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Danielle Grevers, Manager at Glengarry Mission Bay, 49 Tamaki Drive. Ph 528 5272

Luna Rossa. Ginelli's. Santa Lucia. Mercy me there's even a Mamma Mia. 'Ahh, the Italian Strip,' Danielle, our Mission Bay store manager laughs when I catch up with her on yet another blinding summer's day by the seaside. Most of the restaurants that throng the pavements are BYO, so a great assortment of our more interesting and sharply-priced Italian portfolio gets plucked, bottle by bottle, to complement tonight's Veal Parmigiano.

As there's more to Italian wine than Chianti and Valpolicella, so there's more to our wee Mission Bay footprint than takeouts for the locals. Witness the immaculate dearie that slipped in for a bottle of gin the morning I was there, assuring us that its medicinal properties had kept her in rude health for all of her 94 years. Then there are the folks who want something chilled and charming for their impromptu mid-afternoon picnic, and the big bout of regulars who wander down and spend quality time sizing up their purchases while bending the ear of Danielle and her legion of eager staff.

An experienced ear it is, too; having initially dipped her toe in the pool of Glengarry retail back in 2007, Danielle took ten months out to work as a cellar hand at one of the local big brand wineries. What possessed her to want to spend her days lugging around 20kg bags of Cream of Tartar?

'I was enjoying selling wine, but I just felt I would never fully understand it unless I went right back to the beginning.' Hence blasting colleagues with high pressure hoses and, more profitably for all, helping make one of the company's 2009 Sauvignons, a wine that has recently arrived to grace our very own shelves. 'And that's cool; it's not quite my wine', she laughs, 'but I feel I had a hand in it.'

Post vintage ennui brought her back beaming to Glengarry, and the little gem that is Mission Bay retail. 'There's so much to learn, and I realised how much I'd missed the tastings and the knowledge that comes from continual exposure to good wine.' And talking about it. 'That's why I love Mission Bay. We have instore tastings Friday and Saturdays; we open a few bottles and I'll blab about them, and people have the time to talk, swap anecdotes, maybe learn something...'

Happy camper, then. With that view of Rangitoto from your office every day, wouldn't you be?

Jak Jakicevich

MANAGER'S PICK DANIELLE GREVERS



Huerta de Abalá Barbazul 2007 88032

\$18.90

was \$26.90

I love Shirag, and this is just something a bit different. It's nicely fruity and there's a wee bit of spice, but it's not Bolshie or in-your-face as some Shirag can be. Brilliant with barbecue chicken and, you know, if you're getting sick of Pinot but want something that's a lighter style... this is it.

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Kotuku

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE Made by the Allan Scott team

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Remember that gentle ole song, 'Joshua, Joshua, nicer than lemon squash you are...' No, me neither. But it is Josh Scott of the Allan Scott family who makes these rather nifty Kotuku offerings, and a dab hand with a stainless steel tank he is too. A tasty, zingy, crisply executed 2008 Sauvignon for under a tenner is not something to be sneezed at or passed up. C'mon, pilgrims, 2010 needs to be The Action Year. Grab a bargain, get real, get a case.

Montes

Classic Series Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$23.50 now \$16.90 90551

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Delicious Chilean take on Sauvignon

Aurelio Montes once won Chilean Personality of the Year, which involved a trip to the Presidential Palace to be touched by a sword, a more appealing prospect than it was under General Pinochet. Everything in Chile, it would seem, has come a long way. Aurelio is also angel-crazy, cherubs, and the winery looks like a stage set from the Vintner's Luck. But his wines; mercy, me. This is deeply, scintillatingly tropical, refreshing rather than searing, and deliciously crisp.

SYRAH

2008

Pierre Gaillard Vin de Pays Syrah 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 46837

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

One of the Rhône's finest winemakers

Pierre did a little CPR on an ancient Roman Rhône site near the tiny southern village of Malleval back in 1987. Breathing life into the dust also launched his extraordinary career, and he is now one of the most respected vignerons in the region. With extensive plantings in Côte-Rôtie, St Joseph and Condrieu, all on steep, steep slopes, he has unrestricted access to some phenomenal fruit. This is a simple yet seductive Syrah, warm, ripe and peppery, perfect for a languid under-the-trees lunch. Crusher Road Marlborough Riesling 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE

RRP \$19.90 now \$10.90 13416

Exceptional wine, superb discount

Who your neighbours are says a lot about you (ask the cougars on Wisteria Lane), and these fine vines live next door to a gravel crushing plant. Hence they thrive in the stony Marlborough ground (soil is too gentle a term), the grapes building concentrated flavours and a perfect sugar/acid balance. This is exceptional; cool, breezy and minerally fresh, while the price encourages bulk purchasing.



