

WINELETTER 161 FEBRUARY 2011: SUB-\$20 WINES TO ACCOMPANY YOUR SUMMER

DIDA'S COMES TO DEVONPORT BROOKFIELD'S PETER ROBERTSON BRILLIANT BARGAINS TO KICK OFF 2011 CENTRAL OTAGO'S OTHER COLOUR 2008 WINES FROM BURGUNDY THE NEW STOKE BEERS FROM McCASHIN WAIPARA HILLS' EQUINOX RANGE THE GLENGARRY FEBRUARY TOP10



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Now that we're a super-duper-city and the results of all the multi-level market research are in, it has become apparent that there are citizens in what is now known as Brown's Town that have never been to Devonport. Isn't that extraordinary? It's one of the finest places in our fair city and, what with Google Maps, really quite easy to find.

We feel well-qualified to comment, having opened our retail ranch sliders in Devo back in the early 1990s. Zooming right up to the present, we're pleased to report that there's a bit more of us to go around, the doors now open as well at Dida's in the reticulated Victoria Theatre. We thank the folk – mostly locals – who have swamped us with their custom in the past six weeks; Dida's already feels firmly entrenched in the community, something that's hard won in this haven across the water.

Big news is, of course, the upcoming Devonport Food, Wine & Music Festival. This event looms large in a red loop on our kitchen calendar, with February 19th and 20th duly encircled. Not that we're likely to forget; having been involved for so many years now, it's a fixture for us, one we're proud to be associated with. Interestingly, we noticed this year how many new businesses there are involved, and while an influx of new blood is always welcome, we're proud that we were early adopters, having committed to the festival back near its beginnings and supported it contiguously since then.

In our cynical modern environment no one ever believes you when you say, we don't do it for the money, but like good claret, we're going to roll the phrase around our tongues anyway and say, hey: we don't do it for the money. It's about the cause, and we're amped to be once again supporting Devonport's local community at this year's festival.

The event itself is a treat: always peppered with intriguing food and wine offerings that you don't seem to see elsewhere, and, pretty much, the sun always shines, which I think is covered by your entry fee. Grab your Panama, ditch your car and bring your tastebuds along for a sensational sensory treat. And make sure you come and say 'hi.' We will say 'hi' back, and hopefully interest you in our array of vinos from across the globe and just across the macrocarpa tasting table.

Something a little different: we're offering Wine Academy courses on site. We've never believed in the old adage that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing; when it comes to wine, a little knowledge just enhances your pleasure and makes the whole experience that much more rewarding. Enhancing and advancing before you start prancing and dancing to Anika Moa, well, that's surely got to be a good cause as well, wouldn't you say? See you there, Pierre.

Jak Jakicevich

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S Fearless Buys

A MONTHLY SELECTION OF DELICIOUS, DEPENDABLE REDS AND WHITES WHERE THE PALATE, NOT THE PRICE TAG, PACKS A PUNCH

Farmers Market GISBORNE Chardonnay 2009

was \$19.90 now \$13.90 11551

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

Classy Gisborne Chardonnay

Admirable restraint on the nose, with a dignified ushering in of stonefruit and other delights. The great winemaking skills upon which this brand has chosen to hang its felt fedora are clear and present, in the way the flavours flow on the palate, the seamlessness of the textural components and, before we disappear up our own firmaments, in the bloody great mouthful you get for so few sovs, guv'nor. What's the catch, you may well ask. It's the bit that attaches the cupboard door to the frame, you noodle.

Lawson's Dry Hills MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$23.50 now \$17.90

CHARDONNAY

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A gazillion vintages in and they're still wiping the winery tiles with most of the ne'er do wells who have the gall to call themselves competition. Having suffered unduly at the hands of diluted expressions of a grape variety that you have to work really hard at to dull down, it's a delight to bask in the intense, concentrated flavours of citrus and passionfruit for which Sauvignon Blanc is so renowned. Sensational offering from one of the region's class acts.



Tarras CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir Rosé 2010

was \$23.50 now \$17.90 14350

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE Stand-out Central Otago Rosé

The 2009 of this secured a medallion of gold, its clear potential as a lavender-infused love elixir blatantly wooing and swaying several judges. Here, now, with the 2010 version glistening on the sideboard, what do we make of all this? A gossamer-like delicacy is a charming hallmark of the current offering; Pinot's cherry tones form the central plank upon which the rest of the refreshing, vibrant characters walk with aplomb. Here, it would appear, summer never ends.

Wild South MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$18.90 now \$12.90 11299



MONTES

the crumbs from your table, ladies.

Montes classic series Malbec 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 90526

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Excellent value Chilean red

Surgingly fruity, with a preponderance of plums and a blather of blackberries, all wrapped up in a five pound note. Nice spice, not posh and far too cool to be sporty. It's all about the fruit, laddy, and a very generous weight and length, especially given that price point. Buy a case, think big, because, at the end of the day, if you're going to wallow, wallow deep, cherub.

