected to an extended ageing process before disgorgement. A step up in quality, sure, but it's more about complexity and character really, with this wine occupying the parking space reserved for 'serious Cava.' Still delightfully youthful, a freshness and zest that makes the strong flavours potent rather than overpowering. An exercise in control and balance, round, rich, and mouthfilling.

Alan McCorkindale
Brut Rosé 2002

was \$51.00 now **\$39.90** 10091

Rare & Stunning

An extraordinary wine. 95% Pinot Noir, the remainder Pinot Meunier, this is a hand-made gem. The fruit is fermented in oak barrels a la Krug and Bollinger, and aged for an unbelievable five years on lees before disgorgement. Brimming with strawberry, cherry and bread, toasty flavours, it is impressively rich and disarmingly elegant. French wine critic Michel Bettane called it 'the best Southern Hemisphere sparkling wine I have ever tried.' Amen.

VineTalk

the month's news, views and events

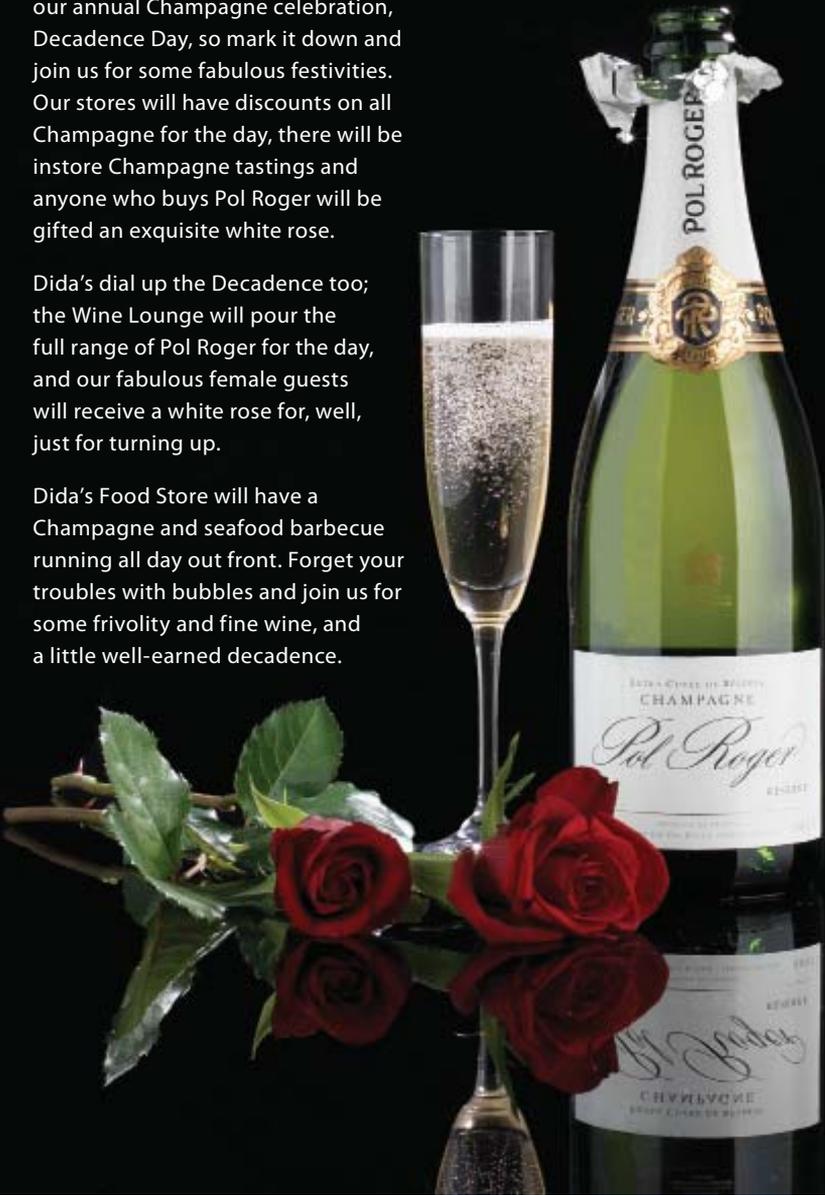
Decadence Day

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Thursday November 27th marks our annual Champagne celebration, Decadence Day, so mark it down and join us for some fabulous festivities. Our stores will have discounts on all Champagne for the day, there will be instore Champagne tastings and anyone who buys Pol Roger will be gifted an exquisite white rose.

Dida's dial up the Decadence too; the Wine Lounge will pour the full range of Pol Roger for the day, and our fabulous female guests will receive a white rose for, well, just for turning up.