MONTES

Backyard Awatere Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$16.90 now \$14.90 12312

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Another great value wine from Backyard

Chasing up and down the country to find the best vines for the variety concerned, Backyard has landed on Awatere this year. This Marlborough sub-region delivers Sauvignon Blanc expressions that are just a little more finely knitted and minerally edged than, say, the Wairau. Such as this clean, green, pristine expression. Smart.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE Fantastic value, single vineyard

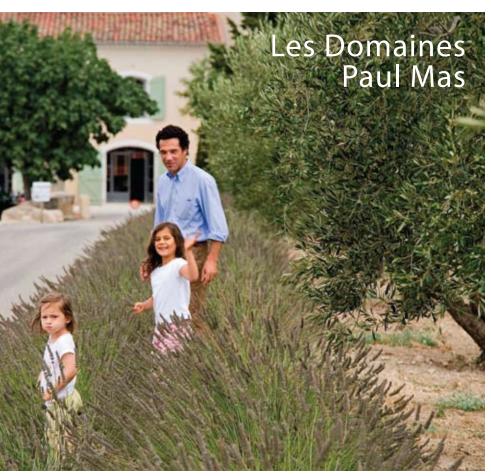
Gisborne has long been a hotbed of very cool Chardonnays, with the right sites and good vineyard management able to coax lush, tropical flavours from the dirt. Kim Crawford, whose name has been attached to some top Chardonnays, delivers a fruit-first, generous style, deliciously soft and monumentally drinkable. Single vineyard Chardy for under \$15? Was that the sound of a jaw dropping?

Akarua Central Otago Unoaked Chardonnay 2008 was \$23.90 now \$18.90 10129 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Immensely popular Chardonnay

Whenever we put this in a blind tasting, people push like it's a Boxing Day sale to clamp their eyes on the label and coax what dregs remain into their starving stemware. Fat with flavour – tropical fruits edged with lime, mostly – and weighted just so (14% alcohol, kids), the broad, round flavours are perfectly framed with bright, shiny acid. In summary, a perfectly summery Chardonnay.

feature Ministry



Jean Claude Mas and his daughters at Domaine Nicole

Once dismissed merely as a source of cheap bulk wine, Languedoc has been reinvigorated in recent years by the emergence of a group of quality-orientated winemakers delivering stylish wines that earn world wide acclaim. No other wine company has been more influential in changing the status of Languedoc than the dynamic, one hundred-year-old Les Domaines Paul Mas.

The family domaine has accumulated dozens of awards for its wines. In 2006 it was declared Best International Company in the Mediterranean Region by Grand Prix de l'Entrepreneur, the first time a wine company was awarded this significant accolade. In 2008 it was named Winery of the Year in the UK, and in 2009 French magazine, L'Entreprise, hailed it as one of France's top exporters.

The Mas Family has a winemaking tradition in Languedoc dating back to 1892, when Auguste Mas established vineyards in the Hérault Valley. In 1934 his son, Raymond, purchased the well-established Montredon Estate. The family holdings were further expanded by Paul Mas and his brothers (Raymond's sons), and finally, in 1987, Paul established his own Domaine Paul Mas.

Made up of four family estates consisting of 100 hectares, the domaine is operated by Paul and his two sons, Michel and Jean-Claude, the winemaker responsible for the domaine's entire wine portfolio. The extensive collection includes Côteaux du Languedoc AOC wines, single vineyard offerings from the family estates, a selection of organic wines and the top-selling Arrogant Frog range.

Jean-Claude has a refreshingly modern approach to winemaking, but he is fastidious about quality, starting with the vineyards and carrying right through every stage of production and maturation. He has managed to combine French tradition with a New World approach to innovation to produce distinctive, top quality, great value wines. All of the wines, while expressing individuality, share one thing in common; they are beautifully crafted and packed with flavour

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Gold medal winner, the perfect summer wine

This delightfully fruity rosé is the perfect wine for summer. Produced from 100% Languedoc-grown Syrah, it has a bouquet exuding ripe, spicy berry aromas. The palate displays a juicy character awash with lush fruit flavours that linger to the finish. Excellent with light dishes, chicken, soft cheeses and salads.



A beautifully crafted, stylish Syrah sourced from three different vineyards located in Languedoc. Blackberry aromas are backed by spice and toasty oak, the fruit-driven palate showing distinctive, spice-spiked plum flavours complemented by a suave mouthfeel, supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Rich, generously flavoured white blend An intriguing blend of 58% Chardonnay and 42% Viognier harvested

from the Enclos de Nicole vineyard in the Hérault Valley, a significant winemaking zone near Montpellier in Roussillon. The varieties were vinified separately, first in tank, then in new oak barrels. With bold tropical fruit/floral aromas and toasty vanilla notes, the wine is richly flavoured with a silky texture and a persistent, lime-edged finish.







CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Excellent accompaniment to barbequed red meats

The fruit was harvested from low-cropping vines on the 30-hectare Enclos de Nicole property owned by the Paul Mas family. Displaying distinctive plum, berry, spice and vanilla notes on the nose, the wine is elegantly structured and characterised by the brilliant depth of ripe fruit flavours, hints of coffee and firm yet supple tannins.

A celebration of sparkling wines from across the globe to make every day a festive occasion



Sparkling

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Aussie take on sparkling Sauvignon

We've been receiving positive reports all summer as to the merits of the sparkling Sauvignons we've featured over the past few months. This boisterous bubba will push parochial pride to the perimeters, coming as it does courtesy of our Australian cousins. Not a threat, mind, more a welcome addition to the category. A swishy and clean fruit surprise, it has typical tropical treasures and genuine varietal grass and gooseberry characters. The bubbles are fine and persistent, the overall package well sexy.

NEW ZEALAND TRINITY HILL H

Blanc de Blancs Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$34.00 now \$24.90 19284

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE 100% Chardonnay

A lot of work goes into a wine like this: hand-picked this, malolactic that, that vineyard balance of sugar and acid, aiming for elegance without sacrificing texture. Remembering it's 100% Chardonnay, the stonefruit with baked bread notes will surprise you not one whit, while the charm may seduce you unawares. Not without stuffing, but not prissy either, it will, as Mrs. Pink once intoned, 'get the party started.'