Ti Point

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2010



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Popular & acclaimed Pinot Gris

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 18992

Cuisine's five stars (last year) and best buy speaks volumes about how this wine rates when nestling amongst its peers: i.e. blows them out of the water, Portia. You keep telling those little beggars of winemakers that PG is all about texture, but so few listen and even fewer get it. Tracey Haslam had her listening ears on that day, and, as we revel in the river of robust richness, we praise the heavens.



Palacios Remondo LA VENDIMIA Rioja 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Think modern Spain, OK? The Guggenheim at Bilbao, tulip and porcupine paella at Valentina and Vicente's, and wines that don't ache with oak overuse but instead burst forth like a blossoming bliss of bottomless fruit. Singing with spice, thickly smeared with luscious dark berry flavours and yet consummately consumable, this is the New Spain, the shape of things to come, the Armageddon going (that's enough - Ed).



BROOKFIELDS' PETER ROBERTSON



Established in 1937, Brookfields is Hawke's Bay's oldest boutique winery. Peter Robertson spent a number of years working with the legendary Tom Macdonald at McWilliams before purchasing the winery in 1977 and redirected its focus, moving it away from fortified wines to concentrate on producing fine table wines.

Despite making wine in Hawke's Bay for over thirty years now, Peter has never rested on his laurels, constantly adding new varieties to the Brookfields portfolio and introducing innovative techniques to produce wines like his sun-dried Malbec.

Right from the start, Peter's belief has been that superior wine comes from superior fruit, and that great wines are made in the vineyard. This is where his long experience and deep understanding of the Hawke's Bay terroir pays dividends; he knows which varieties are best suited to individual sites.

Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, the Brookfields wines are graceful expressions of Hawke's Bay fruit, beautifully conceived and finely detailed; the reds are accentuated by lush fruit and respond well to bottle aging, while the whites, particularly the Chardonnays, are elegantly poised, subtle and characterised by long, deep flavours.

Many of New Zealand's older wineries have either changed ownership or had a succession of winemakers influencing its philosophy. In his longtime role as both owner and winemaker, Peter Robertson has been the unquestioned arbitrator of Brookfield's quality and stylistic direction.



Brookfields HAWKES BAY MARSHALL BANK Chardonnay 2009

was \$33.90 now \$29.90 11345

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

The Marshall Bank vineyard next door to the winery is a low fertility vineyard planted exclusively in Chardonnay fruit. The free-run juice was barrel fermented and matured in new and seasoned barriques for eight months. It is a straw coloured wine with a fragrant bouquet of stonefruit and citrus supported by spicy oak. The palate has tiers of peach, apricot, lime and mealy notes complemented by integrated oak and a creamy texture. Beautifully made.

 BROOKFIELDS
 BURNFOOT
 MERLOT 2009
 was \$19.90 now \$15.90

 11318
 BROOKFIELDS
 OHITI ESTATE CABERNET 2008
 was \$19.90 now \$15.90

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 BROOKFIELDS
 OHITI GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2010
 was \$19.90 now \$15.90

 11343
 BROOKFIELDS
 HILLSIDE SYRAH 2009
 was \$44.90 now \$36.90

 19543
 BROOKFIELDS
 GOLD LABEL CAB MERLOT 2007
 was \$59.90 now \$49.90



BERGMAN Chardonnay 2009

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Bergman Estate takes its name from the Bergman roses planted at the head of the rows. The hand harvested grapes were gently pressed, the juice immediately chilled and, following settling, yeast inoculated and transferred to French and American oak for fermentation. The bouquet displays tropical fruit aromas embellished by understated oak. Partial malolactic has given the palate a creamy texture that complements the melon and stonefruit flavours. A classic.



The fruit for this latest release was harvested from the Ohiti Estate, which enjoyed an excellent vintage. The wine was cool fermented to

which enjoyed an excellent vintage. The wine was cool fermented to provide fresh varietal characters and lees aged to enhance textural mouthfeel. The intense bouquet of nashi pear aromas is embellished by a flicker of honeysuckle and spicy notes. It's an off-dry style with ripe, enticing pear flavours enriched by honeyed nuances. Smooth and silky, a versatile food wine.



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Inspired by the Amarone styles of Italy, this 100% Malbec is sourced from the Ohiti Estate and a Tuki Tuki Valley vineyard. The grapes from the latter were hand harvested and left on racks to dehydrate and concentrate. The batches were separately fermented, blended and aged for twelve months in American oak. A deep, dark red in colour, with blackcurrant and plum aromas and flavours supported by hints of bitter cherry. A full bodied, savoury wine with a spicy character.