Dida's Food Store will have a Champagne and seafood barbecue running all day out front. Forget your troubles with bubbles and join us for some frivolity and fine wine, and a little well-earned decadence.



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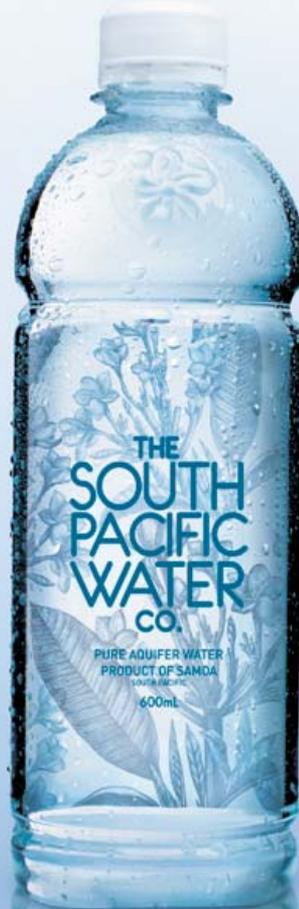
Win a Case of Wine!

Each month when you use your Glengarry Card to purchase instore or online at glengarry.co.nz you automatically go in the draw to win a case of wine.



Anyone who has seen maverick Australian winemaker Geoff Merrill would know he has what they called in Victorian times an extraordinary set of moustaches. Just the one, but it goes for miles. During November Geoff will be instore talking about his outstanding wines (check out glengarry.co.nz/events for more details). You go in the draw to win the superb six-bottle collection of Geoff Merrill Reserve Shiraz (1999-2004) when you purchase any of the Geoff Merrill wines listed below.

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| 22141 | Geoff Merrill Cabernet Shiraz 2005 | \$19.00 |
| 22128 | Geoff Merrill Cabernet Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2005 | \$19.00 |
| 12 22125/22080 | Geoff Merrill McLaren Vale Shiraz 2004/2005 | \$22.00 |
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PURE PACIFIC

THE SOUTH PACIFIC WATER CO.

With the plethora of 'pure' waters on the market, you would be forgiven if you began to wonder how clean all those mineral sources really are.

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Malts

in fine Spirits



Bruichladdich
Waves Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$95.00** 93610

An innovation in a world of tradition, 'Waves' is part of a range of malts distilled to show the whole spectrum of Bruichladdich style and flavour. Like Non-Vintage Champagne, this is multi-vintaged, meaning several vintages and a range of malting level and cask types were experimented with to come up with the final, stunning blend. Matured in Bourbon and Madeira casks it is a rich, fruit tinged, medium-peated style, with a refreshing citrus tang and complex sea salt and mint notes. Bruichladdich suggest it as a great 'daytime dram.' There go afternoons with Dr. Phil, then.



10 Cane
Rum

700mL **\$66.00** 92844

Loving the packaging, oh yes indeed. Sexy. Like the girl on a Trinidadian beach advertising the new 10 Cane website. The website owner, luxury goods global megabeast LVMH, make it very clear that this is rum made from the first pressing of virgin Trinidadian sugar cane. It is not made from molasses, and thus is elegant, smooth and pure, not necessarily words you'd normally associate with rum. That's the point; they don't call it 'rum's redemption' for nothing. Outstanding.

Glen Elgin 12-Year-Old
Speyside Single Pot Still Malt Whisky

750mL **\$98.00** 93499

A Speyside malt, the distillery located where the river Lossie meets the sea. Glen Elgin was founded right at the end of the whisky boom, in 1898. Today a large part of production is sought out for blends, so this single malt is not seen around a lot. It's a stunning expression, from its heady malty initial impact to its fruit notes, nicely surrounded by honeyish characters and hints of spice. Smooth and rich from beginning to end it has, as expert Jim Murray pointed out in his whisky bible, 'faultless mouthfeel.' Superb.

