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those directly responsible for creating some of this country's, and our country cousin's, most arresting wines. The beating hearts and enquiring minds behind some of the most fantastic wines currently in the marketplace are all at our place and – is that the sound of a stroke of propitious luck? – the wine can be at your place soon enough, as well.

For these fine folk are instore, on the floor, somewhere and everywhere during June, the details of their respective itineraries clearly delineated within, so you can get to meet them. Shake their cabernet-stained hands. Better, you can grill them. How did you do this, why did you do that, remember that 1975 Traminer-Muller-Muscat (that they're desperately trying to forget), how you've still got a couple of bottles and would they like to buy them back before you put them on Trade Me. Yep, bring whatever queries you like and the floor will be yours, with a little lino space reserved for our inveterate vigneron veterans.

We've covered the waterfront, too, from the representatives of the colossal to the custodians of the boutique; and yes, women make wine too, don't you know, so you can cross corkscrews with Jules Taylor, Matawhero's Kirsten Searle and Helen McCarthy from Taylor's. In these pages they get to spill forth on why they make what they make and how they came to be doing so, and while you may not find handy fermentation tips for your bathtub gin operation, their words augment the thing that represents them and their fine organisations the most: the wines.

We have a selection of three of the best from each of the Glengarry Dozen, intriguing wines that the bespoken can wax endlessly on and, delightfully, that you can purchase at a reduced price for the month. You can then go home and retell everything you've heard as you sup on your new prizes, pretending each golden lyrical drop that spills from your tongue is your own. As always, bring a napkin. Cheers.

Jak Jakicevich

S Fearless Buys

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

Gunn Estate white LABEL HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$17.90 now \$10.90 18538

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE Great quality, great value

We haven't had this one in our sights for a while, so it's a delight to lock back onto this epitome of qualitydriven, value drinking. You don't expect this much flavour or winemaking finesse, frankly, down in the mid-teen dollars, and so the headrush of tropical fruits cut with shards of minerality is as surprising as it is exciting. For a style that can get a real nuance of 'bear-with-a-sore-head' aggression, there's a softness here, too. It'll love you to death, rather than zap you like a Taser, Fraser.

Paul Jaboulet SECRET DE FAMILLE Côtes du Rhône 2008

SAUVIGNON BLANG

was \$24.90 now \$16.90 45398

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

French style without the price

The only secret about this little beauty is how you get something French, delicious and mouthfilling for such little wedge. I mean, the dollar's reached stratospheric heights, yet the entry fee suggested is less than twenty from the vineland of plenty. Absurd. Spicy fruits - think raspberries and cherries with an inference of cinnamon and nutmeg, and some earthiness that, being French, just comes with the territory. Double entendres for the single-minded. Nice.



Couper's Shed HAWKES BAY Merlot Cabernet 2009

was \$28.00 now \$19.90 12627

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Gold medal wine

If you don't pick it up from the melting chocolate richness and smoothness on the palate, the silken seduction is due to the high proportion of Merlot in the final blend (82% for the statisticians out there). Merlot is a dream in the Bay, especially in a good vintage, so this required a mere 10% Cabernet for some added structure and a little Franc, likely for the florals, colour and extra complexity, we're picking. All beautifully integrated and lavishly delivered; char some meat and butter down some mushrooms.

Brookfields BACK BLOCK HAWKES BAY Syrah 2010

was \$19.90 now \$14.90

BROOKFIELDS Back Black SYRAH

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

For those who want to see what the good life is like but have just paid the latest power bill, this will more than satiate, its radiating warmth as good as a panel heater, and far better for your heart. There is a core of berryfruit and a powdering of pepper, the palate not indecently concentrated or overpowering, but dignified, authentic and fulsome.

AKE CHALICE MARIBOROUGH

Lake Chalice макцвокоидн Sauvignon Blanc 2010

\$14.90 ₁₃₅₄₃ was \$19.90 now

AUVIGNON BLANC

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Twenty-plus vintages making Marlborough Sauvignon delivers knowledge, experience and understanding of vineyard and variety like nothing else can. This may go some way toward explaining why Messrs Binnie, Thomson and Gambitsis consistently provide one of the most delicious and acutely varietal Sauvignons that the region has to offer. And dang, don't they make it look easy.



