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Michael Antunovich, Manager at Glengarry Ponsonby, 139 Ponsonby Road. Ph 378 8252

OK, so I remember my 25-year-old nephew Michael kicking around Glengarry from when he was thirteen and yes, it does sometimes seem like it was only a year or two ago, but we are lucky to be driving forward with family who are as excited and interested in everything winelike as brother Joe and I were when we first got involved. And, you have to say, this generation's haircuts are a bit better...

Michael's been looking after Ponsonby since March, after a stint in Devonport and some time overseas. Before he left, he'd been putting his creative talents - he's a gifted graphic designer - to great use in the Glengarry Art Department; hence my giving him a box of crayons as a leaving present. But Michael's not a behind-the-desk kinda guy, and he'd rather talk about wine - and drink it - with other people than ensure Châteauneuf was spelt right on a web page. And he's in the right store for that. 'Ponsonby's great,' he tells me. 'I grew up around here, so it's like coming home anyway, and the people really want to talk about what they're buying and find out what you know.' And what Michael knows happens to be quite a bit.

His OE wasn't your standard trek. He fitted in two vintages at the Kaesler winery in the Barossa Valley, a job he picked up from winemaker Reid Bosward over a few, um, Jägermeisters. So his wine pick is something he actually had a hand in making. It was an amazing vintage, 2006, just a massive long summer. And such a great experience.' So much so that he went back and did 2007, which we are just releasing stocks of this month. As for stocks of the exceptional 2006? 'There are only 30 bottles, and I've got them all! Everyone who's after it needs to come to my store,' he laughs.

Michael's fave wines are Chardonnay and Shiraz; he furthered his education of the latter – and got an understanding of how it performs locally - by doing the 2009 vintage at Brookfields in Hawke's Bay. Working with red wine expert Peter Robertson on the Hillside Syrah from what is being called the best vintage in two decades, 'really was amazing.' So what's next?

'I wouldn't say my vintage hat has been hung up just yet. I want to tackle the other side of the world. But I'm loving being back in retail. I just want to stay on my feet and be surrounded by wine.'

Jak Jakicevich



MANAGER'S PICK Michael Antunovich

Kaesler The Bogan

Barossa Shiraz 2006 22261 Barossa Shiraz 2007 22269

was \$62.00 \$59.00

100% Shiraz, really old vines, the intensity and concentration of flavour is amazing. It does up to 18 months in mostly new French oak so the structure's brilliant. Oh, and it's called 'The Bogan' because that was (Kaesler winemaker) Reid's nickname at Roseworthy. And Ponsonby has all the 2006!

\$ Fearless Buns

A monthly selection of delicious, dependable reds and whites where the palate, not the price tag, packs a punch

Coupers Shed

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009



was \$23.00 now \$15.90

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Sumptuous, full flavoured Sauvignon

'Little boxes, on a hillside...' the box in question an old barn tucked into the side of Te Mata Peak that once echoed to the sounds of post-clipping chatter at the end of each sheep-shearing season. So this already successful new brand takes a Hawke's Bay architectural icon and... makes a Sauvignon from Marlborough! Hush thy parochial mouth, child, this is a blinding beauty. A-quiver with fantastic fruit and sumptuously textured, fully flavoured and expertly controlled. Not a drop on the floor now Buzz, that's genuine sawdust...

Peter Yealands

Marlborough/Central Otago Pinot Noir 2009

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 10048

Couper's Shed

LAKE CHALICE

PINOT NOIR

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Fine fruit mixed with plenty of finesse

A blend of Marlborough and Central sites, so you get the fruit and the finesse neatly parcelled together. Striving for both elegance and balance, they succeed superbly; just think Cate Blanchett on a Raleigh 20, side saddle of course. Some of the fruit parcels have a nodding acquaintance with oak, so there's substance to the allegations; ultimately it's all chewy cherry pie with a sliver of savouriness, succulent and juicy, soft and enveloping.



Lake Chalice

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now \$16.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Suave, succulent & hugely discounted

'What branches grow out of this stony rubbish?' Eliot once intoned, and it is precisely because these prime Lake Chalice sites are stone-dominated that the vines (whose branches grow indeed) struggle and search for nutrients, and the grapes produced therewith are concentrated with flavour and character. Golly. So the cherries notes are high, singing and intense, the savoury characters suave, intriguing, integrated, the texture succulent, nay, juicy even. There's a silent sigh of Burgundian earthiness and a swish sprinkle of spice, all sewn neatly together in one seamless little unit. Ladies, good night.

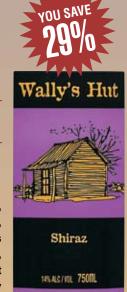
Wally's Hut Shiraz 2009

was \$13.90 now \$9.90 28432

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Great tasting sub-\$10 Shiraz

Do you know that you can now buy clever milk? And, as it happens, intelligent bread? Phood, it's called, part of a new wave of, get this, nutraceuticals. Wally's in there, we reckon, this being Smarty-Pants Shiraz, its spice-edged berriness enhancing your intellect and untangling your conversational knots. So Wally not only tastes good, he can be good for you.



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The Crossings

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$18.90 now \$14.90 14580

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Awatere minerality and magic

These guys saw the potential of Awatere as a sub-region as far back as 1996, when it would have been one hell of a drive to your nearest neighbour if you shredded a tyre on the Land Rover. The region's renowned minerality snakes through the intense fruit flavours like the river's braids: expressive, delicious and glittering with gold.

Cookoothama

Shiraz 2008

was \$19.00 now \$14.90 20985



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Intense flavours combine with elegance

There's a way the best Australian reds manage to combine finesse with flavour that is almost irritating in both the consistency with which it happens and the ease with which they seem to achieve this tight-rope feat. 'Oh, you mean that?' they say knowingly. 'Oh, that's easy.' Massive flavours of dark plums, chocolate and spice, surging on a finely wrought tide of tidy tannins.



Marisco The King's Thorn Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009

was \$22.90 now \$18.90

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

From the talented Brent Marris

From the Withering Hills to the Knights Templar is just a short steed's ride, I believe, and Marisco, Cisco, is Brent Marris' latest winemaking tale. The Waihopai Valley, whose fame for its excellent Pinot Gris had been briefly overshadowed by a long-haired priest, his mates, and a pair of scissors, will find its reputation restored with this excellent expression. Round, rich, smartly spicy and thickly textured, it's superb after a long day in the robbing 'hood. On, um, guard.

Fi/Ot/

WAIPARA HILLS

Waipara Hills Waipara Pinot Noir 2008

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 10321

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Ideally suited to partner food

Warm, stable weather in Waipara during the summer of 2008 yielded well balanced fruit in the Mound and Glasnevin vineyards the source of this wine. Waipara Hills winemaker, Simon McGeorge, has produced a stylish wine with an aromatic nose of red cherry, spice and earthy mushroom. It is a fruit-forward, medium weighted Pinot with distinctive berry flavours and a soft, textural character. Elegantly styled, finely balanced, ideally suited to partner food.

Olssens

Nipple Hill Central Otago Pinot Noir 2009

was \$28.90 now \$24.90 11370

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE Great value, entry-level Pinot

Nipple Hill is Olssens' entry-level Pinot, produced from hand-harvested fruit off the company's Garden Vineyard. Following fermentation, 57% of the wine was matured for five months in seasoned French oak and the balance in stainless steel tanks. The final blend was lightly filtered to retain freshness and fruit integrity prior to bottling. Pure fruit flavours permeate the seamless palate, which is complemented by mellow tannins and a lingering aftertaste. Excellent value.