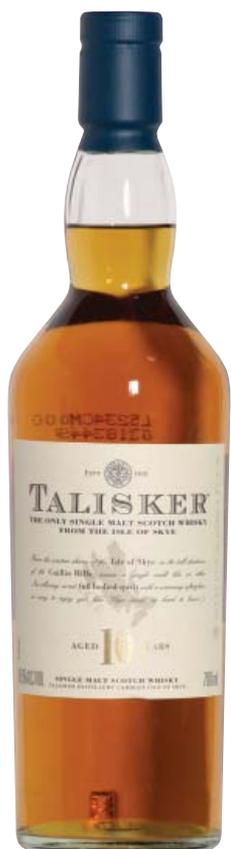


Otard
VSOP Cognac

700mL **\$99.00** 92319

With complimentary gift tin

The cellars at Otard are perfect for ageing cognac. The walls are three metres thick, delivering up a constant temperature of 15 degrees while, due to the Charente River being so close, the humidity is a staggering 90%. This ages cognac perfectly, but also ensures that the 'angel's share', the amount of spirit that naturally evaporates, is equivalent to a staggering 300,000 bottles annually. Madness. This is a fine, smooth and flavoursome cognac, with some spice and vanilla and zesty fruit notes combining with rich tobacco/smoky characters. Beautiful, beautiful digestif.



Talisker
10-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$99.00** 93739

Talisker is renowned for its high peat content (25 parts per million, as it happens), which is due not just to the way the spirit is processed, but also to the pure spring water from the Cnoc nan Speirag, which itself flows over peat. So not a scotch for the shy, as its initial heady peat-smoke aromas will attest. There's a salty and citrus tang on the attack, then notes of dried-fruit that lend a slight sweetness to the mid palate. Warming malt characters carry you through to a spicy finish. Enlivened, you find you still can't pronounce that waterway.

New Arrivals - Perfect for Christmas

BRUICHLADDICH ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

- 93765 **Bruichladdich** Peat 700mL **\$97**
- 93767 **Bruichladdich** Manzanilla 1998 700mL **\$125**
- 93768 **Bruichladdich** Fino Oloroso 1998 700mL **\$125**
- 93766 **Bruichladdich** Infinity 2nd Edition 700mL **\$130**



Pinot Noir



Akarua Central Otago Pinot Rosé 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.00** 10192

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The fruit for this Pinot Noir-based Rosé was grown in Akarua's Bannockburn vineyard specifically for this wine style. Following a short period of maceration the juice was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, lightly handled and bottled early to retain freshness. It is an attractive, pale cherry colour with a richly-scented bouquet of strawberry, floral notes and hints of spice. The palate has pervasive berryfruit flavours, is nicely weighted and finishes on a bright, flavoursome note.

Nicolas Potel Bourgogne Rouge 2006

was \$40.00 now **\$29.00** 42448

From one of Burgundy's shining stars

Nicolas Potel is one of the leading lights of a new breed of négociants who have revolutionised the business of buying, ageing and selling Burgundy's wines. Nicolas owns no vineyards, but he is very well connected and works closely with top growers who own some of the best vineyards in Burgundy. Made from Pinot Noir, this Bourgogne rouge is one of Burgundy's best buys. It is an elegant red characterised by pure fruit aromas and flavours supported by spicy, mushroomy, earthy tones. Nicely balanced, moderately weighted and long flavoured.



Mt Difficulty Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$45.00 now **\$39.90** 14945

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

Mt Difficulty's 2006 Pinot Noir was showered with awards and accolades, including 92/100 from Robert Parker, and this 2007 wine release has very similar characteristics. This is a complex wine with distinctive cherry and plum aromas, along with traces of herb and spice. It has layers of sensuous fruit flavours enhanced by a velvety smoothness and a super long finish. With more bottle age, it will gain in complexity and subtlety to seduce the most demanding of palates.



Rua Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10193

New release from Akarua

Once again, we are all the beneficiaries of the wine gods' decision to grant the winemakers a large vintage in 2008. Pinot kings and queens Akarua, while massaging 2008's magnificent fruit into their usual stunning array of wines have released a taster of what's to come. The 'Rua', Aka's little brother, is an intensely flavoured wine, with bright strawberry and raspberry fruit swished with violets bouncing forth. Brimming over with flavour, this is a total delight.

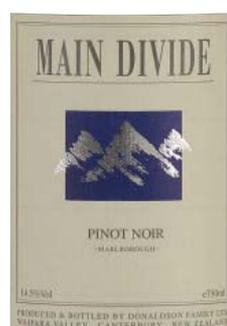


Main Divide Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$27.00 now **\$23.90** 13604

Made by the team at Pegasus Bay

A glossy, ruby wine with a fragrant bouquet of lifted strawberry and mulberry aromas combined with spicy oak. On the palate the ripe fruit intensity is enhanced by gamey, earthy, mushroom nuances enveloped by a silky coat. It has a sensual character that highlights the underlying tones that include spice, coffee and mineral. Already impressive, particularly in its textural definition, which will develop further with bottle age.