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Haha! We snuck in a little Spaniard, and we don't mean the finely-chiselled Alvaro Palacios, the man responsible for this delicious, fruit-filled extravaganza. Oh, and for totally turning Spanish wine on its head, ensuring its fortunes now soar above the canyon of mediocrity toward which they were headed. This is the new Spain: fragrant, vibrant, kindly priced.



Rua CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Is this just coquettish, come-hither, catch-me-Kate (and didn't he just!) eyes (or fruit and spice)? No! There is substance to its intentions and elegance amid the frivolity. Great texture, easygoing but well structured, she's medium-weighted, with plenty of flavour on the plentiful finish. At under \$20, is this just another empty election year promise? No! That's the price for a whole month. Vote with your Visa.



Couper's Shed

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CHURCH ROA



HIGH PRIESTS OF HERITAGE

The Church Road Winery has gone through a number of ownership and name changes since it was established in 1897 by Bartholomew Steinmetz. In 1926, 19-year-old Tom McDonald, a cellar hand at the winery, leased the property, eventually purchasing it when Steinmetz died in 1936. Under the McDonald Wines brand he released, in 1949, New Zealand's first ever commercial Cabernet Sauvignon. By the 1960s the wine had achieved legendary status, with each release quickly snapped up, and McDonald went on to carve himself an iconic niche in New Zealand's winemaking history.

In the late 1980s the McDonald Winery was purchased by Montana. The property was refurbished, extensively re-equipped and in 1990, under the Church Road brand, the first wines were released. The winery is currently a member of the giant international Pernod Ricard beverage company, but is operated as a stand-alone Hawke's Bay winery.

In addition to the award-winning wines marketed under the Classics label, Church Road also produces a Reserve range, the Cuve Series range and Tom, the flagship, claret-style red named in honour of Tom McDonald.

The Reserve range are produced from selected grapes harvested from the company's extensive Hawke's Bay holdings. The wines are made only in the best years, via a combination of traditional methods, modern equipment and French oak.

The philosophy underpinning the Cuve Series allows the winemaking team to experiment with varietal blends, using different clones and techniques that may lead the way for stylistic shifts in Church Road's wines.



Made in limited quantities, these distinctive wines demonstrate Church Road's unrelenting commitment to the pursuit of quality.

Church Road cuve series HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2009



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

Rich, silky, food-friendly Chard

Chardonnay's Mendoza clone is a modest-cropping variety with small berries that produce concentrated flavours. Here, the hand harvested Mendoza fruit was whole bunch pressed, barrel fermented, put through malolactic and lees stirred. It is a complex wine with lush stonefruit and lime aromas supported by subtle oak and mealy notes. Particularly food-friendly, richly flavoured, full bodied and complemented by a silky, yet textural mouthfeel and a crisp, lingering finish.

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Church Road cuve series HAWKES BAY Pinot Gris 2008

was \$28.00 now \$23.90 15195

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CASE OF 6 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

A single vineyard Pinot Gris, whole bunch pressed, fermented at coolish temperatures and lees aged for ten months to add textural mouthfeel. An appealing, golden-tinged wine with a distinctive bouquet of blossom, pipfruit and spice. The off-dry palate has a lush mouthfeel that complements the ripe fruit flavours.



Gimblett Gravels fruit was fermented in 70-year-old concrete vats and French oak cuves, followed by 22 months of maturation in French oak barriques. Berry and cassis aromas are embellished by spice and subtle oak. Rich, generous and sensuous, with a suavely smooth texture.





Church Road CUVE SERIES HAWKES BAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$28.00 now \$23.90 15243 **CASE OF 6 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE**

The Cabernet fruit was matured for 22 months in barrel and bottled un-fined. A rich, full-bodied wine with an excellent depth of berry and plum aromas and flavours underscored by oak nuances and firm tannins.