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

One of our top Pinot producers

The 2008 is a seriously crafted wine, blended from Palliser's older vines together with newer plantings of Dijon clones. The wine was fermented in open-top tanks and aged for twelve months in French oak casks. With a concentrated nose of black cherry, nutmeg, mushroom and spicy oak, it has a succulent, textural character and a weighty mid-palate that enhances the pervasive fruit flavours. The well balanced palate is complemented by some supple, fine-grained tannins, suggesting that it will cellar well.

Devil's Staircase

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2009

was \$24.90 now \$19.90 12355



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Highly popular, great value Central Pinot

Multi-award-winning winemaker Malcom Rees-Francis has produced a very approachable and exceptionally well-priced Central Otago Pinot Noir. A bright ruby wine with purple highlights, the bouquet has enticing cherry and plum aromas with integrated spicy oak. It's ready to be enjoyed now, a fresh-tasting Pinot dominated by sweet fruit characters melding with subtle oak nuances. Very popular.



Boundary Vineyards

Kings Road Waipara Pinot Noir 2009

was \$24.90 now \$19.90 18347

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Approachable, ready to drink

Waipara's renowned cool climate and long, dry autumns are ideally suited to a form of viticulture that consistently produces high quality wines like this delicious, easy to enjoy Pinot. The Kings Road is an elegantly styled wine with a great sense of place, well integrated with spicy cherry aromas and flavours complemented by subtle oak.

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now \$19.90 10193





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Made by the team at Akarua

Produced out of the award-winning Akarua winery, the 2008 Rua Pinot from winemaker Matt Connell is a bright, ruby-coloured wine with violet and cherry aromas on the nose. It is an early drinking style with well defined fruit flavours supported by spicy notes and a smooth texture. Versatile, good value drinking.



Jules Taylor

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$32.00 now \$24.90 12933

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Silky, well weighted Marlborough Pinot

Although this is only the second Pinot Noir released under the Jules Taylor label, she has had plenty of experience with the variety, and it shows. The 2008 is a complex, well weighted wine with an intense bouquet displaying ripe fruit and spicy, integrated oak. The palate has a silky, rather luscious, mouthfeel that complements the sweet fruit flavours. A very good food wine.

Brilliant Bargains By the bottle or by the case, we have the month's bargain buys



Escarpment MARTINBOROUGH Riesling 2008

rrp \$26.00 now \$12.90 10299



Superb half-price clearout from winemaking maestro Larry McKenna



was \$29.90 now \$14.90 10319

Southern Cross Sauvignon

Half-price on this gold medal winner at the Air New Zealands



WAIPARA HILLS

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Brookfields HAWKE'S BAY Ohiti Estate Riesling 2008

was \$19.90 now \$11.90



Winery's end of vintage clearout exclusive to Glengarry



Yellowglen Crémant Vintage 2007

was \$22.00 now \$9.90 29721



Massive discount from this popular Australian sparkling winemaker



Fairhall Downs

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2006



was \$25.00 now \$15.00 12790

\$10 off the price, and currently drinking extremely well



Rockburn CENTRAL OTAGO

Unoaked Chardonnay 2006



was \$23.90 now \$ 14.90 12326





Rockburn CENTRAL OTAGO Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$23.90 now \$10.90

More than half off in end of vintage clearance from top Central Otago producer



Penfolds COONAWARRA

Bin 128 Shiraz 2008



Big savings on this iconic producer's winter-warming red



Montana 2008 Corbett's Legacy Pinot Noir

rrp \$37.90 now \$18.00 15219

Brilliant Montana Terroir Series Pinot Noir for under half-price

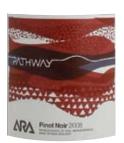


R Wines

Luchador Shiraz 2007

was \$32.00 now \$ 16.00

90/100 - Jay Miller Robert Parker's Wine Advocate



Ara MARLBOROUGH

Pathway Pinot Noir 2008

was \$22.50 now \$14.90 12939

90/100 - Nick Stock Australian Penguin Wine Guide



laylors Eighty Acres Chardonnay Viognier 2007

was \$21.00 now \$9.90 28156

Big discount from the world's first 100% carbon neutral range



CLENGARRY 2010



We just love our annual gathering of winemakers, our dozen hardy souls who put their grape-stained hands up to come out from behind the barrels and talk to us about their wines. Each June we assemble some exciting locals – and there's always an Aussie, eh Helen – to come into our stores, armed with their wines, their knowledge and their witty anecdotes, to share with us all about what goes into making great wines great.

It's an experience that we relish and, as we see the numbers swelling like an overflowing tank, it would seem that you love it as well. The opportunity to grill some of our greatest winemakers firsthand is one not to be missed; what's good is that they all tell us they love it too.

Awards in gilt frames, five celestial stars in glossy magazines, 95 points of this and 96 points of that; all wonderful acclamations, but what really counts is getting the feedback direct from the folk that drink the wines.

Without exception, these talented individuals see it as a great opportunity to hear your comments about their wines. They say they love how brutally honest we can all be – and we counsel that one should be careful what one wishes for – but, anyway, they've suited up and shown up, so what we need to do in response is grab a glass, think of some questions, and open up the communication lines this month, instore, around the Glengarry traps.

'There's no oak in this, John!' Oh dear, him again...



It's always great to see people come flying across the hazards and hurdles of the wine industry and make something of themselves. It's even more impressive when it's done at the speed with which Taylors' winemaker Helen McCarthy has

Helen only graduated a decade ago, started at Taylors in 2002 and has quickly

risen to the top of the vat, as it were. In 2006, the legendary 'not known for his

hyperbole' winewriter Matthew Jukes singled her out as an Australian winemak-

er to watch closely, while in 2007 and 2008 she was named as a finalist for the

Helen was awarded the Kemeny's Medal by Australian Gourmet Traveller for

known as the most exclusive wine school in the world. She makes impressive

wines of character and charm, which, when you meet her, you'll see where those

traits come from. We're delighted Helen managed to make the flying boat.

carved herself a piece of the plum pie.

Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year award.

Taylors Estate
Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$24.00 now \$15.90 28052

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

Deep crimson, with red-edged optical joy upon tilting. With aromas of spice, iodine, blackcurrant and game, the palate is jammy, full favoured, the tannins firmly in place to see you through to the refined finale. As Pliny the Elder once said, bloody smart for sixteen bucks.

Taylors St Andrews
Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

was \$66.00 now \$54.00 28092



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$53.50 A BOTTLE

This is like pouring tar (in a good way, in case you're highway averse), a great example of 'glass-staining richness'. Intense cassis and black fruits are jimmying the lock and bursting out; there's toasty oak, plenty of spice and a lick of gunbelt leather too. Elegant and controlled, and with plenty of time left, patients.



Australia's most outstanding up-and-coming winemaker, and was offered one of just twelve fully paid scholarships to take part in the 2008 Len Evans Tutorial,

28070 **Taylors** Eighty Acres Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2007

28062 **Taylors** Estate Shiraz 2008

28088 **Taylors** Jaraman Shiraz 2008

28082 **Taylors** Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

28090 Taylors St Andrews Chardonnay 2008

was \$21.00 now **\$13.90** was \$24.00 now **\$15.90** was \$36.00 now **\$27.90** was \$36.00 now **\$27.90**

was \$46.00 now **\$34.90**







Talking with winemakers, the conversation tends to meander wildly. First you're on tannin and then you're on Twitter. Indeed, Kirk Bray would be known in the IT field as an early adopter, with Sandihurst being one of the first to Tweet and blog regularly.

Based in West Melton, 'the historical heart of Canterbury grape growing,' as he points out, the company also source fruit from Waipara, and Pinot Noir from Central Otago. 'Well,' he laughs, 'your overseas agents are always asking for it.'