Fromm La Strada Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$37.00 now **\$35.00** 12880

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.50 A BOTTLE

La Strada comes via the Fromm winery that, unusually for a Marlborough outfit, specializes not in Sauvignon Blanc, but in red wines. The Winery's international reputation has been built on its fine, elegant Pinot Noirs. This wine has a fragrant nose combining ripe cherry fruit, forest floor, floral notes and spicy oak. The palate opens with rich, ripe fruit flavours and builds up to offer savoury, spicy nuances and a supple texture. A beautifully crafted, food-friendly wine



Peregrine Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$41.00 now **\$39.00** 17125

Gold medal Central Otago Pinot Noir

A five-star 'potential classic' in Cooper's book, this is certainly a wine that has commanded attention for a number of vintages now. Yields are kept low so the flavour intensity is high, particularly around that cherry cherry and chocolate region. Powerful and concentrated, the wine has a richness and opulence you'd normally pay double this for, and a silky seamlessness to the palate that is absolutely exquisite. With the flurry of Central labels, it's always good to remember who's been doing it a while, and doing it well.



a taste of Australia

Rediscover the wines of the lucky country with our pick of the best and most exciting Aussies on offer

GSM is winespeak for wine blended from Grenache, Syrah (aka Shiraz) and Mourvèdre. This trio of varieties are the most important in red Rhône blends. It is a combination that we are increasingly seeing from Australia, where the varieties have been established since the 19th century.

A quick survey of the red wines of the world reveals that many of the classic styles are blends of two or more varieties. Blending different varieties together can even out the inconsistencies of a single varietal to produce a wine that is more complex and interesting. In a GSM blend, each variety contributes something of itself to the finished wine.

Grenache, or Garnacha, is a sweet, dark-skinned grape that provides softness and palate sweetness; it can also impart black fruit, liquorice and spice aromas. Syrah/Shiraz brings opulence, richness, chocolate, coffee and tarry characters, and in cooler climates, some peppery aromas. It is used to give structure to the blend. Mourvèdre is a late ripening variety that provides body, good tannin (from its thick skin), leather aromas and a certain rustic, earthy character.

The percentage of the grapes used in a blend may vary from vintage to vintage, but when blended in careful proportions it will deliver a wine which is soft, complex and very accessible.

d'Arenberg The Stump Jump McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2006

was \$15.50 now **\$12.90** 20749

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.00 A BOTTLE

The name has nothing to do with Australia's favourite summer sport, but rather the stump-jump plough invented in 1876 to clear land. This GSM blend has a fine pedigree; the 2005 won a gold medal at Sydney's International Wine Competition and earned Blue-Gold and Top 100 status. It is a beautifully crafted wine with an aromatic nose of mulberry, spice and coffee notes. The richly-flavoured palate has a silky texture and a flavoursome aftertaste.

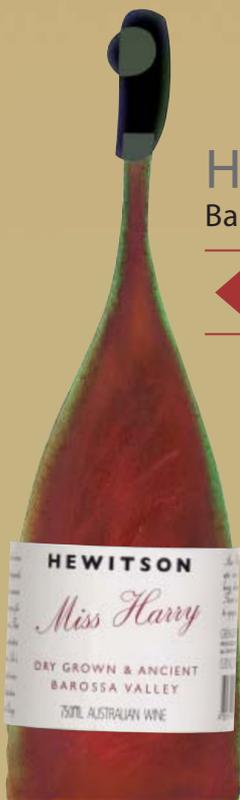


Hewitson Miss Harry Barossa Valley Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$24.00** 21787

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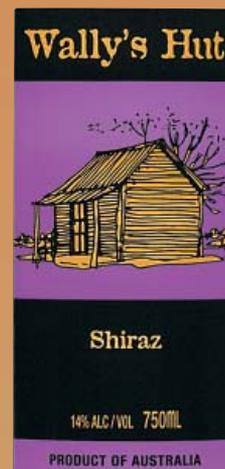
Named for Harriet Hewitson, this blend of 55% Grenache, 33% Shiraz and 12% Mourvèdre was sourced from very old Barossa Valley vines. It is a dark, almost opaque, red that leads to an impressive bouquet of plum, berry and spice backed by sweet oak. It has a concentrated palate with rich, well defined fruit that wells up through the middle and just keeps on going. Deliciously smooth and oh so tasty, this is a versatile, food-friendly wine.



Wally's Hut Shiraz 2007

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28432

Named after a hut built to shelter boundary riders (presumably Wally) who once patrolled the fence lines. The livestock has gone and the New South Wales property is now covered in vines. It is a youthful wine with ripe, spice-edged berry and plum aromas. A straight up, uncomplicated Shiraz with good depth of fruit and peppery nuances. Great value.