15189 RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2009 15080 RESERVE CABERNET MERLOT 2008 15240 **RESERVE** SYRAH 2008

was \$43.00 now **\$34.90** was \$43.90 now **\$34.90** was \$43.00 now **\$34.90**

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

Drappier CARTE BLANCHE Brut NV

was \$72.90 now \$43.90 43500

Replete with serious history

At Drappier the day-to-day business is conducted on a site that was originally an annex of the Clairvaux Abbey, a little spot for St. Bernard to contemplate, fine fizz in fist, no doubt. Lends a little colour to 'let's just step into my office,' doesn't it? Since we're on a roll, ageing their wines in the 12th-century vaulted cellars of the Cistercian Monastery surely infuses the wines with a little gravitas and character... Anyway: baked apples, a touch of grilled bread, rich yet elegant with some citrus pip zip to balance it beautifully.

Charles Heidsieck

Brut Réserve **NV**

was \$89.90 now \$69.90 41522

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$69.40 A BOTTLE

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One of the most stylish NVs

With its (up to) 40% Reserve wine component making up the final blend, you could be forgiven for thinking you were in prestige cuvée territory. A developed and complex wine in a way most NVs are not. A beautiful collage of caramel/toffee characters and ripe summer fruits, it is a rounded, mouthfilling champagne that still retains the elegance and mystery we seek out in the top-flight sparklers.

CHAMPAGNE Charles Heidsieck Rut RESERVE

Lanson GOLD LABEL Vintage **1998**

was \$120.00 now \$89.90 46315

Rich and bold vintage Lanson

Lanson is a frequently misunderstood and underappreciated grande marque, the Black Label at times dismissed sniffily in some quarters. We think this is because the deliberate ploy of blocking the malolactic fermentation that champagne normally undergoes renders the wines a lean, racy, bracing edge that some just don't get. Pfft. This should stop the scoffers: a rich, funky, punchy wine with long lines of fine fruit and great breadth of bready richness. Brightly acidic, yes, but reassuringly fulfilling, as bold as the glaring red Maltese cross that is part of the Lanson livery.

AUSTRALIA DE Bortoli EMERI Sparkling Pinot Grigio NV





CASE OF 6 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

was \$19.90 now \$9.90 20501

With the marketing imagery, you could be forgiven for accusing De Bortoli of style over substance. But then you pop their cork, so to speak, doubters silenced, glasses filled, enjoyment achieved. An excellent little sparkler, this – Italian-style with its low beat alcohol and hi-fi fruit, lovely florals and musky characters carried downstream on a sea of gentle bubbles.





NEW ZEALAND Shooting Star Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc NV

was \$25.90 now \$21.90 15204

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Eveline Fraser's Shooting Star arcs triumphantly with this debut wine from her own label, within the No.1 Family Estate brand, itself no stranger to top quality sparkling wines. This is a clear example of what the marriage of Marlborough's leading varietal and bottle-fermentation can achieve: richness and elegance with the hallmarks – herbs, citrus zest, crispness – of top-flight Sauvignon Blanc.

ITALY Santa Margherita Prosecco Superiore DOCG NV



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

was \$29.00 now \$21.90 a

This bon vivant whispers bon voyage as it cascades deliciously up the glass and fires up your imagination. Where do you want to go today, the propeller-heads at Microsoft say, and this imparts similar sentiments, but in a relaxed-but-romantic dreaminessmeets-realism way that only the Italians can deliver. Even the fruit has a summer laziness to it that says, look out world, here I come... but I'm going to slowly finish my glass first.



NEW ZEALAND Allan Scott RESERVE BLANC DE BLANCS Brut NV





CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

The price is a gesture when you consider the delightful experience awaiting the first unwinding of the cage. BDB is such a distinctive style, that brave backing of Chardonnay-only paying off handsomely in the finesse that exhales elegantly from every bubble. Lemon-tinged toastiness gets a gossamer lift from the fine bead; there's structure and strength there too, though, one of myriad excitements waiting in the pale depths.