FRANCE POI Roger Brut Réserve NV

was \$99.90 now \$79.90 48210

The perfect surprise for your Valentine



So Pol Roger is on Twitter. How thoroughly modern, although not altogether surprising. A strict stickler for tradition when it comes to making Champagne, Pol are also one of the most market-aware Grand Marques. If the early bird catches the worm, well, you'd have to get up the night before. Seductively smooth with felicitous fragrance this is fine, fine, Valentine wine. With the dimensions to carry a denouement dinner, and the charm to drink in splendid isolation, Pol is the perfect prop. Drop. NEW ZEALAND Shingle Peak Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc 2009 was \$21.90 now \$13.90



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE Exciting new wine style

There may be some who still question the wisdom of adding les bublés to Sauvignon, to which we reply, after due consideration of all the facts, 'it's less than 14 bucks and it tastes really fantastic. What's not to like?' This creamy, dreamy, pugnacious pup must win you over. Then, if you think sparkling Savvie a bridge too far, just remember, they laughed at Newton. Gully.



AUSTRALIA Emeri Sparkling Pinot Grigio NV was \$19.90 now \$14.90

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Do you know that the Crusaders brought the rose back to Britain from the Middle East? So 'an English rose' is perhaps a little obscene to a Damascene? Thorny issue... This has rosewater (ahh, Granny's hanky) and honeyed lychee aromas, as you'd expect from excellent Pinot Gris, while its smooth charm and slightly lower alcohol would suggest lunch is indeed back on the menu.

FRANCE Saint-Meyland French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV was \$19.90 now \$16.90



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CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE From just outside Champagne

Often you seek the cachet, and indeed the quality, of a decent French droplet, but you're reluctant to head into Grand Marques-ville. Too flashy? Touch beyond the weekly budget? The reason matters not, the answer lies here. Produced just outside the official Champagne region, this is a sparkling of presence, poise and panache that is so politely priced, you'll feel obligated to get one each.

AUSTRALIA Yellowglen Perle Vintage 2006 Was \$29.00 now \$21.90 29729 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE Award-winning Australian sparkler

5 stars and top pick in the 2008 Cuisine sparkling tasting; has also collected a skyscraping 90 points from the measured Mister James Halliday. And my cousin's friend Hannah says it's the best sparkling she's had all summer. For true! That's the point; go the critics and all that, but really, it's whether we – and others like us – enjoy the wines, huh. Wild strawberries, fresh brioche, hints of crème brûlée and an elegance and class that are a total bonus at the bucks.

For summer SNP.

Spy Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$21.00 now \$14.90 18313

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

90/100 - Wine Spectator

About to wax lyrical about the mineral characters and slightly quirky sweet-pea notes, I spy (oops) that this just netted 90 points in the god-like Wine Spectator, who said, 'I loved the ripe citrus flavours of lemon and lime, and the wine did a great job of both brightening the meal and refreshing my palate between luxurious bites.' Served with crab, it blew their socks off.



Coupers Shed Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE From top winemaker Tony Robb

Named after a real shed that snuggles into the side of Te Mata Peak and has hosted many a post-shearing hooley. The first release won a trophy and a gold at the Air New Zealands, kinda like getting a double tonne on debut, and this is similarly excellent. Oh, and winemaker Tony Robb was named Winemaker Of The Year at the Easter Show earlier in 2009; could it get any better? O for awesome.

Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The 2008 of this went gold

Accolade Central, this. I count at least two golds, a recent 4/5 stars in Winestate and a 'Welterweight' at the Hunterville A & P Show. Unconfirmed. Seriously though, some may sniff at gongs, but they do show how the wine sits amongst its peers. Proudly, then. Good weight, great fruit, balance of intensity, acid and varietal flavour. Benchmark Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.



and complexity when you, um, least expect it. The flavour profile, if you will, sways toward the cooler-derived grapefruit, gooseberry and lime. There is a whisper of flowers, petal, and a finish of full flavour, balance and harmonious richness.





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

was \$18.90 now \$15.90 12285

Made by Marlborough's Fairhall Downs

The second label for Fairhall Downs, Torea's thing is for uncluttered, uncomplicated wines, clean lines of flavour, and obvious, upfront fruit. This spankingly fresh PG is authentically varietal which, with so much Pinot Gris tasting like anything but, is kinda appealing. The pears-meets-apples with floral hints is a magical combination for all concerned; goes well with jandals. Tiddly-ponk.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE Intense and flavoursome Waipara PG

So is Pinot Gris the test card varietal of the aromatics? Depends who's making it, obviously, and Waipara Hills have proven to be starstudded when it comes to pulling out some stunning flavours and intense, interesting aromatics from the variety. A small portion of the pristine fruit sees some barrel work; it adds a weight and lushness that supports but doesn't crowd the glorious fruit complexity.



Flagship Hawke's Bay Chardonnay Ever been at Brookfields in the summertime, when the fine food is

being caressed to your table by maidens, implacable of character and alabaster of complexion, and your haloumi cheese what-not needs the gentle tidal wash of a chardonnay of depth, flavour and fruity charm? Reach out and pick thee a grape; the Bergman Vineyard is within arm's reach, truly your stage's apron. Can't get more 'estate grown' than that.