Sparkling

A CELEBRATION OF SPARKLING WINES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE TO MAKE EVERY DAY A FESTIVE OCCASION



Dear old Pol is a merry old soul, a merry old soul is he. He called for his... wife? Get out of the cab! He called for a roadster, plus a few friends of slightly uncertain intention but exquisite dress sense, and spirited them all off to the country to enjoy one of the world's very best champagnes with a basket of strawberries, a view of the hills and a commitment to the pursuit of pleasure that we could well aspire to. Beautiful wine that dances on the head of a pin, without even trying.





was \$25.90 now \$21.90 15204 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE New to Glengarry from Eveline Fraser Launched into orbit by sparkling expert and ex-Cloudy Bayer Eveline Fraser, this is a cracking wine, full of verve, vigour and vibrant varietal flavours and aromas. This artfully constructed, beautifully delivered and sumptuously rendered expression will leave the bandwagon jumpers (and there are a few) in its wake. Or perhaps its comet tail.



Very classy, Al's big drop, no rough edges or out of balance mustget-a-wheel-alignment impressions as it slinks on down which, while we'd expect nothing less from a winery with such a long-established reputation, there are plenty of sparklings at this price point that one might want to get AA checked, if you ken, Ken. Berry and stonefruit flavours, a firm hand of acid and a charming round of applause.



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Deliciously light Italian sparkling wine

In the latest Steve Martin book an art dealer and her beau-to-be slink off to a stratospherically priced New York restaurant and reward themselves with a glass of... Champagne? A Cosmo? Kuhtze Lite? No you nong, a glass of Prosecco. Saint Marge is one of the best and brightest, too; lively, floral, perfect for those lunches that go for days.



How can wine this good cost so little? We would politely reply: who cares? Does it matter? Do pricing matrices and seasonal trends interest you? Not one whit, you wittily retort. Keep it simple: ace wines, broad coverage of region, style, grape variety and use of felt-tipped markers, prices turned inside out because they are; and the beneficiary, the person-most-likely-to-gain category is headed by you, blue. As they say in the car ad, get in, be moved. Don't dally, Sally!



Clifton Road HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$13.90 now \$9.90 18007



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Our North Shore readers may see the irony in a wine of such decently discounted pricing sharing the same name as a particularly pricey stretch of real estate. Or they won't. Nobus cosundrum, as the Latin Master used to say. Great drinking, great value, great pricepoint, party at Portia's, the residents already all-a-Twitter...



Crusher Road макцвокоидн Sauvignon Blanc 2010



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE

Well, they didn't call it Crusher Road because the soil is made from silk pom-poms, did they? The quarry next to the winery tells us we're standing on stony ground, to paraphrase Phoebe Snow, so the vines dive among the boulders as if for pearls, seeking and straining for sustenance, causing the fruit to accumulate much intensity of flavour. Tropically inclined, trending toward the tasty-yet-refreshing corner of the epithet grab-bag.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Second label for Fairhall Downs; with the 2009 grabbing a big goldie at the Air New Zealand awards, you'd be smart to capture the bargain clearly on offer here. Authenticity is the key, with 'product of Marlborough' stamped over every glassful. Intensely aromatic, sharply and sexily flavoured, and complementary to more shellfish than is decent.

CHALICE MARLBOROUGH UVIGNON BLANC

Lake Chalice

was \$19.90 now

макьвовоидн Sauvignon Blanc 2010

\$15.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Consistently one of Marlborough's finest offerings, and if you think we're just saying that, check the medal tallies for this label over the past ten years. A chestful of golds, to be sure, for this embodies everything that is pure and good and right about Marlborough Sauvignon: freshness, clarity of purpose, purity of flavour, mouthfuls of fabness.

Jules Taylor

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$23.90 now \$19.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

JT as she's known to, well, no one really but we're short on space, has done the hard yards in Italian vineyards, made some stunning wines for some Big Names back home, and done a decade of decent doodling under her own quite splashy umbrella. This nailed a gold and a trophy at the Air New Zealand awards which would make it, by any reckoning, one of the nation's best. Crackerjack, love.



Villa Maria private bin MARLBOROUGH Riesling 2010



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

Champion Dry Riesling and Champion Open White Wine, this is a tremendous wine, beautifully made and so much better than the dollars would suggest; it would be foolish to leave with anything less than a gross.

De Bortoli DB Pinot Grigio 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

was \$21.50 now \$9.90 20929

LLA MARIA

RIESLING

That \$10-plus off, that's a pressure drop, pup; I think my ears popped yes they did. Plunge with me, children, dive into the pears, slither among the spice, feel the love, lap it up; hell it's not up to me to choose your pathway to pleasure for you. But I can make some very informed recommendations; seriously, get thee a case.



SAUVIGNON BLANC

NEW ZEALAND WINE

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MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Teetering toward the off-dry edge of the spectrum, this is a flood of homemade fruit pies, apple and pear tarts and crumbles, dusted with spice, lushly mouthfilling, an invocation of textural wonder that makes you wonder, why aren't there more Pinot Gris this good?