While he makes a cracking Pinot, Kirk's love is Riesling, an affair fuelled by a decade in the Deutschland. Just as we get into a deep discussion on aromatics, he tells me of the good-looking Syrah they have cropping. 'We're hanging it out a bit longer,' he says (with that edge in his voice all good winemakers get when discussing the possibility of weather events), 'but it seems to be a really good upcoming variety for Waipara, quite different to the Hawke's Bay styles.' So while Kirk keeps his eyes on the skies, we should all watch that blog. Better still, ask him more about it this month when he comes to town.



Sandihurst

Waipara Riesling 2008



rrp \$24.90 now \$18.00 10811

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Surprising to discover Kirk was once an accountant, because this wine is priced way too low. It is glorious, coming on seductively sweet, fanning out with an offdry richness and marmalade characters, while sexy floral hints are tucked away behind the fruit, popping their floral heads up and going pick me, pick me.



Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

rrp \$34.90 now \$25.00 10807



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Kirk mentioned the eagerness of the export market for anything marked 'Central Otago' but he was just being dry and wry, because the passion and personality this expression exudes is as plain as day. Grabbing a gong at the International Wine Challenge in the UK, where they praised the wine's bramble fruits and berry perfume, it's still showing plenty of potential.



Sandihurst Nelson Chardonnay 2007 Sandihurst Waipara Pinot Gris 2008

Sandihurst Gewürztraminer 2008

rrp \$22.90 now **\$14.90** rrp \$27.90 now **\$19.00**

rrp \$28.90 now \$21.90





Craggy Range has been a phenomenal success by any benchmark you care to use. Profile, critical acclaim, public adulation, trophies, awards, column inches - the reaction has been overwhelmingly positive since the idea became reality in the late '90s. Year on year, vintage on vintage, it just seems to get bigger and better, so a fair question to ask Steve Smith MW, the face of the brand, a viticulturist and winemaker of impeccable pedigree, is what keeps it exciting?

'The thing that keeps you going is that every season is different. And that's what keeps it motivational. You can apply principles, but not a recipe.' It's critical, too, he says, to communicate each season's individual idiosyncrasies through from the vineyard to the winemaking team, to remember that it is the combination of that team that makes great wines.

Sure, it's Steve we'll be seeing manning the Manuka tables, but as he says, 'I get all the glory and those guys, the team, they do all the work.' So what should we expect from the wines? 'The X factor,' he says, 'a sense that you've tasted something really special.' His aim? 'To deliver intrigue.' Stay sharp, kids.



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Craggy Range Sophia **2008**

rrp \$68.00 now \$59.00 11351

Sophia is predominantly Merlot-based, but to be honest, that's a bit like saying that a Ferrari tends to be red. This has spent 18 months in oak, the incredibly intense fruit so qualified to handle the seasoned stay that everything - the fruit, spice and wild herb notes, the fine tannins, immense structure - are barely twitching their muscles. Still, as Steve says, it's more of a seduction than a right cross.

Craggy Range Le Sol **2008**

rrp \$107.00 now \$95.00 11358

I rather like seeing local wineries charging these sorts of prices for their exceptional wines. To coin a phrase, it's because they're worth it. 100% Hawke's Bay Shiraz that sings with spice, and flourishes of flavours too myriad to catch in one breath, all pinned to a structure that says, come back in 2020 and I'll still be evolving.



Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay 2009

11219 Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2008

11223 Craggy Range Te Muna Pinot Noir 2008

11357

Immaculate poise and presence.

Craggy Range Aroha 2008

was \$32.00 now **\$25.90** was \$32.00 now \$25.90 rrp \$44.00 now **\$39.90** rrp \$107.00 now **\$95.00**





Forthright, is Mr. Forsyth, a quality one appreciates when one has limited space and a lot to say. With 600 plus wineries floating about, you need to be clear about what you make, why it's different and, one assumes, better than the Pinot stomper down the block. I caught Duncan as he was moving from cake to coffee of a cool morning in Central. So, Mount Edward is...

'With Mount Edward we're delivering our style, our House style. We try and blend the wine so that it's all about complexity, it's a pretty wine, it's about elegance and finesse and delicacy.' And what you're not? 'We're not after a blockbuster or a Parker-bomb.' So the wines are unchanging then. 'No! You can buy other people's for that, where they blend every year to make what is, effectively, the same wine. And that's fine.

'But if you want the same house style, but looking at wine as it changes vintage to vintage, then come to us. What you see with our wines is a reflection of vintage. We're not blending to maintain consistency of flavour; we try and blend to maintain consistency of style.' Ah. 'I don't know if that makes your job of writing about it any easier,' he laughs. That's why I left the talking to him.



Earth's End

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008



was \$29.00 now \$18.90 12528

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE



'The Earth's End is all about varietal character and easy drinking,' says Duncan, 'about being approachable.' A twitchingly fruit-driven style of wine, oozing with berryfruit that is tempered by sound acidity. The fruit comes off the same vineyards as its bigger bro below. That, my friends, is a value proposition.

Mount Edward

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$47.00 now \$36.00 12520



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE

This is a subtle, slowburn style, with a range of 'complexed fruit notes' from cherries to darker plums, while there's spice and dried herbs as well. There is a good dash of savoury/gamey characters, which always makes food matching a delight in my experience. No filtration or fining, meaning nothing's stripped out in terms of character or flavour. A little residue is a small price to pay for experiencing the wine in the round, if you will.

Mount Edward Central Otago Riesling 2008 Mount Edward Central Otago Chardonnay 2008 was \$25.00 now \$18.90 was \$25.00 now \$18.90





Allan Scott call themselves 'Family Winemakers' so it makes sense that I'm talking to Josh, son of Allan, who now makes the wine at this Marlborough institution. The company produces a number of ranges from a multitude of varieties, but don't read this to mean there's stylistic confusion or vagueness of purpose.

Josh is very clear on what constitutes the Allan Scott style: 'Drinkability, particularly with our estate range. It's all about having a wine you can drink quite easily, and still appreciate the fruit, the structure and the texture.' The man who trained in Sancerre ('back when it was the home of Sauvignon Blanc,' he says wryly) also loves to experiment, and the company's distinctive single vineyard wines allow him the freedom to do this.

They're the more funky wines, with wild ferments and so on.' However, he rates tasting wines with us, The People, as the most enjoyable part of his job, and hearing 'honest feedback.' Careful what you wish for... 'That's what's great. I get to see our wine go from the winery to the people who drink it, and they'll tell me to my face what they think of the wine. That's the best feedback ever.'



Allan Scott

Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 17380

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

'When I was 14 or 15, I tinkered with Sparkling Sauvignon in the winery,' says Josh Scott, 'so it's always been something I wanted to do.' This innovation has gone swimmingly for the family. Zesty, fresh and very clean, the flavours are as you'd expect, just given that extra push from the sparkle. 'And it will always be Méthode Traditionnelle,' says the winemaker firmly.

> Allan Scott Marlborough Riesling 2009

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 17354



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

With an exquisite nose of oranges and lemons and a blossomy wave of a laden branch, it's floral, forward, fragrant but not aggressive. Great texture, good weight, mouthfilling and beautifully balanced between acid and fruit, with gorgeous honeyed touches smearing themselves across the citrus/tropical notes. The lengthy, flavoursome finish is a joy, the whole thing, as the man says, is 'very, very approachable.'