Nuances of citrus, peach, vanilla, cream

The Rockers reinvigorate the often stuffy world of wine, cleansing its dust with a blue tunnel of new ideas and a spirited, iconoclastic approach. Pania is the Maori maiden of the Hawke's Bay reef, which largely means nothing of course, but hey, it beats 'vat' or 'bin'. Gossamer citrus blossom wings across plump peaches, all stirred richly with vanilla and cream. Assertive, balanced, fine.

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La Strada

Marlborough Rosé 2009

LASTRADA

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 12897

Superb summer drink when combined with food

Rosé is not just a picnic wine. Styles like this echo those imbibed with impunity in the south of France, where they are not frivolous things to throw down on the tartan rug. Ahem. Yes, this is so pretty you could paint it, but the delicious little flower has an intensity, a red-wineness that calls for food - not to overpower or undermine, but to sidle up to and wink knowingly.



being off Peter Briant's brilliant vineyard (he of Farmers Market fame), the fruit is brilliantly clean and beautifully flavoured. Strawberries and cream, ripe raspberries, wild herbs - a pannier of pleasure.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Waiheke magic in a bottle

They deny it with what passes for vitriol on The Island, but the lucky inhabitants truly believe they breeze through their idyll days on the New Zealand Riviera. This excellent offering, with its prosaic Provençal leanings, only reinforces that ole southern feeling, its slightly rustic, robust and summery flavours being an exercise in NZ finesse in French trappings. Church Bay or St Tropez, madam?



Château Riotor Côtes de Provence Rosé 2008

was \$29.00 now \$19.90 41477 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Rosé from the south of France

Positioned more to the red end of the Rosé continuum, largely because, well, in the searingly summery south of France, that's how they tend to make 'em. These are the wines red drinkers drink when it's too hot to drink red, so there's a fatness to the freshness and a punch to the fruit bunches. Wildly exotic, phenomenally fragrant.



People get a bit pithy about provocatively-priced Pinot, contempt prior to investigation telling them that lower dollars means lighter weight. As Gershwin once said, it ain't necessarily so. Take this, for example; succulent, satisfying, jammed with ripe fruit, 14% alcohol adding weight and, literally, gravity. Uncomplicated? Yes. Satisfying? Tick. Sub \$16? (Luna)tick. Make hay.

> Allan Scott Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008 was \$26.00 now \$19.90 17371 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Gold medal winner

With the pullulation of Pinots being produced, it can be a minefield working out which ones are all mouth and trousers and which are the genuine article. Third party endorsements can help immensely, so take note that this vibrant, slightly spicy, Christmas-cake influenced offering carted off 4 stars in the recent Cuisine tasting and won gold at the Air NZs. Lots and lots of other Pinots didn't.

Trinity Hill Hawke's Bay Syrah 2008 TRINITY HILL was \$22.00 now \$16.90 John Hanarch CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE HAWKES BAY With a touch of Viognier

Trés French to add a little Viognier just before the final curtain. Mixing the red with the white is actually common in the Rhône, the result being a lift in the fragrance (florally, usually) and a certain femininity on the palate. This only sees a little wood, so it's plummy cherries, soft spice and a whiffle of wet earth.