Lake Chalice EVRIE VINEYARD MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2010

DREA

PINOT GRIS

NEW ZEALAND WINE



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

This got a 'pure' silver at the Air New Zealands. The ultimate, signature, spot-it-a-mile-away varietal character of pear drop defines this delightful expression, said definition then rounded and enhanced by judicious oak and gentle lees stirring. Then we thought, hang on, Gambo: judicious? Gentle? Turn it up! Ahh, but at sub \$16, don't turn it down, either.



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

The numerical reference is actually topographical, Triplebank being three 'steeply-stepped sunbaked terraces,' Mr P. Ricard tells us. Neatly, this wine's almost incalculable gifts can be best enjoyed on your very own sun-baked terrace with a little simple something; its intensity and depth will provide much enjoyment over an afternoon.





Brunton organic GISBORNE Chardonnay 2009

was \$18.90 now \$14.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Gets the TLC required to be called organic, along with the attention normally lavished on wines twice the price. Mighty tidy drop this, organs or no, with lush stonefruit complemented by streaks of stony minerality and a bright lightbulb of citrus gifts to finish.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Reminds me of thick, fruit-filled yoghurt touched by honey... and that is not a convoluted way of justifying its inclusion at the breakfast buffet. It has that swirl of fruit spiralling around in a layered and lush texture that makes you think of sweetened de Winkel. Serious. And this has a much better use-by-date than your usual morning tipple.

Grower's Mark BRIANT

GISBORNE Unoaked Chardonnay **2009**

was \$22.90 now \$18.90 10751



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Peter Briant has helped make some legendary Chards for some big fellah labels in his time, so it's aces to see him sneaking a wine out with a small recognition of his own abilities on it. The wine is worthy of serious consideration, being weighty, beautifully integrated and seamless from delicious start to 'golly it's a long way down the back there,' finish. Absolute class, no question.











CASE OF 6 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

There's a brief but amusing Monty Python skit couched as a nature doco where a voice oozing authentic guttural thickness announces, 'la llamio est uno quadrupudo,' and, after a beat, an Attenborough voice announces with much gravity: 'the llama is a quadruped.' Genius. 'Freixenet esto mucho enjoyadiablo et non frivoloso.' Um, si.

Saint-Meyland Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

was \$23.90 now \$16.90 43010

Stumbled across a 'Lives of the Saints' the other day. Hell's bells, what gruesome reading. There was, in the first month alone, dismemberment, crucifixion, much flogging, cutting out of tongues, etc. Saint-Meyland is, fortunately, the patron of guilt-free pleasure, so, at this price, indulge and be like, you know, OK about it and everything.



Trinity Hill HAWKES BAY ROSÉ 2010

was \$18.90 now \$14.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

This wine has half a dozen different grape varieties in it. Isn't that something? Where do they fit them all? And wouldn't it have been just a little bit of cheeky fun to fit them all on the label? C'mon, live a little, people. Smashing example of summer sexiness, with cool fruit like cranberry and red currant going hard with some intense stawberries and spicy, um, Tempranillo, if you will. This, salmon, a sunset: fantastic.





Pinot undesirables. Witness, if you will, the almost celestial coming together of Pinot price and quality, brilliantly expressed by ole Jack here; loads of flavoursome berry fruit, a touch of complex spice, and a price that doesn't have you taking your teeth home in your hands.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A wee shoot from the Rockburn family tree. Our deft discounting structure has ensured this generously proportioned Pinot slips on in under the 20 mark, something that will delight its ever-expanding coterie of fans. Beelzebub himself will not be able to hold back the stampeding millions, because when it comes to sorting out that whole quality/value thing, the winding staircase is worth the stagger.



Rua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$24.90 now \$19.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Another second label success story, with Akarua, like Rockburn, just dominating the Pinot charts from vintage to vintage. Again, the development of these brands shows the profound change in the New Zealand market; not only is this superb, ready-to-go wine at a knockdown price, there's plenty of it to satisfy our greedy little goblets. The days of great Pinot Noir running out? 'Gone by lunchtime,' he pronounced boldly.

Three Paddles MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009



was \$25.90 now \$19.90 15839 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Thinking how this wine's slow pulse of flavour would throb in delicious synchronicity with wild duck, I spotted in the 'Esquire's Handbook For Hosts' (1954) a warning when cooking canard: 'you may not feel up to stewing one wild duck in the pressed blood and raw juices of his mate ... ' Yikes. This is aces with the bewingéd beasts, but the intense fruit is mesmerising when filtered through the hazy gauze of exotic spices.