Balgownie Estate Bendigo Shiraz Viognier 2005

was \$27.90 now **\$19.90** 20133

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

New and exceptional

Established in 1969 by winemaker Stuart Anderson, Balgownie Estate has long been famous for its Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. This co-fermented Shiraz Viognier blend has a very appealing aromatic profile of blackberry, cassis, cinnamon and lifted floral nuances. It is medium bodied wine, elegant rather than powerful, but with deep-seated fruit flavours. Exceptionally priced.

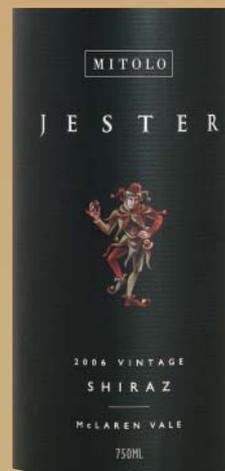


Mitolo The Jester McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006

was \$28.00 now **\$24.90** 21341

91/100 - Robert Parker

Family owned and operated, Mitolo was established in 1999 and has quickly forged an enviable reputation. This has a bouquet of spicy dark cherry, chocolate and liquorice supported by toasty oak. It is a big hearted wine with plum and berryfruit flavours complemented by hints of mocha and oak, enhanced by a lingering, flavour-filled finish.



Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache 2005

was \$28.00 now **\$25.00** 21245

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.00 A BOTTLE

Chapel Hill will soon have to extend their premises to accommodate all the awards that they are accumulating. This Shiraz Grenache won the Trophy for best Grenache blend at the 2007 McLaren Vale Wine Show. It is an opulent wine with plum, berry and spice aromas on the nose. The palate has tiers of ripe fruit flavours, with traces of nutmeg and earthy nuances wound round a core of supple tannins complemented by a long, smooth finish.



a taste of France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

Beaujolais Nouveau

Each year, at the stroke of midnight on the third Thursday of November, the Beaujolais region comes alive with trucks and vans rushing through the countryside to deliver the first of the Beaujolais Nouveau to Paris, London, New York, Tokyo, Auckland and just about everywhere else in the world.

In Beaujolais, it has been customary for generations to celebrate the end of vintage by drinking vin de l'année (wine of the year). Whole grapes are fermented in vats filled with carbon dioxide and the finished wine is bottled early. This technique produces light-bodied red wine with intense colour, low tannin levels and fresh, fruity flavours that are the essence of Beaujolais Nouveau.

No wine producer has captured the spirit of Beaujolais Nouveau better than Georges Duboeuf, a.k.a. the King of Beaujolais. Officially, ours is the first country to welcome the third Thursday of November, so we will be doing our bit to join the rest of the world in celebrating the northern hemisphere's first wine of the year.

GEORGES DUBOEUF BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 2008

Instore Thursday
November 20th

Tastings in all Glengarry stores and by the glass at Dida's Wine Lounge



Duboeuf
Beaujolais-Villages 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$17.00** 43895

Buy 2 bottles for \$30

Beaujolais-Villages wines are a step up from generic Beaujolais wines; they have a firmer tannin structure and are usually longer lived. Duboeuf's intimate knowledge of the thirty-eight villages entitled to this appellation allows them to be very selective in choosing wines for blending. This vivacious wine opens with the scent of strawberry and cherry combined with floral nuances. It has a balanced, fruity, succulent mouthfeel packed with ripe fruit flavours.



Duboeuf
Beaujolais Juliéna 2006

was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 42923

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

The Juliéna Cru consists of some 600 hectares located in a sheltered valley in the far north of the Beaujolais region. The Gamay grapes were hand harvested from selected older vineyards, and the wine has an elegant bouquet of redcurrant, violet, peony and nutmeg. The medium-bodied palate is quite expansive and crammed with berryfruit, its fruity character a great accompaniment to Coq au Vin.



Duboeuf
Beaujolais Saint-Amour 2006

was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 43929

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

A lively, ruby-coloured wine with glints of purple. The perfumed nose expresses redcurrant, blackberry and hints of mineral. Well balanced, with the emphasis on ripe fruit flavours that last right through and linger on. It is a versatile food wine and a firm favourite in bistros, particularly on St Valentine's Day.