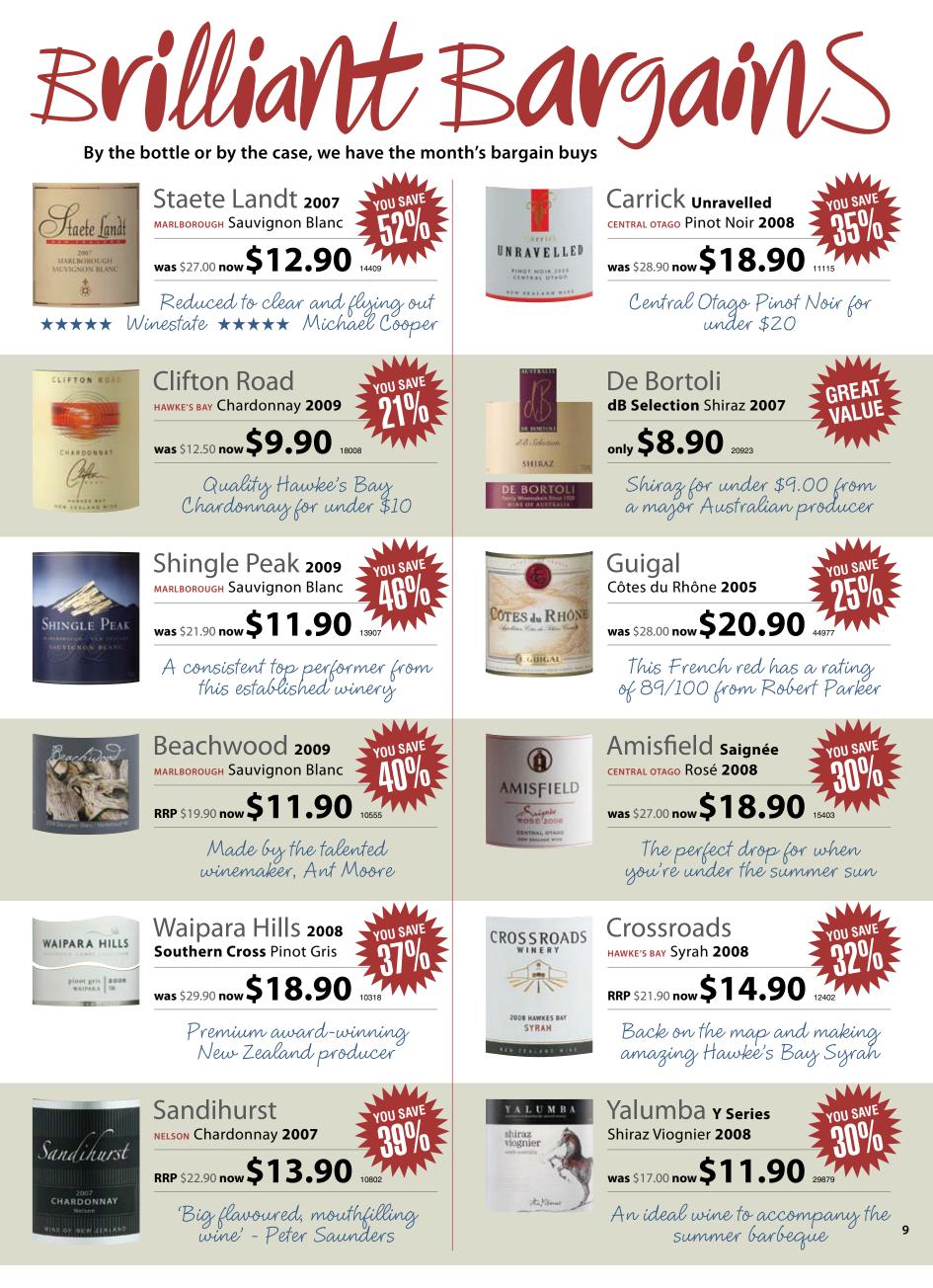


CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Great value Hawke's Bay Syrah

It was starting to look as if Hawke's Bay Syrah was reserved only for the wealthy and their friends, and then this comes along and one's faith in an egalitarian society is restored back to the levels they were when you were a student. Hand-picked, Gimblett Gravels Syrah with explosive fruit, tinges of spice and a warm, full belly, all for less than 7 a green one. Nice.





PinotNoir

Te Tera Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.50 now \$24.90 13745

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE *Big-selling, great value Pinot*

The little terror is a ripping success, with some younger vines providing the wildly bright-eyed fruit fest, and older vines lending gravitas and structure. With this pioneering brand renowned worldwide and, with a handful of others, responsible for Burgundians squirming in their fine leather boots, it's great to get a handle on their style - and a very smart Pinot - for well under thirty slides. Cherry dominant, there are some smoky, savoury characters adding enigma and taking nothing; the final touch of spice is a touch of class indeed.

Sandihurst

Waipara Pinot Noir **2007**

was \$34.90 now \$25.90 10809

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.40 A BOTTLE **** Cuisine

I thought that this had been named after an English military camp, but I'd missed an eye. With it back in, you're in Pinot heaven, what with five big crystal stars and a 2nd-equal in the Cuisine tasting. Good to see a changeout from Central Otago domination; Waipara sneaks some very smart Pinots down the trench, and is a region to monitor. This has plenty of plum punch, is cherry ripe and sprinkles spice like gold dust. A confident, firm style, age has knitted it into a jersey of symmetrical design.

Tarras The Canyon Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$42.00 now \$36.00 14351

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE ***** Cuisine

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Another 5-star Cuisine wine. And some Gold medals. And it rhymes with Rolf Harris. They just thought of everything, wouldn't you say? Grown in the Cromwell Basin, tiny Tarras being a trippy little town, for those who are getting all micro-climatic or macro-climactic about these things. A solid, robust effort, I read somewhere that it was worth discovering. I never cease to be delighted to discover another violet-scented bottle on my Java teak sideboard every second night, spiced up with (a) cherry and good to go. Bliss. Main Divide Canterbury Pinot Noir 2008



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE Excellent value Pinot Noir

was \$29.00 now \$23.90 13608

Risotto. Duck and wild mushroom is the closest I get, then the fruit and spice flood in, the flavours seem to fill you up and your senses are swamped. Deliciously. Gamey, then? Well spotted, Colin. It's a splendidly savoury take on the great grape, with churning cherry fruit to lift it just so, a well-constructed frame and a lengthy wind-out that sews it all up perfectly. Excellent value.







CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

istinctive Central Pinot from a leading winery



A boisterous, enthusiastic style from a peculiarly-named burn in the depths of Central Otago. This snapshot from a corner of a vineyard is terroir-tamed, a sleepy slip of land in a bottle. Fruit-filled, robust yet distinctly classy, it's a character wine from one of the industry's character labels.

36 Bottles Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$35.90 now \$29.90 11342



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Intense, surging tide of cherry and spice

Gawd, 25 Steps, 10,000 miles, 36 bottles, 2 fat ladies... From garage winemaker to boutique producer, from roll-a-door to cellar door, from their first 36 bottles produced in Prince's year (1999) to an eagerly anticipated commercial release. It's brilliant, intensely perfumed with a sweet fruit attack on the palate that pushes a surging tide of cherry and spice. Chewy yet unctuously smooth, framed with perfect balance and finishing long and flavoursome. Outstanding.





was \$41.00 now \$36.00 10136

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE

Rich, opulent and made only in small quantities

Mark Mason is a man who has made his way around a lagare and now found his Xanadu on this topographically challenging spot in Central Otago. He says the sites here (and there are eighteen different ones) are 'steep' and 'very steep'. Crampons, then. Quest make only Pinot Noir, in tiny quantities, so it's brilliant to get a hand on a few cases of this before, like all good things, it comes to an end. Warm, opulent, spicy and rich, it's a gem. Definitely worth a look.