Torea

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 12287

SUMMER

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

PINOT NOIR EW ZEALAND WINE

Some labels might argue against pride of place as the lowest priced Pinot on the page. After all, 'Pinot' and 'value' aren't always words that snuggle up next to each other in a sleeping bag and spend the night swapping stories and toasting marshmallows. But Torea is all about delivering. and flavour, energy and style emerge triumphant.



Wally's Hut Shiraz 2009



was \$16.90 now \$10.90 28432

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE

Likely His Purpleness Himself, Prince Rogers Nelson might even reel at the violet vibrancy of the label. Golly but it could stop a wildebeest at thirty paces so unashamedly bright is the hue. Ditto the wine within, Wally being a deeply coloured and lively brute, full of spicy, fruity talk and a solid core of tawdry tales.





Barbadillo THE BULLSEYE Tempranillo/Cabernet Sauvignon 2007



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Barbadillo have around five hundred sprawling hectares of vineyards spread over two estates, Gibalbín and Santa Lucía, both of which are in the Upper Jerez. This has far more going on than any of us deserve at fifteen bucks, with lickable fruit lashed by liquorice and spunky Spanish spice. As they say, you don't ask, you don't get. Yip.

Paul Jaboulet secret de famille Côtes du Rhône 2008





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

There's a tiny tad of smoke, right at the back, just after the cherry pie notes and the sprinkle of cinnamon spice. Utterly intriguing, perhaps even a little furtive, which reflects the clandestine connotations of the name rather fittingly, wouldn't you say? No, me neither. Rivers of ripe, robust flavour and a touch of French earth. Perfect.







FAMOUS FOR ITS PINOT NOIR EXPRESSIONS, WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE OTHER SIDE OF CENTRAL

They say love is blind, and as this nation, and indeed the world, has fallen head over Cuban heels in love with Central Otago Pinot Noir, we've forgotten, much to our detriment, one very obvious thing: what about the whites?

When the Pinots were first getting airplay on the bacchanalian radio stations, the exquisite, elegant mineral-tinged and citric Rieslings, the coolas-ice-twice-as-nice, lean but lovable Chardonnays and even some excellent Sauvignons were being sipped up and spilt on our damask tablecloths.

Elephants all, we seem to have forgotten their charms while stampeding into the arms of the admittedly magnificent Pinots. The region lends itself to producing excellent aromatic expressions, with the Chardonnays having bite while maintaining power and, hell, we've even thrown in a Sauvignon, just to remind Marlborough that they haven't won Monopoly quite yet.

So: wake up Jeff, as the Wiggles would say. Have another look. Get excited. And, as George Harrison once intoned, try some, buy some.

ROCKBURN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 WAS \$23.90 NOW \$19.90 12384

A piercing tropical-meets-herbaceous loquaciousness abounds, bounded by razor-sharp acid and delivered with a cocky swagger. Fresh, vital and a reminder to Marlborough to stay on its twinkly toes.

MOUNT EDWARD RIESLING 2008 WAS \$25.00 NOW \$19.90 12521

Riesling fanatics, the Teddy Boys, and it shows in the delivery, too. This is a very clean style, with its limey lemons beautifully defined by tidy acid, while spice and a slight sweetness send you spiralling.

WHITES

AKARUA PINOT GRIS 2009

WAS \$26.90 NOW \$23.90 10212

This, to me, is how Pinot Gris should be, la-da-dee, with its fluttering showers of blossoming trees, generous dollops of pear and attendant juices and drops, and a palate rich with peaches and tinged with gingery spice.

CHARD FARM PINOT GRIS 2009 WAS \$27.90 NOW \$24.90 11106

Pioneers beyond dispute, the Hay brothers set this winery up back in 1987. No ambiguities here, either; bold characters of cinnamon-soaked pears and hints of hillside flowers lead to a weighty, wondrous wine laced with mineral magic.

PEREGRINE PINOT GRIS 2010 WAS \$29.00 NOW \$26.00 17112

Another varietally (anatomically?) correct expression. Dominated by stonefruit with tropical tendencies, there is a keen-eyed, and classic Central minerality that keeps the lushness lively. Boldly styled, exotic and exhilarating.

WOOING TREE CHARDONNAY 2008 WAS \$31.00 NOW \$28.00 19790

What was a restrained wine upon release has Cinderella-ed into a rich, deep and fast-flowing river of considerable weight, power and charm. If you cellared some, NCEA is beneath your capabilities, son. If not, hey! Come on down!

MT DIFFICULTY CHARDONNAY 2008 WAS \$37.90 NOW \$30.90 11630

A bigger style, with meaty fruit and barrel-derived lushness and weight artfully skewered on a kebab of minerality and fruit acid. 14% alcohol widens the waistband, the final impression one of class, character and charm.