17373 Allan Scott Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

17358 Allan Scott Marlborough Chardonnay 2009

17370 Allan Scott Marlborough Rosé 2009

Allan Scott The Moorlands Sauvignon Blanc 2009 17356

Allan Scott The Wallops Chardonnay 2009 17357

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 was \$21.90 now \$16.90 was \$21.90 now \$16.90

was \$26.50 now **\$21.90** was \$26.50 now **\$21.90**



When you've been around as long as Brookfields you've seen off more than

'Oh, we just put our head down and get on with it,' he says in typically self-

deprecating fashion. Having worked with Peter for many years now, I know it's

a wasted effort trying to drag a hyperbole or two out of him, despite the consist-

ent excellence of his wines. The most I get is a reluctance to admit that the Ohiti

Cabernet 2007 'is a beauty' and that Brookfields are 'very pleased' with their Vi-

ognier. Don't let the soft smile fool you, though; Peter has a strict philosophy, one

less to them than the genuine satisfaction and repeated delight of the wine

enthusiasts and critics the world over who rate this small but smart winery one

They don't indulge in the show circuit, the baubles of competitions meaning

a few recessions in your time. So while media reports swirl about us screaming

about wine gluts, cheap juice and deep discounts, Peter Robertson, affable pilot

of the Brookfields ship, continues to do what he's always done.

he's stuck to over many years.



Brookfields Ohiti Estate Hawke's Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$19.90 now \$16.90 11279

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Because you don't see too much local straight Cabernet these days, it's almost like a nostalgia trip to plunge your nose towards this darkened gem and get great whiffs of tobacco and leather and blackberry fruit. Beautifully assembled, with all the components coming together seamlessly, there's certainly plenty of flavour and structure, and a roundness and warmth that belies the price.

Brookfields Milestone Hawke's Bay Viognier 2009

was \$24.90 now \$16.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A mix of fruit from two very warm vineyards, the 40% Hillside portion is barrel fermented ('for the mouthfeel and mid-palate structure,' says Peter), while the Ohiti component is tank fermented 'to retain the lovely fragrant elements and for those interesting mineral notes.' Seamless, with wonderful texture, the incredibly ripe fruit provides a generosity and opulence that will give, give, give for some years yet.

11273 **Brookfields** Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2009

11274 **Brookfields** Hawke's Bay Unoaked Chardonnay 2009

Brookfields Burnfoot Hawke's Bay Merlot 2008 11275

Brookfields Hillside Hawke's Bay Syrah 2007

was \$19.90 now \$16.90

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

was \$44.90 now \$34.90

of the country's best. We agree, but we say it quietly, of course.



'I've been privileged to buy in Gimblett Rd, in Marlborough and in the great parts of Otago. Strategically, over 25 years we've bought what have turned out to be the greatest of sites, and I'm unapologetically trying to make great wine from them,' states Dr. John Forrest.

Those sites, coupled with the Forrest philosophy, make the individual wines that win both the critics and consumers over. That distinctiveness, he says, comes from having control, being able to drive your own philosophy; and that, in essence, comes from having your own vineyards. And, it seems to me, talking to this affable academic/farmer/winemaker, your own vision.

'We have always run lower crop levels with more concentration, and so our wines have a crisp edge to them. That enhances keepability and gives them that fresh contrast on the palate. That's our signature, really. For the rest of my winemaking life, fine-tuning those sites and the wines and making them better is what's going to give me personal satisfaction. I've spent twentysomething years getting to know them, and hopefully I'll have another twenty really trying to work them and show people how different and how good they are.'



Forrest

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

rrp \$19.90 now \$14.90 12853

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

'The 2009 is the epitome of where I'm happy,' says John Forrest of his Sauvignon. 'We've pulled back to just the stoniest terroir and emphasised those more subtle characters.' Kitchen herbs, guava, citrus and a beautiful mineral component: 'the smell of hot stones when you drop water on them on an east coast river.' Poetic.

Forrest

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

rrp \$28.90 now \$22.90 10539





NEW ZEALAND WINE

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

A haunting nose of brambly violets and dark fruits seems elegant compared to many Central offerings. There's some toastiness as well, but I also get that Burgundian dewiness that haunts Vosne-Romanée and other such gems. Sound but not overpowering tannin, ripe fruit; intriguing, with much potential.

10535 Forrest Estate Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009

10538 Forrest Estate Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

Forrest Estate The Valleys Sauvignon Blanc 2009 10549 Forrest Estate Late Harvest Riesling 2007 10537

rrp \$26.90 now **\$22.90** rrp \$22.90 now **\$17.90** rrp \$21.90 now **\$15.90** rrp \$24.90 now \$19.90





The Thornbury story is about regionality, about the best variety to suit the best sites. One could assume that winemaker Simon Fell spends all his time in a plane, but being part of the Villa Maria group, he makes all the wines (except his Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc) at the company's massive facility in Auckland.

'It's great managing everything under one roof,' he concurs while offering that the other great thing a big brand confers on his little brand is having consistent sites to work with. 'It's nice having your own vineyards, because each year you create your style within the wines. You're not chopping and changing every year trying to understand different sites.' And he feels privileged, you can tell.

'I am so lucky. I have three vineyards on the Gravels, so I have a lot of opportunities there.' Coming from making wine at Vidal, Simon has a good handle on the Hawke's Bay fruit, and has relished over the past five years really getting to know the other sites and what they're capable of. 'As a winemaker, it's fantastic. With all these different regions in New Zealand, you start to get a really good understanding. So it's very exciting.'



Thornbury Waipara Pinot Gris 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

This has a beautifully intense nose, vibrant and fragrant, yet seductive rather than aggressive. The gorgeous, delicate fruit is all lemons and limes, hints of apples and a touch of citrus blossom. The palate is rich and full, very luscious, beautifully textured and mouthfilling, with good alcohol and a touch of sweetness. Waipara and Pinot Gris are starting to sound like Central and Pinot. Take note.



Thornbury
Hawke's Bay Merlot **2007**

was \$21.90 now \$14.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Beautifully coloured, she's a ravishing deep crimson and dances very bright in the light. Superbly integrated berryfruit and toasty oak on the nose link with an intriguing gamey character. The palate is all jammy fruit, blackberries mainly, with some chocolate notes and a warmth and richness that no one deserves at the price. Still guite firm; tight, controlled, delivering much and promising more.

Thornbury Gisborne Chardonnay 2009 18999

18998 Thornbury Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

18997 Thornbury Waipara Riesling 2008

Thornbury Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$21.90 now \$14.90 was \$21.90 now **\$14.90** was \$32.00 now **\$24.90**

was \$21.90 now **\$14.90**





With a company the size of Babich, is it still possible to describe a distinctly Babich style? Absolutely, says David Babich, third generation of this legendary New Zealand winemaking family to join the company. 'We make wines, and always have, in an easy-drinking style, and we have certain tests for that. One is, do we want to drink this wine? We also believe in the site, rather than the winemaker, expressing itself in the wine.'

David says there's no better example of this than the iconic Babich Irongate Chardonnay. The wine 'utterly represents the site, as it has done since we started making it in 1985, and there is a stylistic thread that runs through a wine like that that can be traced right back, vintage after vintage."

That consistency, David says, is hugely important to the family. And they want to make wines that people want to come back to, that 'when you've finished the bottle you think, I'd like just one more glass of that.' His personal philosophy? 'I love New Zealand wine and I love making good examples to take to the world. It's fabulous showing them to people; their reaction is the reward.'



Babich Irongate Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay 2006

rrp \$32.90 now \$26.90 10668

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

The creaking iron gate is the stuff of legend, the vineyard offering up a finesse and fineness that the blustery HB chards bypass altogether. 'We don't make big, oaky, malo Chards,' says David Babich, 'and the vineyard here leads the style. It is very stony, and the wine has a real mineral component that reflects that.' Weighty, yet exquisitely elegant, the texture is sublime, the experience extraordinary.

Babich Winemaker's Reserve Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

rrp \$32.90 now \$24.90 10696



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

'We think this is a great example of Marlborough Pinot,' says David Babich, much more modestly than that may sound. 'It's a very serious wine, not because it's full of oak and alcohol but because it is well-balanced.' That it is, a seamless, beautifully balanced blend of fine but firm tannin, beautiful fruit and savoury touches.