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WELL SON, THEY SAY THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE



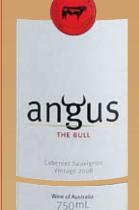


Rolling Pink Rosé 2009

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 20004

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Vibrant and spicy Australian rosé The wines from this lot literally roll out the door, so their rosé is definitely worth a closer look. With hand harvested Shiraz the fruit of choice, it's a vibrant pink wine with lifted strawberry and raspberry aromas. The off-dry palate has spicy summer fruit flavours and a deliciously long finish.



KAESLER

A DERA VALLEY

AVIGNON

Angus The Bull Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$21.90 now \$18.90 24150

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Rich and robust regional blend

To achieve stylistic consistency from vintage to vintage, winemaker Hamish MacGowan selects fruit parcels from several regions. An intensely coloured, powerfully built wine with berryfruit and dark chocolate aromas, the ripe fruit and spicy oak focused by a firm tannin structure.

Climbing Cabernet Sauvignon 2007



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CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE Great value NSW Cabernet

was \$25.00 now \$19.90 21900

The fruit for Climbing's 2007 Cabernet was harvested from low yielding, relatively cool vineyards sited over 600 metres above sea level in the Orange region of NSW. On the nose and palate it displays ripe cherry and berry aromas and integrated spicy oak. Elegantly complex, nicely rounded and well balanced, it is held in focus by fine-grained tannins. Great value.





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

Barossa take on famous Rhône blend

A Rhône-inspired blend off extremely old Barossa vines. The contributing varieties were separately fermented and matured in seasoned oak barrels for up to eighteen months, then bottled un-fined and unfiltered. It is a youthful, garnet-coloured wine with spicy plum and blueberry aromas supported by unobtrusive oak. Smooth and nicely integrated, with a lingering, flavoursome finish.



was \$19.50 now \$16.90 27408

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Classic Barossa red

Dominated by Shiraz and it's spice & pepper nuances, with some Grenache for the raspberry notes and a little of Portugal's Touriga Nacional to give the wine its ripe, floral touches. The nose is violet, cherry and raspberry aromas backed by black pepper, cinnamon and a touch of earthiness. The palate is awash with ripe fruit flavours enhanced by a silky texture.



Deen De Bortoli Vat 9 Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 20918

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE From the leading Cabernet region

A superbly-priced Coonawarra Cabernet, traditionally fermented and matured in a combination of French and American oak barriques for 12 months. With its fragrant bouquet of cassis, blackberry and herb supported by oak, the palate is dominated by ripe plum and berry flavours complemented by grainy tannins and a smooth texture.



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Affordable Bordeaux

Bordeaux is not only France's largest and most important wine region, it also produces the greatest range of quality wine in the world. The wine production statistics are staggering; annual production is about 44 million cases. Nearly 90% is red wine, with the balance made up of rosé, dry and sweet whites and some sparkling wines known as Crémant de Bordeaux.

There are approximately 10,000 producers or châteaux spread over fiftyseven appellations (AC or AOC), yet the reputation of the region has been earned by a small group of illustrious châteaux whose cru classé (classified) wines (the likes of Châteaux Lafite and Château Margaux) can command prices well in excess of \$1,000 a bottle.

Beyond the glamorous wines of the blue-chip châteaux, there is a wealth of untapped potential. There are a number of over-performing estates in both famous and lesser AC's delivering finely-crafted wines that currently represent some of Bordeaux' best value. In the last few decades Bordeaux has changed significantly; many of the estates bottle and market their own wines now, rather than through merchants, thus ensuring that their wines retain the distinctive character of their terroir.

> Château Nicot Bordeaux 2006

was \$25.00 now \$16.90 41620

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Approachable Merlot Cabernet blend

Nicot is a 200-year-old Château located in the Entre-Deux-Mers sub-region between the Dordonne and Garonne rivers. Their Bordeaux is an approachable Merlot/Cabernet blend with attractive berry, plum and cedar aromas. Dominated by its rich fruit, the generously flavoured palate is complemented by spicy oak nuances and enhanced by a supple tannin texture. A great food wine.

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Château Nicol

Château Roustaing Réserve Vieilles Vignes Bordeaux 2006

was \$30.00 now \$18.90 42115





Dating back to the Middle Ages, this ancient estate has been owned and operated since 1928 by the Mazeau family and consistently punches above its official Bordeaux appellation. The Réserve Vieilles Vignes is a blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot harvested from the estate's oldest vines. It is a big hearted wine with concentrated aromas of black currant, blueberry and spice. The ripe, well weighted palate has a sturdy structure and a fine, long finish.



This 24-hectare property enjoys free-draining soils and a beneficial micro climate that provide perfect conditions for winemaking. The 2005 blend consists primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon supported by Merlot and Malbec. It is a richly-coloured wine with ripe, spicy berry-fruit aromas and a hint of herb. The full-bodied palate is dominated by lush fruit flavours, liquorice and mineral notes.



Château de Lugagnac Bordeaux 2006 was \$29.00 now \$22.90 42116

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Drinking well now

Built during the Hundred Years War and one of the oldest properties in Bordeaux. The '06 vintage is a blend of 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc, traditionally vinted and matured for 24 months. It is a stylish, complex, medium-bodied wine with well defined berry/plum fruit aromas and flavours and integrated spicy oak. Well balanced and round, it is drinking very well now.