THEGLENGARRYDOZEN

Once a very successful winemaker for some Big Names, Jules Taylor has been focusing solely on her own eponymous, small but growing entity since October 2008.

"We're tiny; we only did 400 cases in our first vintage, and our aim, still, is for slow growth. We're here and now, we're not out to conquer the world because that'd just be way too out of control for us. Where we have our wines pitched we don't need to be massive, and anyway we can't afford to be – there's myself, my husband George, one other employee and that's it!"

Slow growth means carefully controlled expansion; the brand has an increasing presence in the US, and a steady build of volume and profile is keeping the Jules Taylor name on the shelves and in the minds of a growing legion of fans locally. "We've had growth year upon year when a lot of people have been the other way, so we feel very lucky."

Is there a secret? Of course not, but there is a clear ethos. "We're focusing on making high quality and affordable wines for people to drink and enjoy, not necessarily to put in a cellar for fifty years and forget about."



Jules Taylor MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2009

was \$23.90 now \$19.90 12942

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Smart and subtle Chardonnay

A delicious nose of fragrant lemons, stonefruit and baked bread with butter, not overpowering, just attractive scents delivered in smartly understated fashion. (Understated like Kate's dress, the one with the, um, 2.7 metres of subtle silk train). Anyway, lovely flavours on the palate, an oaky richness that isn't cloying, just enjoyable, really, and a well-controlled delivery of treats, toppling like little golden dominoes across your palate, all lining up for a polite finish and an elegant bow. Or curtsey, perhaps; there is a femininity about the wine that is Burgundian rather than boyish. Delightful.

10728JULES TAYLOR SAUVIGNON BLANC 201012456JULES TAYLOR PINOT NOIR 2010

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** was \$32.00 now **\$28.90**



realised, it would seem.

10218 **AKARUA** CHARDONNAY 2009 10216 **AKARUA** PINOT NOIR 2010 was \$26.90 now **\$19.90** was \$37.90 now **\$34.90**



Don't the big wine guns stick to their knitting, keep delivering the tried and true varietals and styles and if we want quirky, we go elsewhere? No, thankfully; after talking with Alastair Maling, Group Winemaker at Villa Maria, learning that they planted Viognier back in 2002 your hopes pick up.

"Well, it was a bit of a punt, and it still is, really!' he laughs. 'But it is an interesting alternative to someone who wants a wine with a bit more body weight and something to pair with food. It's a fickle varietal; it produces bigger crops one year then not much at all, and it goes through an early flavour spectrum during the vintage, so suddenly you think, here we go! And then it dies... then it comes back up again. You really have to time it right with picking, hang it out there a little bit longer and push the boundaries, which always makes for the odd challenge."

Which is winemaker-speak for you need big cojones and no chance of rain. 'Unflappable' might best describe the man who for ten years has produced more award-winning wines than just about everyone else put together. Yet he likes to let the wines speak, so listen: it's deafening.

ALASTAIR

Villa Maria Cellar Selection HAWKES BAY Viognier 2010

was \$26.00 now \$16.90 19697

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Beautifully rich Hawke's Bay Viognier

Fruit and flowers, dried apricots and cream. Keen? Yum! Mineral drives a wedge through the middle, a stony spike that adds extra dimension to the layers of ripe fruit. Richly textured, it's thick – sort of smeared on rather than daubed lightly – while acid balances the natural alcohol heat and weight and varietal tang and spice are a gorgeous addition to an already mesmerising picture. The finish has a delicious flick of something honeyed and exotic on the tail, a promise of marmalade mayhem, and spice – ginger – Roger. Fills your mouth and your boots but in no way empties your wallet. Perfect.