10616 Babich Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

10679 Babich Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009

Babich Marlborough Riesling 2007

10661 Babich Irongate Gimblett Gravels Cabernet Merlot 2006

10643 Babich The Patriarch Gimblett Gravels Red 2007

rrp \$19.90 now \$14.90 rrp \$19.90 now \$14.90 rrp \$19.90 now **\$14.90**

rrp \$32.90 now **\$26.90** rrp \$59.90 now **\$49.90**





Torea have been quite a ripping success since they glided onto the market just a few short years back. The immediate and sustained success of these straightshooting wines with their pretty-bird label has been a delight, not least to owner and co-winemaker Stuart Smith. 'I think people have responded to how honest the wines are, and how the good packaging is matched by the wine within.'

Sporting the proudly local oystercatcher, the whole brand has a parochial charm and flavour, the wines authentically varietal and clearly Marlborough. 'Well, we believe, actually, that where we grow our grapes is a pretty good place,' says Stuart. 'But I guess everybody thinks that,' he concedes. 'Really, you've got to deliver it in the bottle. We like to drink our wines as well, and I want to be able to pour the wine with confidence. I think you can do that with Torea.'

Which, of course, Stuart will be doing with eleven contemporaries this month, something he says he really enjoys. 'Having an opportunity to speak with people in winestore tastings is fantastic. It's honest. They'll soon let you know if they don't like it.'



Torea

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009



was \$18.90 now \$14.90 12283

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Distinctly varietal and intensely aromatic, this has a summer herb thing going on, a white window-box and fresh clothes blowing on the line while the citrus and thyme drift upwards. A cute hint of mineral keeps the conversation going, the fresh, herbaceous characters that power through on the finish leave you with the initial impression: loads of flavour, great value.

lorea

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 12287



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

'The wines are extremely good value, and they're varietal,' says Stuart. Perhaps he was channelling the Pinot when he said it, as this dances with cherries and mushrooms and other Pinot-esque treats, delivering a texture and length on the palate that astounds at the price. A very cool little wine so, yes, coin purse, not credit card, Wilburforce.



12284 Torea Marlborough Chardonnay 2009 was \$18.90 now \$14.90 was \$18.90 now **\$14.90**

Torea Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009



One of the many great things about Nga Waka is that they've been around a while now; not only have Roger Parkinson and his team been able to carve out a very distinctive area as quality winemakers of a very certain style, it means that you can wander onto the subject of old vines, something those cheeky little, impish, upstart wineries simply can't do.

Oh, come on, does it really matter? Um, Roger that. 'I saw the difference on our Home Block vines at about fifteen years,' he says, 'where the varietal character of the fruit starts to become less important but more interesting because of richness, balance and texture, all the things that are important for food wines.'

Then, and only then, Roger says, 'can you really start talking about site influences, or terroir, or whatever you want to call it when you start to see that happen.' But all that Vieilles Vignes carry-on, isn't it all about reds? 'I see it as just as important for the whites,' he replies affably, although he's watching his Pinot Noir vines with interest. 'And they're just coming up to fifteen years old now,' he says. No kidding, this is a game for the patient.



Three Paddles

Martinborough Chardonnay 2009

was \$18.90 now \$14.90 15939

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

'I'm happy if people see this as an unoaked style,' says Roger, referring to the oak chips judiciously used to add some background texture and spice to the luscious fruit. It's laden with flavour, uncomplicated yet dangerously satisfying. 'We select for this wine on vineyards that are fruit-forward,' as it's deliberately made to be enjoyed on its own while it, and the imbiber, are still reasonably young.



Nga Waka Home Block Chardonnay 2007

was \$44.90 now \$24.90



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

A single vineyard wine based on the oldest vines on the estate. Having had its two winters in oak, this has just been released; as Roger says, 'it's about right.' It's a wine that needs that time in the bottle to show its charms. Full of the richness and character that are a hallmark of the old vines, the great fruit is supported by a superb structure, the whole complex, layered and crying out for good food.

15831 Three Paddles Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009 was \$18.90 now \$14.90

15833 Three Paddles Martinborough Riesling 2009 15839 Three Paddles Martinborough Pinot Noir 2009

Nga Waka Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009 15834 Nga Waka Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008 15848

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** was \$25.90 now \$18.90

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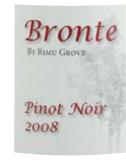




Patrick Stowe tells me that the 2010 vintage is the best he's ever seen in his 11 years, and he has a way of saying 'amaaaazing' that makes you fully believe this ebullient Californian. Raised in the Napa Valley with a family heritage in wine, he never envisaged himself being anywhere else, but a 'South Pacific OE' back in 1990 changed all that, and here he is singing the praises of Nelson, and his 15-acre former apple orchard in particular.

'It's a little, tiny microclimate on the sea, on the Tasman Bay. It's just incredible; we're protected from the wind and we get some really good heat in this little valley - it's a little bowl. It is a very special place.' Patrick is almost evangelical about the terroir, which is fairly unsurprising when it was that which captured his attention two decades ago.

'The thing that struck me the most was how intense the flavours were, particularly up in the Moutere.' The terroir tale? 'Yes, you hear this time and time again; it all starts in the vineyard. Everything at Rimu Grove is done by hand. It's a labour of love, really. Otherwise you'd be crazy! But it's just who I am and what I do, and I'd have it no other way.'



Rimu Grove

Bronte Pinot Noir 2008



was \$29.00 now \$24.90 10424

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Beautifully bright within the glass, this is sassy and forward, intensely fragrant with cherry fruit and some tidy, toasty oak. The fruit comes on almost sweet, then throttles back as the savoury, gamey characters bound in. Fully-flavoured with plenty going on, there's still a flicker of French verve which is. Very. Cool.

Rimu Grove

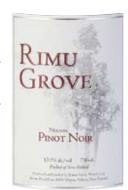
Nelson Pinot Noir 2006

was \$45.00 now \$34.90 10417



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Patrick was pressing Pinot Noir the day I rang him, so... obviously he didn't take the call, otherwise the Nokia would be in the cold soak. Glory be. Appealing French earthiness is charmed up by rich fruit, and while it is beautifully soft, don't disregard the late tannic surge that integrates it all beautifully. Wonderfully woven together and very well made.



Rimu Grove Bronte Nelson Pinot Gris 2009 10423

Rimu Grove Nelson Chardonnay 2008 10428

10422 Rimu Grove Nelson Pinot Gris 2009 was \$24.90 now \$19.90 was \$29.90 now **\$24.90**

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90**

2010

MEET THE WINEMAKERS

YOUR LOCAL TASTING GUIDE



TUESDAY 8TH JUNE: STEVE SMITH

Prestige Release Tasting with Steve Smith AT GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK 118 Wellesley St West, Ph 308 8346

7:00PM START

\$35 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 10TH JUNE: PETER ROBERTSON

Tasting Brookfields with Peter Robertson

AT GLENGARRY NEWMARKET

22 Morrow St, Ph 524 5789 7:00PM START

\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE: PATRICK STOWE

Tasting Rimu Grove with Patrick Stowe AT GLENGARRY KINGSLAND 467 New North Rd, Ph 815 9207

7:00PM START

\$15 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 10TH JUNE: DAVID BABICH

Tasting Babich with David Babich AT GLENGARRY WESTMERE 164 Garnet Rd, Ph 360 4035

7:00PM START

\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 10TH JUNE: PATRICK STOWE

Tasting Rimu Grove with Patrick Stowe AT GLENGARRY PONSONBY 139 Ponsonby Rd, **Ph 378 8252**

7:00PM START

\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 11TH JUNE: PETER ROBERTSON