Duboeuf
Beaujolais Fleurie 2006

was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 42924

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The wines of the Fleurie are considered to be the most feminine of the Beaujolais crus. This bright garnet wine with cerise highlights opens with a perfumed bouquet that combines the scents of iris and violets with soft summer fruits and spice. The berryfruit flavours that dominate the palate have a juicy character and are balanced by a fresh, finely-tuned finish. It has a good structure and length and is ready to be enjoyed. Great value.

a taste of *Italy*

Intriguing, exciting and always stylish, smarten up your sideboard with the new breed of Italians

Piedmont's Fontanafredda has an interesting history; a bit of a ladies' man, King Vittorio Emanuele II built a hunting lodge for his mistress Rosa Vercellana, who he later married. The king willed the 100-hectare estate to his son, Conte Emanuele Guerrieri di Mirafiori, who in 1878 developed it as a winery and named it Fontanafredda, or 'cold fountain'.

Since then, the property has changed ownership, but in recognition of its past the hunting lodge, extensive cellars (still used for maturing the red wines) and vineyards remain. The winery, however, has been thoroughly modernised, and is packed with state-of-the-art equipment.

The Fontanafredda estate is located in the heart of the Langhe Hills wine region and is spread over several communes. Since 1997, Danilo Drocco has been Fontanafredda's winemaker, and his influence in the vineyards and winery has revolutionised the style of Fontanafredda's wines.

Robert Parker has rated the majority of Fontanafredda's substantial range, which include single vineyard Barolos, regional Barbarescos, Barberas, Dolcettos and Spumates, in the 90-point scale. Parker has described the estate as 'one of the great names of Piedmontese winemaking.' There can be no better recommendation.

G Fontanafredda Papagena Barbera d'Alba Superiore DOC 2004

was \$54.00 now **\$49.00** 62647

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$48.50 A BOTTLE

Barbera is widely grown throughout Italy, but it is in Piedmont that it expresses its finest qualities. The fruit for Papagena was grown in the vineyards surrounding the town of Alba. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks and matured for 12 months in French oak barrels, followed by a further 12 months in bottles. The bouquet has vibrant aromas of black cherry, plum and spice. The weighty palate has distinctive ripe fruit flavours integrated with spicy oak and structured around supple tannins.



Cecchi Raffia Basket Chianti DOCG 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$19.00** 62446

Add a candle and you have a great Christmas present

A back to the future Chianti presented in a raffia-wrapped, traditional fiasco flask that was all the rage back in the heyday of the Beatles. Dominated by Sangiovese grown in the historic heart of the Chianti zone, the wine is wonderfully aromatic, with classic violet, morello cherry and a rasp of herbs. On the palate, it is characterised by forward fruit held in check by fine tannins. Excellent food wine.



G Bolla

Soave Classico DOC 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$16.00** 62569

Brilliant summer drinking

Soave is both the name of a town and a wine in the Verona region; it means suave, a term often used to describe this white. Or as C. G. Bode described it in *The Wines of Italy*: 'It tastes as a very clear, sunny sky might taste if one could drink it.' This wine certainly captures the essence of summer; with its nose of Granny Smith apple aromas dusted by hints of almond and its appealingly fresh, juicy character.



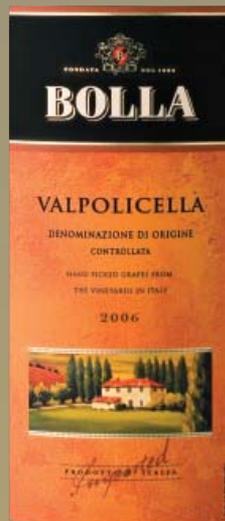
Bolla

Valpolicella DOC 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$16.00** 62558

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The Valpolicella Classico zone is limited to the south-west corner of the Valpolicella region, where the cool breezes off Lake Garda moderate the temperatures of the hillside terraced vineyards. With its fresh, spicy berryfruit aromas, the wine displays a youthful, hearty character dominated by juicy fruit flavours and a silky texture.



Cecchi

Bonizio Sangiovese IGT 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.00** 62448

Great value gold medal wine

Awarded a Gold at the 2007 Los Angeles International Wine and Spirit Competition, this was given no oak maturation and simply bottle-aged to emphasize the fruit. There are lovely cherry and violet aromas and a suggestion of wild sage on the nose. The palate is well structured with ripe fruit flavours supported by fine tannins. Great value for a Gold Medal wine.



Beretta Rocolo di Mizzole Valpolicella Superiore DOC 2004

was \$22.50 now **\$18.00** 60496

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Cecilia Beretta is an Italian boutique winery devoted to the production of quality Valpolicella and Soave. Their Mizzole vineyard is planted with selected clones of the native varieties of the region, and the yields are kept low to produce concentrated flavours. This has a lively, fragrant bouquet reminiscent of mulberry, with hints of mineral and spice in the background. It has a slightly fleshy feel that complements its essential juicy character. Very easy to enjoy.



a taste of SPAIN

Lead by the regions of Rioja, Ribera del Duero and Priorata, Spanish wines have been making a huge impact across the world; but there's a great deal more to Spanish wine than that famous trio.