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REDISCOVER THE WINES OF THE LUCKY COUNTRY WITH OUR PICK OF THE BEST AUSSIES ON OFFER

Deen de Bortoli vat series VAT 8 Shiraz 2008 was \$19.90 now \$14.90 20935 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE Very well priced Aussie Shiraz A third-generation family winery established in 1928 by Vittorio and Giuseppina De Bortoli. Their son Deen created the Vat Series, a range of full flavoured Shiraz and exceptionally affordable wines. Deen selected and assembled the blends, which he identified by a number chalked on the individual vats. The Vat 8 is a multi-regional blend with spicy, peppery influenced aromas of blackberry, plum and subtle oak. A richly flavoured red enhanced by a firm tannin structure. Taylors EIGHTY ACRES **CLARE VALLEY Shiraz Viognier 2008** was \$21.00 now \$14.90 28075 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE Highly repected producer Sourced from Taylors original eighty-acre Clare Valley GHTY ACRE vineyard, this is a blend of Shiraz with 8% Viognier. The intense bouquet displays aromas of plum, with subtle floral notes from the Viognier, supported by spice and vanillin oak nuances. The medium-weighted, juicytextured palate exhibits ripe plum and berry flavours, well integrated oak and a delightfully lingering finish.



Thorn-Clarke sandpiper BAROSSA Shiraz 2009

was \$22.00 now \$18.90 23917

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Six generations in wine

The Thorn-Clarke family has been involved in South Australia's wine industry for six generations. The family own four vineyards, two in Eden Valley and two in the Barossa Valley. An intensely coloured wine with youthful, purple highlights, the Sandpiper was matured for twelve months in American oak. It has an impressive bouquet, displaying varietal aromas of spice, blackberry and plum backed by subtle oak. The palate has ripe plum flavours enhanced by a smooth mouthfeel and dusty tannins.

SHIRAZ

Chapel Hill THE PARSON'S NOSE MCLAREN VALE Shiraz 2009

was \$24,90 now \$19,90 21253

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Consistently excellent wines

Established in 1979, Chapel Hill takes its name from the beautifully restored 1865 ironstone church on its property. A number of the company's varietal wines follow an ecclesiastic theme, including this delicious Shiraz. Carefully harvested to avoid overripe jammy flavours, the wine was matured entirely in French oak. It has an alluringly aromatic bouquet showing mulberry and plum along with whiffs of cinnamon and spicy oak. A beautifully structured, harmonious wine with a silky texture and a persistent aftertaste.

Geoff Merrill

MCLAREN VALE Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2006

was \$24.90 now \$19.90 22153

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

One of Australia's pioneers

Geoff Merrill's philosophy has always been to maximise the expression of region, variety and vintage without excessive winemaker intervention. The varieties were selectively harvested from McLaren Vale and the final blend matured in seasoned American oak. The nose displays berry, coffee, spice, a hint of liquorice and understated oak. Bright fruit flavours are supported by a firm structure and a lengthy finish.

HEWITSON

Miss Harry

BAROSSA VALLEY

750ML AUSTRALIAN WINE



Hewitson miss harry BAROSSA VALLEY Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2009

was \$24.90 now \$19.90 21797

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Blended off old vines

Named for Harriet Hewitson, a Châteauneuf-du-Pape inspired GSM blend augmented by small portions of Cinsault and Carignan. The lively bouquet shows ripe raspberry, red plum, a dusting of spice and creamy nuances from the barrel ageing. A classy, full bodied red with ripe berryfruit flavours supported by spice and peppery notes and enhanced by a silky texture.

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FRENCH BURGUNDY FROM THE 2008 VINTAGE

regogne Pinot Noi

Sourgoque

DOMAINE JESSIAUMI



Gros Frère & Soeur hautes côtes de nuits

Bourgogne Rouge **2008**



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE Classic Burgundy

With significant holdings in Burgundy's most illustrious appellations, the Gros family have between them three separate, individually owned and operated domaines. Gros Frère & Soeur is run on traditional lines by Bernard Gros. This is 100% Pinot Noir fruit, matured in a mixture of new and seasoned barrels and lightly fined, but not filtered. It displays fragrant rose petal, raspberry and cherry aromas framed by understated oak. The well structured and integrated palate has distinctive berryfruit flavours that linger on through the firm finish.

Gros Frère & Soeur

HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS Bourgogne Blanc 2008

was \$49.00 now \$38.00 41004

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$37.50 A BOTTLE *Ripe, spicy stonefruit & citrus flavours*

Bernard Gros replanted large blocks of Chardonnay in the Hautes-Côtes to reduce cropping levels and maximise ripeness and flavour. The fruit was hand harvested, partially barrel fermented, lees stirred, given some malolactic and matured in seasoned oak. The distinctive citrus aromas are embellished by spice notes and understated oak, while the savoury palate displays mineral nuances, and a lush character that complements the ripe stonefruit and citrus flavours.