Tasting Brookfields with Peter Robertson

AT GLENGARRY ELLIOTT ST Cnr Victoria St & Elliott St, Ph 379 5858

4:00PM - 5:30PM

AFTERNOON TASTING – FREE OF CHARGE



TUESDAY 15TH JUNE: JOHN FORREST Tasting Forrest with John Forrest AT GLENGARRY HERNE BAY Jervois Rd Cellar, 54 Jervois Rd, Ph 378 8555 7:00PM START

\$30 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 24TH JUNE: DAVID BABICH
Tasting Babich with David Babich
AT GLENGARRY TAKAPUNA
Cnr Hurstmere Rd & Killarney St, Ph 486 1770
7:00PM START
\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE: JOHN FORREST
Tasting Forrest with John Forrest
AT GLENGARRY THORNDON
232 Thorndon Quay, Ph 472 7051
6:00PM START
\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 24TH JUNE: SIMON FELL
Tasting Thornbury with Simon Fell
AT GLENGARRY KINGSLAND
467 New North Rd, Ph 815 9207
7:00PM START
\$15 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 17TH JUNE: ROGER PARKINSON
Tasting Nga Waka with Roger Parkinson
AT GLENGARRY KELBURN
Tasting held at Caffé Mode, Ph 475 7849
6:00PM START
\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 25TH JUNE: SIMON FELL
Tasting Thornbury with Simon Fell
AT GLENGARRY REMUERA
400 Remuera Rd, Ph 523 1594
4:00PM - 5:30PM
AFTERNOON TASTING - FREE OF CHARGE



FRIDAY 18TH JUNE: ROGER PARKINSON
Tasting Nga Waka with Roger Parkinson
AT GLENGARRY COURTENAY PLACE
Paramount Building, 27 Courtenay Pl, Ph 385 9600
4:00PM - 5:30PM
AFTERNOON TASTING - FREE OF CHARGE



TUESDAY 29TH JUNE: DUNCAN FORSYTH
Tasting Mount Edward with Duncan Forsyth
AT GLENGARRY HERNE BAY
Jervois Rd Cellar, 54 Jervois Rd, Ph 378 8555
7:00PM START
\$30 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 18TH JUNE: DAVID BABICH
Tasting Babich with David Babich
AT GLENGARRY CITY
Cnr Wellesley St & Mayoral Dr, Ph 379 8416
4:00PM - 5:30PM
AFTERNOON TASTING - FREE OF CHARGE



THURSDAY 1ST JULY: KIRK BRAY
Tasting Sandihurst with Kirk Bray
AT GLENGARRY DEVONPORT
Cnr Clarence St & Wynyard St, Ph 445 2989
7:00PM START
\$20 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



MONDAY 21ST JUNE: HELEN McCARTHY
Tasting Taylors with Helen McCarthy
AT GLENGARRY WESTMERE
164 Garnet Rd, Ph 360 4035
7:00PM START
\$30 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 1ST JULY: JOSH SCOTT
Tasting Allan Scott with Josh Scott
AT GLENGARRY ELLIOTT ST
Cnr Victoria St & Elliott St, Ph 379 5858
5:00PM - 7:00PM
EARLY EVENING TASTING - FREE OF CHARGE



TUESDAY 22ND JUNE: HELEN McCARTHY
Tasting Taylors with Helen McCarthy
AT GLENGARRY PONSONBY
139 Ponsonby Rd, Ph 378 8252
7:00PM START
\$30 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 2ND JULY: JOSH SCOTT
Tasting Allan Scott with Josh Scott
AT GLENGARRY PARNELL
164 Parnell Rd, Ph 358 1333
4:00PM - 5:30PM
AFTERNOON TASTING - FREE OF CHARGE



TUESDAY 22ND JUNE: STUART SMITH
Tasting Torea with Stuart Smith
AT GLENGARRY MT EDEN
250 Dominion Rd, Ph 623 0811
7:00PM START
\$10 PER PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 2ND JULY: KIRK BRAY
Tasting Sandihurst with Kirk Bray
AT GLENGARRY MISSION BAY
49 Tamaki Dr, Ph 528 5272
4:00PM - 5:30PM
AFTERNOON TASTING - FREE OF CHARGE



WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE: WINEMAKERS DINNER

GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK WINE ROOM 118 Wellesley St West 7:00PM START

WITH HELEN McCARTHY & STUART SMITH

\$65 PER PERSON BOOKINGS: sales@glengarry.co.nz

Two of the star winemakers from our Glengarry Dozen join forces. Head Chef at Dida's, Vincent Marshall, has prepared a four-course dinner to match the wines of Taylors' Helen McCarthy and Torea's Stuart Smith. Join these two talented winemakers for a memorable evening of fine food, fine wine and great company.



Sparkling

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

NEW ZEALAND Waipara Hills
Southern Cuvée NV

was \$21.90 now \$18.90 10306

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Bright, flavoursome sparkler

As the weirdness of winter descends, it can feel like it's raining on your house and none of the others. But this, my subdued bonhomies, is the ultimate Gloom Remover. A bright and bubbly, um, bubbly, it's a-gush with wild floral notes, fruity melon characters and crisp apples, all a-bounce on a palate of easygoing, flavoursome goodness. If it's gonna rain, it may as well rain wine, we reckon, so there's a little lure in the pricepoint as well. Make hay.



was \$34.00 now \$24.90

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Elegant 100% Chardonnay

Surprisingly sophisticated little charmer, consistently good, very approachable, distinctive and not without personality. And that's just John Hancock. This is an elegant style, being all Chardonnay, but where some Blanc de Blancs can feel a little narrow and confining, as if their wings got clipped at the corners, this one doesn't. Very much a crafted, handmade wine, it has lovely fruit flavours atop some charming bready notes and an immaculate ending.





was \$122.00 now \$89.90 40820

Buy a case of 6 for only \$499

It can be considered vulgar to talk money, especially around Champagne, but when the amount of money said Champagne has been reduced by is a figure equivalent to the price of two very good bottles of wine, you have to wonder if we've escaped from our carers again. As for the wine itself, well, don't you hate it when MCs say, 'and she needs no introducing.' But seriously, Bollinger needs few words from me; it recommends itself (I told you that was a better way of doing it, Barnaby).

FRANCE Saint-Meyland Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$19.90 now \$16.90 43010

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The French flair for méthode

Remember The Saint? Simon Templar, a robbing hood or a Robin Hood? No, me neither. But what a charming Saint this is, all swish French panache and tasty toasted excellence. It's actually a brilliant event wine, and you can dispense bottles liberally to a plethora of palates, secure in the knowledge that they'll absolutely delight in it.



NEW ZEALAND Waipara Hills

Marlborough Cuvée **NV**



was \$21.90 now \$18.90 10307

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

100% Marlborough Sauvignon

While the zesty, grassy lift-off of the nose may not surprise you, oh knowledgeable ones, believe me, it'll excite you all the same. The palate is a raindance of bright tropical and gooseberry flavours, touched by sweetness and tingling with effervescence. Ready to drink and delight you right now, this is the perfect wine for the instant gratification brigade. Isn't that all of us?

NEW ZEALAND Allan Scott

Cecilia Reserve Brut NV

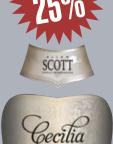
was \$26.50 now \$19.90 17397



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Popular sparkler, great discount

Cecilia has been breaking hearts and winning minds for a number of years now, the irrepressible energy and consummate charm that issues forth every time a cork sails across the room ensuring that word of happy mouth is helping to move as much wine as the rather hefty discount we seem to have applied this month.