19551RESERVE CLIFFORD BAY SAUVIGNON 201019530RESERVE MERLOT 2007

was \$29.00 now **\$21.90** was \$54.00 now **\$42.90**

ALLAN

Allan McCorkindale

was \$29.90 now \$20.90 10100

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE State-of-the-art New Zealand Riesling

Multi-faceted nose bursting with florals, honey, hints of kerosine, mineral, and Alan's beloved orange marmalade. It's well along the off-dry continuum, but don't be fooled or confused by the initial embrace of sweetness, because as the flavours spread out across the palate, the warming richness is gently caressed by firm fruit acid. Meaning? It's perfectly balanced by the time the final chimes of oranges and lemons have left. A quietly powerful, subtly transcendent wine of great length and mineral purity, it knows how good it is so finds no need to trumpet the fact, seducing, instead, by stealth. One of the country's greatest producers of Riesling still finds the hardest part of the process convincing the public of its charms. "Oh yes, it's still a really hard sell, but we're trying to fly the flag. It's hard to sell Ferraris, too," he adds. Alan has made world-class wines from a host of terroirs, but that flag is firmly stuck in Waipara soil now, which he says is a unique spot.

"The cocooned valley that is Waipara is far enough south to get cold enough for Riesling. The soils are pretty special. The limestone component gives quite a different flavour profile to, say, Marlborough, which is a lemony kind of citrus character. Waipara is very much marmalade, especially once the wines develop some age. It's across the region, they all have it to a lesser or greater degree, depending where the grapes are grown and the crop level."

If you want that intensity, and those flavours, then? "It is very much related to crop levels and kilograms per vine. When the vines aren't carrying too much you get a lot more palate weight, mouthfeel and minerality in the palate. And we hand harvest. All a bit old school, but if you really want to go the extra 6 inches to get above the crowd, then everything you can do helps."

10121 McCORKINDALE GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2009 10127 McCORKINDALE CHALKY PINOT NOIR 2009

was \$29.90 now **\$20.90** was \$52.00 now **\$38.90**



HEGLENGARRYDOZEN NICHOLAS BROWN

Waipara, North Canterbury, may fail to attract the column inches that, say, Marlborough does, but there are some seriously good souls spilling out of the soils here, convinced they're locked in somewhere pretty special.

"There's a really nice match between climate and soil type which is just suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay," says the affable Mr. Brown of Black Estate. Don't misread his affability for indifference; this is a man with strong views on terroir and a sense of gratitude for what he does and where he does it. His father-in-law bought the 8ha of vineyards in 2007, and, along with his brother-in-law, Nicholas is, as he calls it, custodian of the land.

He's worked in the Pinot capitals of the world, produced superb wines for nearby Danny Schuster, but here he's come into his own. "We're always speaking about site, because it's what we believe to be the strongest part of it. Omihi has this incredibly dense limestone soil." From which he has coaxed some outstanding wines. "At the moment we're preparing for a tasting room, and we're taking delivery of 23,000 vines in spring to plant a new vineyard. It's very exciting, and I feel really, really privileged."



Black Estate оміні Pinot Noir **2009**

was \$43.90 now \$36.00 14709

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE Gold medal - Decanter 2011

Intense aromas remain intriguingly mysterious, floral and dewy-earthed, Vosne-like in that damp walled garden part of the spectrum. With great texture, it flows beautifully, irresistibly smooth and seamless like a well-sewn silk suit, a lush flush of black cherry and dark plum flavours bounded by firm but fair tannins, some fresh acidity and a long, sinewy finish. There's some earth on the nose, hence the French flavour to the flavours, and it reveals its many delights at a slower pace and less obviously than some of the Central Pinots, while remaining charming and approachable.

14700 BLACK ESTATE RIESLING 2010 14703 BLACK ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2010 was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** was \$36.90 now **\$32.00**

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Ouartz Reef CENTRAL OTAGO Methode Traditionnelle NV

was \$34.00 now \$26.90 17230

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE Elegantly restrained Central methode

Fine bead, fresh and lively in the glass, with sophisticated aromas of biscuity delight, citrustinged fruit, and some white flowers, all in an elegant and restrained fashion. Dry-styled, with lemon flavours pushing through the refreshing acid, the Chardonnay component showing in the finesse, the 61% Pinot providing firmness and structure. Some yeast development brings a warmth to the lean lines of flavour and ensures balance and poise from start to finish. The myriad flavours are wonderfully integrated, so the experience is one of seamless joy executed in very much a winemaker style. Exquisite.