The south-eastern Jumilla region was, up until ten years ago, known mainly for its undistinguished, robust, high alcohol wines. That image has been dramatically upgraded by a number of quality-driven producers. Jumilla was designated a DO (Denominacion de Origen) in 1996, meaning that DO wines must meet strict rules that will ensure high quality.

Inland from Alicante in the province of Murcia, its vineyards are between 400 and 800 metres above sea level and enjoy a continental climate. Winter temperatures drop below zero, but the summers are hot, sunny and arid. The region produces mainly red wines, largely from the Monastrell grape, along with Garnacha, Tempranillo, Cabernet and some Syrah and Merlot.

A number of wineries, such as Luzon, whose wines are featured below, have in the last decade replanted vineyards with clones more appropriate to their sites and introduced a low-cropping regime. They have also invested heavily in modern equipment, resulting in world-class wines that represent exceptional value.

Luzon

Jumilla Red 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$17.00** 86957

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

Luzon was established ten years ago by three families that have been making wine in the Jumilla region for over a century. The Estate owns 500 hectares of Vineyards dominated by Monastrell plantings. This finely crafted wine has an aromatic bouquet of berryfruit, cassis and roasted coffee. The palate opens on a ripe fruit note and develops to show nutty mocha nuances and a touch of spicy oak enhanced by a slick texture and a lingering finish.



Luzon

Organic Red 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$17.00** 86952

100% organic

This Jumilla wine was produced using Monastrell grapes grown under strict European Union organic regulations. No chemicals, synthetic pesticides or weed killers were used in the vineyard. The Monastrell was hand harvested and the primary and malolactic fermentations took place in stainless tanks. It is a purple-fringed wine with a vibrant bouquet of plum and cherry aromas and hints of tamarillo and spice. The rich, weighty, food friendly palate has pervasive berryfruit flavours structured elegantly around the supple tannins.



Spain is searingly hot, and we have our fingers in the paellas of the premium new producers

Ada

Minotauro Rosado 2007

was \$19.00 now **\$16.00** 88085



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

This Navarra winery has in the last few years produced some exceptionally well-priced wines under the Minotauro brand. This Rosado is a 100% Garnacha wine that could easily be confused for a Southern French rosé in a blind tasting. It has raspberry-like aromas on the nose and a juicy mouthfeel enhanced by a smooth texture and fresh finish. Great with salmon.

Viña Almirante

Pionero Mundi Albariño 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$19.00** 87880



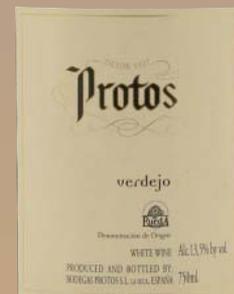
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The cooling breezes of the Atlantic make the north-western DO region of Rias Baixas particularly suitable for white varietals. The most important is Albariño, responsible for producing Spain's most unique, admired and expensive white wines. With its intense stonefruit, pineapple and floral aromas, this elegantly structured palate of apple and peach flavours is enlivened by hints of herb and balanced by a crisp, lively finish.

Protos

Verdejo 2007

was \$26.00 now **\$19.90** 88070



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Verdejo is a white Spanish variety. The Protos vineyards are 900 metres above sea level, relatively cool and perfectly suited to this aristocratic variety responsible for producing elegant, aromatic wines. This is a pale wine with a slightly herbal, tropical fruit bouquet. The palate shows some complexity, with a good depth of fruit nicely balanced by a fresh squeeze of grapefruit. Excellent with fish.

Solar Viejo

Reserva 2002

was \$36.00 now **\$29.90** 88010



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

Solar Viejo has approximately 90 acres of vineyards in the Alvesa district of La Rioja. The different soils and meso-climates provide myriad blending options that translate into complex Riojas with the ability to age gracefully. This excellent expression is loaded with plum, cherry and spicy oak flavours. The palate has benefited from an additional maturation period in barriques and bottle, resulting in a seamless wine with supple tannins and a long finish.

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the GLENGARRY Top 10

september

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

1 Allan Scott The Moorlands Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$26.50 now **\$22.00** 17384

CASE OF 6 \$21.00 A BOTTLE

A delicious, single vineyard wine with classic Marlborough verve, it's wonderfully integrated, with passionfruit and tropical fruit aromas and flavours enhanced by a hint of spicy oak.