NEW ZEALAND Deutz

Blanc de Blancs Marlborough Cuvée 2007



was \$44.00 now \$34.00 15018

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$33.50 A BOTTLE

Only made in exceptional years

This isn't made every year, but when the vintage is considered intriguing enough in its excellence and personality and the fruit of sufficiently high quality, then they produce this stunning drop. A lemon lean on the fruit tingles as the flood of creaminess arrives on the mid palate, and as that ambles past the finish arrives, flavoursome, fresh and distinctively long.









a taste of

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

PERFECT WITH TAPAS

Those appetising snacks known as tapas originated in Spain centuries ago, the word tapas derived from the verb 'tapar' meaning 'to cover'.

How tapas evolved is the source of several legends. One concerns King Alfonso The Wise. The story goes that the King stopped at an inn where he ordered a sherry. To protect the wine from dust and flies, the innkeeper covered the glass with a plate topped with a slice of ham. The King drank the wine, ate the ham and ordered a second sherry, with the cover.

True or not, it seems probable that the practise of covering the glass was a practical measure to keep out unwanted substances. Whatever the explanation, it became the custom to top off the cover with a small but appetising nibble to go with the wine.

As tapas evolved, they became more elaborate while still retaining their small stature. Today there is a huge diversity of tantalising morsels that can be shared with friends over one or two glasses of wine. Listed below is a selection of Spanish wines that are all available at Dida's, Auckland's best purveyor of tapas, plus a few suggestions from Dida's Head Chef Vincent Marshall as to what you could try as an accompaniment.

> Perelada Rosado Cava **NV**

was \$17.90 now \$15.90 88052

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Tapas match: sliced serrano en croute

Castillo Perelada is one of Spain's most celebrated cava producers and the official sparkling wine at all of the Spanish King's social functions. This delightfully vibrant brut rosé is a pale pink colour with a stream of tiny bubbles and a yeasty, strawberry bouquet. Fresh and fruity, it has a lively feel and a deliciously clean citrus finish. Perfect with tapas, or as an aperitif.





was \$25.00 now \$19.90 89827

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Tapas match: quince & almond tart

Many sherry fanciers have long regarded this ultratraditional house as the finest sherry producer of them all. Valdespino's Inocente is produced from Palomino grapes grown in the famous Inocente vineyard. With a pronounced yeasty aroma and rock salt on the nose, the palate is beautifully balanced and quite weighty. It's remarkably fresh, stone-dry but packed with flavour, and a versatile accompaniment to all manner of tapa combinations.

Solar Viejo Cosecha 2008

was \$20.00 now \$16.90

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Tapas match: fried spicy chorizo

This purple-hued Tempranillo has an intense nose of violet, raspberry and cherry that is typical of the Rioia Alayesa region. The wine was bottled unoaked in order to preserve the fruit definition and aromas. Distinct tones of cherry and plum are augmented by hints of liquorice, and complemented by ripe tannins and a fine, fresh finish.





Huerta de Albalá

Barbazul 2007



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Tapas match: garlic prawns & semi-dried tomato

Vincente Taberna established Huerta de Albalá to produce wines expressive of the unique Andalucía terroir. Barbazul is dominated by the indigenous Spanish variety, Tintilla de Rota, and blended with Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet. Aromas of plum, currant, spice and anise abound, with deep, ripe fruit flavours and plush tannins to the fore.

Palacios Remondo

La Vendimia Rioja 2008

was \$24.90 now \$19.90 88060



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Aged manchego with truffle oil

A Joven-style Rioja made by Spanish winemaking maestro Alvaro Palacios, this is a 50/50 blend of the indigenous Spanish varieties Garnacha and Tempranillo that has been lightly oaked to maintain lively fruit flavours. Bright aromatic notes of strawberry, cherry and spice lead onto to a juicy palate, where the well balanced and rounded fruit flavours linger endlessly.



Viña Alimirante

Pionero Mundi Rías Baixas Albariño 2008



was \$28.00 now \$24.90 87881

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Tapas match: crispy calamari



The Albariño variety is arguably Spain's best white grape, and responsible for producing outstanding aromatic wines. The finest examples come from Spain's Rías Baixas region. Here, fragrant apricot, peach and orange blossom aromas are embellished by underlying citrus notes, the palate beautifully fresh, the fruit flavours balanced by a lime-mineral edge.

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A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

eat value

Château Domeyne

Cru Bourgeois Saint-Estéphe 2006

was \$39.00 now \$34.00 41263

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.50 A BOTTLE

Good cellaring potential

The wines derived from the Saint-Estèphe appellation are characteristically well structured and excellent for cellaring. This is very much a complete wine, crafted from 60% Cabernet Sauvignon to provide body and structure, 35% Merlot for softness and roundness and 5% Cabernet Franc to add freshness. Twelve months oak maturation has added greater complexity and helped to integrate the supple tannins.

Château d'Archambeau

Graves **2006**

was \$42.00 now \$29.90 41173

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Elegant, forward fruit, earthy notes

The 13-hectare Château d'Archambeau estate is owned by Corinne and Jean Phillipe Dubourdieu, their family deeply involved in viticulture and winemaking in the Graves. This is a blend of equal portions of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, along with a small portion of Franc, all hand harvested from the estate. The resulting wine is an elegant red with aromas of ripe black fruit, spice and cigar-box nuances. It has forward fruit flavours, earthy notes, touches of smoky oak and a lingering finish.



Château Briot

Bordeaux 2006

was \$24.00 now \$16.90 41262



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Classically styled, great value

This classically-styled Bordeaux delivers exceptional value. It's an inky coloured wine with aromas of black cherry, plum, spice and a hint of mint. Approachable, with spicy fruit flavours and a nice hint of liquorice supported by fine-grained, mellow tannins.





Château de Lugagnac

Bordeaux Supérieur 2006

was \$29.00 now \$19.90 42116

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Award-winning 600-year-old estate



This excellent estate is over 600 years old and regularly wins medals. A 50/50 blend of Cabernet and Merlot oak matured for two years, the wine has an alluring bouquet exuding currant and plum aromas embellished by spicy oak. Generously flavoured and fleshy, it's well structured and finishes on lingering, flavoursome note.

Château Haut Mayne

was \$29.00 now \$24.90 42026





CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Full bodied and fragrant

This château is part of the famous SA Mouex and Lebèque stable of properties. The estate consists of 24 hectares located around the village of Cérons. This is a full bodied wine with a fragrant bouquet of violet, plum and hints of chocolate. It has a supple, appealing palate displaying fruit cake flavours and ripe, mellow tannins.



Château Listran

Médoc **2007**

was \$34.00 now \$24.90



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Ready to drink Bordeaux

This is moderately complex, very approachable, good with food and superb value. It's a deep red in colour with aromas of cinnamon and spice supporting ripe mulberry fruit. Plump and juicy, it has breadth and depth through the middle and is complemented by a smooth texture and a long, fine finish.



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Recipe by Dida's Head Chef, Vincent Marshall. Photograph by Amos Chapple

Spiced venison earpaccio with pickled chili

SANGIOVESE

PASQUA

100g VENISON FILLET 10 JUNIPER BERRIES 10 PEPPERCORNS 3 SPRIGS OF THYME 50ml MAYONNAISE 1 QUINDILLA CHILI HALF A FENNEL BULB HALF A LEMON

Toast juniper berries and peppercorns in a dry pan until fragrant. Add thyme to hot spices and grind in coffee grinder or mortar and pestle.

Roll venison in the dry spice mix, roll tightly in gladwrap and freeze overnight.

Finely chop chili and mix with mayonnaise.

Finely slice fennel bulb, marinate in lemon juice and season.

Slice thin slivers of the venison and arrange on plate with dots of mayo & fennel in the centre.