Rudi Bauer was one of the first winemakers to see the potential in Central Otago; his early experience was at Rippon between 1989 and 1992, when he saw, well what, exactly? A vision? Kind of.

'Those wines showed great promise. My thinking was, here we are making good wines without any history, imagine what could happen if we gained experience, how the wines would look.' Most people thought it was marginal grape-growing terroir, but Rudi had lived there, experienced the weather and figured that plenty had got it wrong.

'Understanding the climate helped; everybody thought the further south you go the closer you are to the Antarctic (!) and people had never realised that the interior of Central Otago is unique within NZ. You have these cool nights and very, very warm days that are well-suited to Pinot. Living in the region made me see that.' But in no way will he take pioneer credit.

'It was the courage of Rolfe Mills, Allan Brady and others who decided to give it a go. For me, the biggest difference, the thing that's really helped is that I'm a qualified viticulturist and winemaker.' Both barrels. Spot on.

17232 QUARTZ REEF ROSÉ METHODE NV 17239 QUARTZ REEF PINOT NOIR 2008

QUARTZ REEF

was \$38.90 now \$31.90 was \$46.00 now **\$37.90**



While Taylors Wines have the largest holding in Clare Valley, they are very much a small winery by Australian standards and, crucially, family-owned. Shining star and glass ceiling breaker Helen McCarthy has been there for nearly a decade, and she loves the vibe and the culture.

"I've always felt part of the family. We're a very small and close team in terms of winemaking, and I think that helps as well. I probably spend more time with them than I do with my husband!" There are limitations with smallness, of course, particularly when discussing the subjective topic of wine, harder still when you're the ones that made it. Insuring against insularity, Helen has become a major fixture on the judging circuit, which has had some unforeseen and positive spin-offs.

"Because we are a reasonably small operation with three winemakers, you don't get a lot of exposure to the wines of others, so by judging I get exposure to up to 50 winemakers a year. That network's been really important, getting to see all the wines. It's quite good for my palate development, and to make sure that we keep on track with where the consumers are going. There's no point us making wines that we like if no one else does!"

HELEN MCCARTHY

Taylors st andrews 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELEASE CLARE VALLEY Cabernet Sauvignon 2006



clare valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 was \$120.00 now \$99.00 28035

95/100 - James Hallidayy Unlike the big brand Aussie wineries, the Taylors' ranges are easy to follow, and St Andrews is top of the heap, the ultra-premium flagship, handpicked, handmade releases eagerly awaited by an ever-burgeoning legion of devotees. Worship here, pilgrims, for this is mighty-mighty, an intense wine of much depth and breadth, deeply-flavoured, beautifully textured and with that Clare Valley finesse and elegance that distinguishes its wines from the homogenous miasma. Authentically varietal, stylistically and distinctly Taylors, this is a multi-faceted, complex, concentrated purebred with long legs to go a long while yet.

28082 TAYLORS JARAMAN CAB SAUVIGNON 2008 28095 TAYLORS ST ANDREWS RIESLING 2010 was \$36.00 now **\$29.90** was \$39.90 now **\$34.00**

CHRISTOPHER

Gibbston Valley CHINA TERRACE CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2009

was \$69.90 now \$54.90 12959

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$54.40 A BOTTLE Serious, sweetly succulent Pinot

The Trophy at the 2010 Air NZs reinforces the Keys ethos; the nose is delicate yet pure, clearly defined fruit, although the florals are certainly present. Toastiness touches your heart, and a touch of earthy mineral pops up, but well back in the mix, more harmonious backing vocals than outright diva; the Four Tops rather than Elton. Very ripe, rich fruit the more you dig, sweetly succulent on a palate layered and smooth as silken boxers (Elton again), and then the tannins crescendo to a gentle hum rather than a deafening din. More serious than me and Julio down by the School House, and equally arresting.