DOMAINE Anne Gros Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2008

was \$46.00 now \$39.00 41050

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE Great quality French Pinot

Anne, cousin to Bernard and Michel and youngest of the Gros brood, became involved in the family wine business in 1988. Her estates include excellent parcels in several Grand Crus and Villages AOCs. The fruit for this is off several of her properties; it was traditionally fermented and aged in 30% new barrels, which gives the wine good weight and suppleness. A generously proportioned, spice-edged Burgundy with good depth and a lingering finish. Alex Gambal CUVÉE LES DEUX PAPIS Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2008



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$37.50 A BOTTLE

Leading boutique producer

Alex Gambal is a boutique producer renowned for the exemplary quality of its wines. This entry-level Pinot Noir is a blend of Volnay and Pommard fruit that has been traditionally fermented and matured in oak and bottled without fining or filtering. The fragrant cherry and summer fruit aromas are nicely integrated with spicy oak. This is, in effect, a petit Volnay, soft textured and full of sensuous fruit flavours.

DOMAINE Michel Gros HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS Bourgogne Blanc 2008

was \$39.00 now \$36.00 42860 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE

100% Chardonnay

This domaine is owned and operated by Michel Gros, brother of Bernard. He inherited vineyards in the Hautes Côtes de Nuits from his father and has steadily increased his holdings in some of the region's best appellations. In 2002 he was awarded Best Red Winemaker, and in 2003 Best Pinot Noir, at the London International Wine Challenge. This creamy-textured, 100% Chardonnay is alive with stonefruit and citrus aromas and flavours embellished by spicy oak.



DOMAINE Jessiaume Bourgogne Rouge 2008



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

Modern methods combine with tradition

One of the jewels in the crown of the Côtes de Beaune, this domaine was established in Santeney by the Jessiaume family, who continue to operate it. Brothers Pascal and Marc have managed to coherently combine traditional and modern techniques to produce quality wines that are particularly expressive of their terroir. The bright, lively character is enhanced by raspberry and blackberry aromas and flavours, supported by hints of mushroom, herb and mineral.

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PINOT NOIR

DOMAINE ANNE GROS



Miopasso SICILY Nero d'Avola 2009

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

rrp \$21.90 now \$16.90 62840

A Sicilian red produced from the island's indigenous variety, Nero d'Avola. A percentage of the wine was made with dried grapes to provide the concentrated flavours. It's a dark, moody, purple-tinged wine with intense aromas of cherry, raspberry, chocolate and spice. The deep, full bodied palate accentuates the aromatic impression and is neatly balanced by a fresh, tangy mouthfeel. Well structured and richly flavoured, it finishes on an impressively long note.



was \$20.00 now \$16.90 62463

MIOPASSO

Nero d'Avola

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Italy's most famous wine style The Cecchi family are Chianti specialists and one of the leading producers of Italy's most famous wine style. They made this top-category DOCG wine from 90% Sangiovese blended with small portions of the indigenous varieties Canaiolo and Colorino. Aromas of morello cherry, violet and ripe tomato are seasoned by a flick of herb, while the mediumweighted, nicely integrated palate has a smooth mouthfeel and a lingering aftertaste.





- 62459 CECCHI BONIZIO SANGIOVESE 2008 was \$20.00 now \$15.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE
- 62488 PASQUA LE COLLEZIONI MONTEPULCIANO 2009 was \$16.50 now \$10.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE
- 62489 **PASQUA** V VALPOLICELLA DOC 2009 was \$20.50 now **\$13.90** CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE
- 66026 **PASQUA LAPACCIO PRIMITIVO IGT 2009** was **\$21.90** now **\$18.90** CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

NEW WINES FROM PERELADA

a taste of

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The Castillo Perelada was built in the 14th century outside the town of Perelada, in the heart of the Empordà plain. The castle and wine company that bears its name is today owned and operated by a third generation of the Mateu-Suqué family. Perelada is best known for its outstanding Cava wines, in demand at Spanish royal functions, but the company also produces a superb range of red, white and rosé wines. Sourced from several of Perelada's vineyards in the Empordà D.O. they have received international acclaim and elevated the status of this north-eastern Spanish region.

CASTILLO Perelada 3 FINCAS Crianza 2007

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 88045

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A blend of Carignan, Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot fruit harvested from three of Perelada's Empordà vineyards, the wine was matured for twelve months in American and French oak. The ripe berry aromas are supported by toasty oak nuances, while the fleshy, well balanced palate has a ripe fleshy character, a silky feel and supple tannins.

CASTILLO Perelada 5 FINCAS Reserva 2005

was \$29.90 now \$21.90 88044

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5 FINCAS

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

A blend of six grape varieties harvested from five of Perelada's vineyards. It has an intense bouquet of berry and plum supported by spice and roasted notes. The suave, pervasive palate displays ripe blackcurrant fruit flavours embellished by a hint of balsamic and supported by a silky tannin structure.