Pasqua Le Collezioni 1500mL Sangiovese 2008

was \$22.00 now \$16.90 62477

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Spiced venison carpaccio with pickled chili mayo and fennel

Sangiovese is Italy's most widely-planted red variety, which is not surprising since it is particularly obliging, capable of producing a diverse range of wine styles from simple, light bodied, juicy offerings to big hearted, complex wines. This expression from the Veneto region is a deep ruby colour, with classic varietal aromas of Morello cherry, violet, herb and tomato. The full bodied palate has well-defined fruit flavours, a mellow tannin structure and a fine finish. Superb value.

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Pasqua Le Collezioni 750mL Montepulciano 2008

was \$15.00 now \$9.90 62480

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Confit pork belly on white bean and black pudding stew

The Montepulciano variety is planted all over Italy, but its best examples come from the central Italian region of Abruzzo. To retain fresh varietal characters, the wine was cool fermented and aged in stainless steel. It has an attractive deep, violet-accented colour and a bouquet of plum pudding and gentle herb nuances. The palate has juicy fruit characters enhanced by some mellow tannins and a suave mouthfeel.



Pasqua Le Collezioni 1500mL Montepulciano 2007

was \$22.00 now \$15.90 62473

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE



Pasqua Le Collezioni 750mL Merlot 2009

was \$13.90 now \$9.90

PASQUA

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Braised oxtail | with fig and oranges

Merlot is a particularly well-travelled variety, having taken root in every winegrowing country in the world. It has a long history in Italy; plantings were first recorded in the Veneto in 1855, and it remains one of the most important varieties in the region. This Veneto Merlot is an early-drinking style, with a bright ruby colour and an attractive plum/berry bouquet. The juicy palate has spice-edged fruit flavours complemented by a silky texture. Brilliantly priced.

Pasqua Le Collezioni 1500mL Merlot 2008



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Mount Hurtle

Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2008

was \$17.90 now \$13.90 22152

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

Smooth, savoury food wine

Geoff Merrill's philosophy with the Mount Hurtle range is to create wines that are immediately approachable, pair well with food and provide exceptional value for money; this wine ticks each of those aspirations with ease. With spicy berry and plum aromas supported by underlying peppery notes, it's a savoury, almost meaty red, with distinctive berry flavours embellished by hints of cinnamon, a smooth texture and a lingering finish.



Yalumba

Barossa Shiraz Viognier 2006

was \$23.90 now \$18.90 29887

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Yalumba pioneered this style

Originally practised in the Rhône, co-fermentation of Shiraz and Viognier was pioneered in Australia by Yalumba. This expression used just 5% Viognier, but it has added a lovely floral dimension to the bouquet. It is a richly flavoured wine, with a good depth of fruit supported by nuances of nutmeg, pepper and cedary oak. Medium bodied and structured around a core of supple tannins, it finishes on a savoury note.



Balgownie Estate

Black Label Bendigo Grampians Shiraz 2008

was \$23.90 now \$19.90 20127

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A velvet-smooth, complete wine

With fruit harvested from well-established vines in the Bendigo region of Victoria, this smart Shiraz was traditionally fermented and matured for 12 months in French oak. It is a deeply coloured red with an intense bouquet of blackberry, cassis, mint and spicy oak. A well rounded wine, with a lovely, ripe fruit quality developing through the mid-palate to show notes of spice and a velvety-smooth mouthfeel.



Wolf Blass

Gold Label Barossa Shiraz 2008

was \$26.90 now \$18.90 28900

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Multiple gold medal winner

Since 1996, Wolf Blass has won more than 3,000 awards. For the Gold Label, the Shiraz was harvested from a number of Barossa Valley vineyards renowned for delivering outstanding fruit. Each parcel was separately fermented, transferred to French oak for 18 months and the final blend made up from selected barrels. It a medium bodied wine with aromas of cranberry, plum and smoky oak that tumble onto the richly flavoured, elegantly structured palate. Terrific value.



President's Selection

South Australian Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$36.00 now \$20.90 28809

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Top quality from Wolf Blass

The President's Selection is a blend of Cabernet fruit selected from South Australian vineyards. The wine was traditionally vinted and matured for 18 months in French and American oak barrels and lightly filtered. A mahogany-coloured wine with dominant blackberry aromas supported by spicy vanillin oak notes, it is full bodied and generously flavoured, the superb depth of fruit complemented by a firm tannin structure.





Rosemount Show Reserve
Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

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was \$39.90 now \$21.90 26525

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Exceptional Coonawarra Cabernet

Rosemount's Show Reserve wines are selected from Australian regions that offer exceptional expressions of individual varieties. Coonawarra is considered to be the defining region for Cabernet Sauvignon, and this single vineyard wine is from Rosemount's cool climate Kiri Billi vineyard located on the famous terra rossa soils. It opens beautifully, delivering delectable aromas of plum and berry melded with coffee, chocolate and cedar. The warm layers of plum-impregnated flavours are filled out by a burr of tannin. Excellent.





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

1 Villa Maria Clifford Bay Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$28.00 now \$19.90 19682

CASE OF 6 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A particularly expressive Awatere Sauvignon packed with intense gooseberry and tropical fruit characters on the nose and palate. Fresh and juicy, with a long, lime-accented finish.



2

Waipara Hills Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$21.90 now \$16.00 10312

CASE OF 12 \$15.50 A BOTTLE

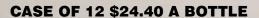
A classically styled Savvie with lively passionfruit, gooseberry and celery notes on the nose. Richly flavoured, with a squeeze of citrus that enlivens the finish. Winner of 4 gold medals.



3

Kumeu River

was \$31.00 now \$24.90 18246



A beautifully crafted offering from Kumeu's Master of Wine, Michael Brajkovich. It's a rich and complex, wonderfully textural Pinot Gris with well defined aromas and long flavours.



4

Lake Chalice Eyrie Vineyard
Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009

was \$19.90 now \$15.90 13596

CASE OF 12 \$15.40 A BOTTLE

A trophy-winning, off-dry Pinot Gris with an aromatic bouquet of pear and stonefruit. The generously flavoured palate has a fleshy, well rounded character and a fine lingering finish.



5

Marisco The King's Bastard Marlborough Chardonnay 2009

was \$22.90 now \$ 18.90 122

CASE OF 6 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A full bodied Chardonnay with melon and stonefruit aromas supported by spicy oak nuances. The fruit flavours are balanced by citrus notes and complemented by a mealy texture.



6

TW Gisborne Merlot **2007**

was \$22.90 now \$18.90 14222

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Well priced Gisborne red with plum aromas and flavours supported by understated oak. Velvety smooth, it displays ripe, spicy berry and coffee flavours enhanced by a fine tannin structure.



7

Te Mata Woodthorpe

Hawke's Bay Merlot Cabernets 2007

was \$22.90 now \$16.90 19123

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A distinguished, single vineyard red blend from the good 2007 vintage in Hawke's Bay. Aromas and flavours of ripe plum and blackcurrant are embellished by chocolate nuances. Stylish.



8

Matawhero
Gisborne Merlot 2009

was \$25.90 now \$19.90 10766

CASE OF 6 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A stylish Merlot with intense plum and berry aromas supported by spicy oak and mocha notes. The full bodied palate has concentrated fruit, integrated oak and a firm structure.





Sacred Hill

Hawke's Bay Syrah 2008

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 18471

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Expertly crafted Syrah from the famed Gimblett Gravels, packed with spicy varietal characters. Complex and balanced, it develops with every sip to show tiers of flavours and nuances.





Château Roudier Montagne-Saint-Emilion 2005

was \$39.00 now \$25.00 41260

CASE OF 12 \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Château-bottled, Merlot-dominated red exuding tones of plum, berry and cedar. Medium bodied, with the ripe fruit flavours complemented by subtle tannins and a lingering finish.





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