Château Corconnac is renowned for producing great value reds from its impeccably managed vineyard. The 2006 vintage is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot aged for fourteen months and lightly fined and filtered. The nose exhibits blackberry with a hint of liquorice and coffee nuances. The palate has distinct berry/plum flavours enhanced by a suave feel and toasty nuances.



Château d'Archambeau Graves 2006

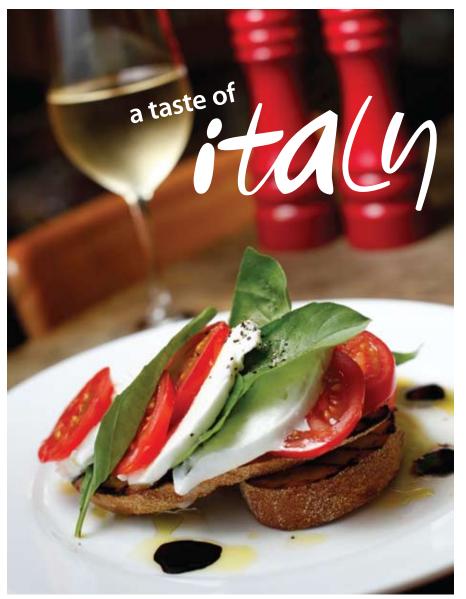
was \$42.00 now \$29.90 41173

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Exceptional value

The terroir at Château d'Archambeau is one of the finest in the southern Graves region. Their 2006 is an aristocratic wine with intensely ripe cassis, spice and cigar box notes. A delicious claret with silky, creamy tannins supporting the rich fruit flavours, it is exceptional value.

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Recipe by Vincent Marshall, Head Chef for Dida's Food Store and Dida's Wine Lounge

Caprese salad on grilled polenta bread.

125g Cleavdon Buffalo Mozzarella (sliced)
3 very ripe vine tomatoes (sliced)
9 leaves of fresh basil
50ml Pons extra virgin olive oil
2 slices polenta or ciabatta bread
Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
A few drops of raspberry reduction (optional)

Rub the bread with a little of the olive oil then grill. Arrange the cheese, basil and tomato in layers. Drizzle with the remaining olive oil. Season with the salt and pepper. Serve straight away.

BOLLA

PINOT GRIGIO

Bolla Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie IGT 2007

was \$17.90 now \$14.90 62567

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Caprese salad on grilled polenta bread

To preserve freshness and varietal integrity Bolla's delightful Pinot Grigio was cool fermented in stainless steel tanks. The aromatic bouquet of orange blossom mingles with raisin and spice, the light-bodied palate boasts fresh pipfruit flavours and finishes on a crisp, lingering citrus note.

Offerings from the ultimate food + wine nation

Italy has an almost religious approach when it comes to food and wine, the pairing of the two a sacrosanct ritual that involves time, consideration and, when all is completed to perfection, a level of enjoyment where pleasure is elevated to an art form. And with so much authentic Italian produce now available here, such pairings are perfectly possible from the comfort of your own kitchen.

To give you a nudge of inspiration, we're matching our Italian wines with a recipe from Dida's talented Vinnie Marshall. Vinnie's take on all things culinary is one that accentuates simple, genuine flavours to bring out the best in the wine, and vice versa. So with his stunning Caprese Salad on Grilled Polenta Bread to kick us off, and a few other suggestions beside, why don't you take a closer look at some of our Italians, and maybe have a think about rattling up something simple to accompany them. Casually, but stylishly, of course. After all, you can't get more authentically Italian than that.



Lamb cutlet with truffled canellini beans and salsa verde From the Maremma region of south-eastern Tuscany, this is a great

value Sangiovese. The wine has an appealing bouquet of cherry and strawberry with earthy hints in the background. The palate displays a vinous, ripe berry character complemented by supple tannins.

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Alvaro Palacios

a taste of

Celebrated and influential Spanish winemaker, Alvaro Palacios, was brought up in the family's prestigious Rioja wine business owned by his father. Alvaro could have secured a prime position in the family winery, but chose instead to make his own way in the wider world of wine. After studying winemaking in Bordeaux, he spent two years working under the legendary winemaker, Jean Pierre Moueix, at the famous Château Petrus.

After his tenure in Bordeaux, Alvaro's ambition drew him to Priorat, 150 kilometres from Barcelona. Here in this remote, wildly beautiful region with its unique terroir, Alvaro believed that he could make wines to rival the best in the world.

In 1993 he purchased a steep, well-drained schist vineyard that had been planted with Garnacha between 1900 and 1940. Alvaro named it L'Ermita after a small hermitage chapel on the property. Robert Parker rated the 1995 L'Ermita wine 96/100, and the praise for that wine and the rest of his outstanding Priorat portfolio has continued to flow.

In addition to the Priorat enterprise, Alvaro also produces the wines for Palacios Remondo, the family winery in Rioja, and, with nephew Ricardo, the wines of Descendientes de J. Palacios in the region of Bierzo.

Palacios Remondo

La Vendimia Rioja 2008

was \$24.90 now \$18.90 88060

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Great value and drinking well now

From the long-established Palacios family estate in Rioja, which pioneer Alvaro Palacios has streamlined, rationalised, and modernised, comes this 50/50 blend of Tempranillo and Garnacha. The palate displays a vivacious fruity character, with well defined flavours and hints of vanilla. Al's input means we get to drink fragrant, fruit-filled modern Spanish wine for less than 20 notes.



Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat DOC 2007

RRP \$39.90 now \$29.90 88059

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Delicious blend of the old & the new

The wines of Priorat have earned a world-wide following thanks largely to Alvaro Palacios, who is, according to Wine Spectator, 'the most exciting winemaker in Spain.' His fabulous L'Ermita is rare and expensive, but fortunately Alvaro produces other serious-quality Priorat wines, such as the Camins, that are readily available. A delicious Carignan/ Grenache/Cabernet/Syrah blend, it is a flamboyant and flavoursome mix of the old and the new. Dangerously approachable, gleaming and brightly lit with bold red fruits and suppleness.

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

Palacios Remondo La Montesa Rioja 2006

was \$36.90 now \$24.90 88054

Spicy dark fruits, supple texture



A tasty blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo, Mazuelo and Graciano that was aged for twelve months in French and American oak. It has an attractive bouquet of black cherry, raspberry, spice and cedar, while the harmoniously constructed palate deftly displays its spicy dark fruits, supple texture and lengthy finish.



Lush and smooth Bierzo red

While Alvaro considers the Petalos his entry-level Bierzo, previous vintages have been scored in the 90's by Robert Parker, and this wine rises well above the average. Produced largely from the native Mencia grape, it exhibits crushed violet petals, plum and mineral nuances. The palate has lush black fruit and a smooth, plush feel.

Palacios Remondo Propiedad Rioja 2007

was \$59.90 now \$49.90 88057

PROPIEDAD

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE Alluring and elegant Rioja blend

Propriedad is a classic Rioja blend consisting of 60% Garnacha and 40% Tempranillo, aged mostly in French oak for fourteen months and bottled unfiltered. It is a dark, ruby-coloured wine with an alluring bouquet of black cherry, currant and spicy cigar box nuances. The palate delivers a wealth of ripe fruit woven around a subtle core of tannin. Harmonious and suave, with a long, elegant finish.



Alvaro Palacios Les Terrasses Priorat 2006



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE

Superb quality reserve wine

Les Terrasses is Alvaro's reserve Priorat wine which, like the 'Grand Cru' L'Ermita, offers extraordinary quality. The Garnacha/Carignan/Syrah/Cabernet blend was matured for twelve months in French oak barriques, and displays a fragrant bouquet of plum and blackberry backed by cedar and spicy oak. Generous, richly dense and beautifully balanced, Les Terrasses has the depth and structure to continue to evolve. Superb drinking.

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

Jules Taylor

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$23.90 now \$19.90 12934

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A distinctive Sauvignon packed with passion-

fruit, capsicum and citrus aromas. The delicious

mouthfilling flavours are supported by hints of

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$22.50 now \$18.90 10801

CASE OF 6 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

nature and has a long, persistent finish.

Central Otago Chardonnay 2007

Rockburn

Pale, green-gold Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

with citrus-edged pipfruit and mineral notes on

the nose and palate. It displays a fresh and lively

mineral, finishing on a positively fresh note.

Mount Nelson

JULES TAYLOR SAUVIGNON BLANC

Torbreck Cuvée Juveniles Barossa Valley GSM 2008

was \$36.90 now \$29.90

CASE OF 12 \$29.40 A BOTTLE

A fragrant Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvèdre blend with intense aromas and flavours of dark cherry, berry and spice. The palate boasts a juicy, fruity character balanced by ripe tannins.



Tin Pot

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008



CASE OF 6 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A terrific, classically-styled, double-gold medal Sauvignon Blanc from Fiona Turner. It has a good depth of tropical fruit aromas and flavours supported by mineral and herb.



2008 MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC



CASE OF 6 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

A complex Shiraz characterised by ripe, spicy raspberry and black cherry notes that continue right through to the supple palate. Generously flavoured, artfully balanced, silky smooth.

Te Awa

Left Field Hawke's Bay Merlot 2007

EFT FIELD was \$27.90 now \$21.90

Richly endowed with flavours of Black Doris plum and cherry, this is an excellent mediumbodied food wine with a supple tannin structure and a lingering, fruit-laden finish.

Perelada

Brut Rosado Cava **NV**

was \$17.90 now \$14.90 88052

CASE OF 6 \$14.40 A BOTTLE Wonderful as an aperitif or with seafood, this

is a deliciously fresh sparkling rosé exhibiting tantalizing aromas of soft summer fruits. Neatly balanced, it finishes on a dry, vivacious note.



was \$25.90 now \$17.90 A stylish wine with excellent stonefruit aromas and understated oak nuances. The long, elegant, creamy-textured palate is beautifully balanced and finishes on a fine, lime-accented note.



MOUNT NELSON

ROCKBURN Chardennay



Crossroads Elms Vineyard Hawke's Bay Syrah 2007

was \$41.00 now \$36.00 12110

CASE OF 6 \$35.50 A BOTTLE

A concentrated, classy Syrah, bursting with peppery plum and expressive of its Gimblett Gravels terroir. The spicy palate is supported by liquorice notes and mellow tannins.

Montes Limited Edition Cabernet Carménère 2008

was \$26.90 now \$16.90

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A great-value, Cabernet-dominated blend with a complex bouquet of berry, mocha, cigar box and vanilla. Medium bodied and generously flavoured with a long, flavoursome aftertaste.



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