- 88051 PERELADA BRUT RESERVA CAVA was \$19.90 now \$15.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE
 88052 PERELADA BRUT ROSADO CAVA
- was \$19.90 now \$15.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE
 88043 PERELADA BRUT NATURE CUVÉE ESPECIAL 2008
 was \$29.90 now \$21.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE
 88042 PERELADA CUVÉE ROSADO BRUT CAVA 2007
- was \$29.90 now \$21.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE



Waipara Hills' flagship range of wines perfectly captures the soul of the South Island. The wines are skilfully crafted by head winemaker Simon McGeorge, who allows the characteristics of each season's fruit to shine through without overt winemaking influence. These vibrant wines are expressive of their unique terroirs and true to the variety. Much international praise and a hoard of awards.

10433 EQUINOX PINOT NOIR 2009 RRP \$29.90 NOW \$24.90 10439 EQUINOX PINOT GRIS 2010 RRP \$29.90 NOW \$24.90 2010 RRP \$29.90 NOW \$24.90 10435 EQUINOX RIESLING 10437 EQUINOX LATE HARVEST RIESLING 375mL \$14.90





McCASHIN INTRODUCES HE.NEW

This new brand from the McCashin family will have great appeal for lovers of handcrafted beer. Produced at the historic 1940's Stoke brewery, the beers are traditionally brewed and entirely free of chemicals, artificial additives and colouring. The McCashins use pure ingredients that include Nelson's famous organic hops, premium malt, bespoke yeast and Palaeo water, one of the purest in the world. Smooth, distinctive, outstanding.

10246 STOKE GOLD 10247 STOKE DARK

10245 STOKE AMBER 330mL 12-PACK \$24.90 330mL 12-PACK \$24.90 330mL 12-PACK **\$24.90**



41478 CHATEAU RIOTOR ROSÉ 2009

48129 PIPER ROSÉ & JAIME HAYON ICE BUCKET

\$24.90

\$74.90





Sacred Hill HALO HAWKES BAY Syrah 2009

was \$24.90 now \$17.90

CASE OF 12 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A complex Syrah from the Bay with distinctive blackberry and peppery notes on the nose to accompany the richly layered palate. Ripe and tasty, enhanced by subtle oak nuances.



DOMAINES Bunan côtes de provence Rosé 2009



CASE OF 12 \$21.40 A BOTTLE

A charming, copper-toned wine that's perfect for a summer evening on the veranda. Elegance and crisp, refreshing flavours with undertones of strawberry, herb and citrus.



Grower's Mark DONNA ANDERSON иакьвокоидн Pinot Noir **2009**

was \$26.90 now \$22.90

CASE OF 6 \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Esk Valley HAWKES BAY Pinot Gris 2009

Sporting a gold medal from the Air NZ Awards, this single vineyard Pinot is packed with cherryraspberry-plum aromas and flavours supported by toasty oak notes. One of the best.

was \$25.50 now \$16.90 12826

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Another handcrafted beauty from winemaker

Gordon Russell; the nose is alive with honeyed

pear and spice nuances that tumble through

Dog Point MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$28.00 now \$21.90 18390

CASE OF 12 \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Concentrated tropical fruit aromas supported

by a sprinkling of herb and underscored by a

dash of minerality. Fresh and balanced with a

good depth of rich fruitiness.

onto the palate. Richly flavoured and weighty.



Finca Nueva Tempranillo DOC 2008

was \$24.90 now \$17.90 89811

CASE OF 6 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A fragrant Tempranillo with violet, blackberry and spice on the nose and a fresh, juicy palate. In its Rioja homeland it is frequently served chilled with tapas. Great summer drinking.



Cottage Block 6 HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2009 was \$35.90 now \$29.90 12058



CASE OF 6 \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay with a lovely bouquet of pineapple and melon backed by lime and understated oak nuances. A creamy-textured wine with a lingering, flavoursome finish.

Crossroads vineyard selection ELMS VINEYARD · GIMBLETT GRAVELS Syrah 2009

was \$42.00 now \$36.00 12635

CASE OF 6 \$35.50 A BOTTLE



A single vineyard Syrah displaying a ripe and vibrant bouquet of plum and berry underscored by spicy, peppery notes. An elegantly styled, harmonious wine.





Scott Base CENTRAL OTAGO Chardonnay 2009

\$23.90

CASE OF 6 \$23.40 A BOTTLE

A barrel fermented Chardonnay harvested from Cromwell vineyards. A creamy texture underscores the lime-accented peach aromas and flavours and the integrated, understated oak.







NEW ZEALAND WINE



DOG POINT VINEYARD

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NSW Shiraz with an aromatic bouquet of spicy black cherry, plum, liquorice and toasty oak. Full flavoured and well weighted, it has a good mouthfeel and a fine, lingering aftertaste.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH VEUVE CLICQUOT, OFFICIAL CHAMPAGNE OF THE BMW NZ POLO OPEN