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was \$36.00 now **\$30.90** was \$69.90 now **\$54.90**



Answering the critics who suggest the concept of microclimates within sub regions is Central rushing things, Christopher Keys begs to differ.

"The greatest thing about Pinot Noir is that it gives a clear illustration of the vineyards... a sense of place comes through in the wines. Our vineyards are company-owned, so we can explore these different terroirs. It just seems a logical step to express those individual characteristics." But surely not every vineyard is uniquely blessed? "No. Vineyards have to show a consistency year in, year out, and the merit to make these wines good enough to stand by themselves. For example, our School House Pinot has delicacy and a floral lift and mineral tannins and you think, my God! It's almost impossible to create that in a wine and I'm damned if I want to blend them away.

"Some people blend lighter sub-regions like Gibbston with heavier ones like Bannockburn to produce a wine which is more centrist and, well, in the end you produce a nice Pinot, but how do you describe that? It doesn't mean it's a bad Pinot, but I prefer that it shows some sort of lineage that says this is why it tastes the way it does. That's where the fascination is."



Joining Crossroads in 2002, Miles Dinneen has been in charge of all the company's Hawke's Bay wines since 2005. While Chardonnay is his favourite varietal – "it's been the best white wine for Hawke's Bay for years, and I've always thought it's the most interesting" – the excitement surrounding local Syrah has not passed him by.

"In the Bay, you talk to most winemakers who make Syrah and it's what they're most excited about, and we're the same. The Crossroads 2005 vintage was our first all-Gimblett Gravels Syrah, and that was a good wine; I think it got a gold medal, and it's been pretty solid ever since. Compared with the Bordeaux varieties, even in the lesser, lighter vintages, Syrah makes a really appealing wine. With the Bordeaux reds, if they're green, they're green and everyone can see that."

It's a variety like Syrah that enables Miles to execute his key winemaking philosophy: "It's about subtlety and not overdoing things. I don't lather it on too much. It's letting the fruit do the talking, and every year as the vines get older and get bigger root systems and bigger trunks, they make better fruit."

GLENGARRYDOZEN MILES DINNEEN

Crossroads HAWKES BAY Syrah 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 12402

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Hawke's Bay's sizzling-hot variety



"Syrah is not the sort of wine you can load up with oak, you have to show some restraint. It's more like making Pinot," says Miles. Crossroads aim for a supple, mid-weight style, rather than "hanging the grapes out to get 80% shrivel to make a really concentrated wine. We just don't like that style." This has an alluring nose of spice, flowers and dark berryfruits, is plummy and violet-touched. There's some toast right at the back, while the palate displays sweet, sweet fruit in a feminine, floral and very attractive style. Gorgeous texture, easy flowing with gently nudging tannins keeping it to a straight course.

 I2399
 CROSSROADS CHARDONNAY 2010
 was \$19.90 now \$14.90

 12189
 VINEYARD SELECTION CABERNET FRANC 2009
 was \$42.00 now \$36.00

SEARLE

Matawhero GISBORNE Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$18.90** 10764

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE Buy 6 bottles and get the 7th free

Clearly herbaceous nose, a straight line of varietal precision that displays all the authentic characteristics without the undue noise of intense aggression that can define the more extreme examples. Tropical treats jostle for position, barely containing their delight at being part of the picture. Lime juice palate, smoothly textured with a softness that isn't flab, for the acid is the gentle tightening of the belt. And there, just on the tip of your tongue, a tiny bit of fruit and sugar sweetness. Quite full, body-wise, overall an interesting expression that in no way needs to doff its cap to its Marlborough mates.



Kirsten and Richard Searle have a simple aim with the legendary label Matawhero: "We want it to showcase the best of Gisborne," says Kirsten. Their championing of the region makes sense; Richard is Gisborne born and bred, they live on the property with their young family and, Kirsten says with utter certainty, "I know we'll spend the rest of our lives here."

Big winemaking and growing names, all with long histories in the region, ensure the best sites are shown to their greatest potential in the bottle, while inheriting the brand that got Gisborne going back in 1975 sees the Searles aware of their responsibilities as custodians of the brand and the land.