2 Palacios Remondo La Montesa Rioja 2005

was \$36.90 now **\$29.90** 88061

CASE OF 12 \$28.00 A BOTTLE

With great reviews from Robert Parker, this is a beautifully crafted Spanish red with herb-tinged cherry and blackcurrant aromas and flavours complemented by a suave texture.

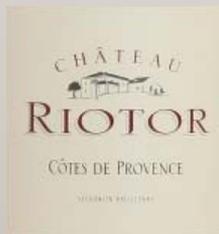


3 Château Riotor Côtes de Provence Rosé 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$21.00** 41412

CASE OF 6 \$20.50 A BOTTLE

A great spring-summer, salmon-coloured rosé with soft fruit aromas that permeate through to the palate. Finely balanced, it has a twist of juiciness and crisp, fresh finish.



4 Triplebank Awatere Valley Pinot Gris 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$19.90** 18351

CASE OF 6 \$18.90 A BOTTLE

An excellent food wine with vivid pear and melon aromas enhanced by a hint of creaminess. The tropical fruit flavours are nicely balanced by a fresh, clean, lingering finish.



5 Kim Crawford sp Tietjen Vineyard Gisborne Viognier 2007

was \$25.50 now **\$21.90** 11666

CASE OF 6 \$20.90 A BOTTLE

Another class act from the clever Kim Crawford, this single vineyard Viognier is awash with exotic spicy aromas that tumble onto the lush, slightly creamy and well weighted palate.



6 Martinborough Vineyard Te Tera Pinot Noir 2007

was \$29.50 now **\$24.90** 13745

CASE OF 6 \$23.90 A BOTTLE

An alluring Martinborough Pinot Noir with well integrated cherry, plum and subtle oak nuances on the nose and palate. Elegantly structured with a long, flavoursome aftertaste.



7 Waipara Hills Southern Cross Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$28.90 now **\$24.00** 10917

CASE OF 12 \$23.00 A BOTTLE

Immediately attractive Pinot with a seductive bouquet of plum and floral notes. The complex palate has layers of fruit flavours, spice and coffee complemented by subtle oak.



8 Hewitson Ned and Henry's Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$24.00** 21785

CASE OF 12 \$23.50 A BOTTLE

A delightfully ripe Barossa Valley Shiraz with concentrated black cherry and plum flavours. The fruit, spice and peppery flavours are woven around neatly structured supple tannins.



9 Montes Alpha Syrah 2006

was \$33.00 now **\$29.00** 90575

CASE OF 12 \$28.50 A BOTTLE

A smart blend of 90% Syrah with 7% Cabernet Sauvignon that adds structure and 3% Viognier that gives the nose a floral hint. A complex red with great depth and a lingering finish.



10 Rockburn Central Otago Chardonnay 2007

was \$25.90 now **\$22.00** 12338

CASE OF 12 \$21.50 A BOTTLE

This excellent cool climate Chardonnay is a food friendly wine characterised by a fresh mouthfeel that emphasises the creamy peach flavours. An elegant wine with a fine lime finish.



VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE



Moët & Chandon
Grand Vintage Rosé 2000
was \$124.00 now **\$79.90** 47228

Delamotte
Blanc de Blancs Vintage 1997
was \$106.00 now **\$89.00** 42851

Moët & Chandon
Grand Vintage Brut 2000
was \$120.00 now **\$89.90** 47221

Nicolas Feuillatte
Brut Reserve Vintage 2003
was \$104.00 now **\$89.00** 40012

Veuve Clicquot
Vintage 2002
was \$118.00 now **\$99.00** 49815



Veuve Clicquot
Vintage Rich 2002
was \$120.00 now **\$99.00** 49823

Pol Roger
Rosé Vintage 2000
was \$129.00 now **\$99.00** 48227

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Blanc de Blancs Vintage 1999
was \$139.00 now **\$99.00** 48198

Gosset
Grand Millésime Vintage 1999
\$105.00 47332

Veuve Clicquot
Vintage Rosé 2002
was \$129.00 now **\$110.00** 49825



Louis Roederer
Brut Vintage 2002
was \$156.00 now **\$130.00** 48562

Dom Pérignon
Vintage 2000
was \$300.00 now **\$199.90** 47240

Dom Ruinart
Brut Vintage 1998
was \$270.00 now **\$225.00** 41504

Pol Roger
Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill Vintage 1998
was \$279.00 now **\$225.00** 48224

Philipponnat
Clos des Goisses Vintage 1999
was \$356.00 now **\$285.00** 43513