"Matawhero wines were some of the first table wines that people drank in New Zealand, so for a lot of people it's the return of an old favourite," says Kirsten. "But [previous owner] Denis ensured there was a lot of quirkiness to Matawhero, and while we're resurrecting the label, we're keeping a bit of that quirkiness, too." Producing a Gisborne Pinot, for example. "We won't do anything that's not Gisborne," Kirsten says, in case this needs explaining. Moreover, if the other wines are any indication, likely it'll be very good.

10761 MATAWHERO GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2009 10766 MATAWHERO MERLOT 2009

Matawhero

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



Nick Lane studied and saw off four vintages in France, and a few more in California and Sunbury, near Melbourne, from whence he was drawn across the ditch to take up the winemaker role at one of our most famous wineries.

"I wasn't planning to come back to New Zealand," he says affably, "but I was obviously attracted to the brand and familiar with the wines." A love of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay sees Nick shouldering direct responsibility for those particular varietals and a few more, but the whole team make the wines, a point he is keen to stress. "We all participate, taste and give our opinions on all of the wines. We don't always agree but that's fine, that's healthy. You don't always make the best wine by yourself, but by splitting it up [by variety] it allows a certain amount of creative space."

And Nick's creative philosophies? "I think it's about doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, and that's been the key to Cloudy Bay's success, too. You don't have to do crazy stuff to make good wine. If you go to extremes it doesn't actually give the best result, but it's a good learning tool. Ultimately, though, I've found the best answer is usually down the middle."

LANE

Cloudy Bay MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$37.00 now \$29.90 12112

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Iconic New Zealand wine



Pretty and pale in the glass, giving no hint of the intense varietal aromas by which you will be joyously assailed. Nothing else in the world smells like this. Lifted herbaceousness, and a kitchen garden lemon thyme/fennel touch that's overwhelmingly exciting, while a mineral character drives up through the centre. There is a tropical flirtation that adds warmth and weight, while the texture is tremendous, mouthfilling and smooth, the flavours fulsome – the juicy limes and citrus wash over the wet stone character like a spring shower on warm tarmac. The layered flavours persist to the very last gasp of the last glass.

12142 CLOUDY BAY TE KOKO SAUVIGNON 2007 12122 CLOUDY BAY PELORUS BRUT NV was \$55.00 now **\$44.90** was \$39.90 now **\$29.90**

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 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN SHIRAZ 2008 was \$30.50 now \$24.90

 22337
 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ 2008
 was \$60.00 now \$54.90

Kevin Mitchell has been producing individualistic, regionally authentic wines from his Clare Valley vineyards since 1997. Kevin's father had been producing splendid fruit from some of the vineyards for some years, and Kevin had gambolled amongst the vines as a child. So, in a beautiful piece of infant insider land trading, Kevin knew what the sites were capable of.

He was the man to bring that potential to bear, under his own label and so he has done, with much ink spilled in praise of these idiosyncratic, varietally pure expressions of the prime terroir. Such a pioneer is Kevin that he's even producing wines from vineyards in the Rhône and Loire Valleys, eager to learn more about the varietals with which he works, the sites they thrive in.

As Ray LaMontagne sagely said, "I ain't about to go straight," and Kevin's wines show that stamp of personality more than most. But this is no daydream, pipe dream or any other kind of reverie: these are wines made from working the Clare Valley soil, watching the skies, experiencing vintage after vintage and coaxing evermore intriguing, delicious and exciting wines from the little patches of dirt that make up Kilikanoon.





TUESDAY 7TH JUNE: PINOT NOIR CLUB **CHRISTOPHER KEYS** GIBBSTON VALLEY GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK 118 WELLESLEY ST WEST, PH 308 8346 7:00PM START \$45/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE: FOOD & WINE CLASS CHRISTOPHER KEYS GIBBSTON VALLEY DIDA'S FOOD STORE TAKAPUNA 178 HURSTMERE RD, PH 489 4728 7:00PM START \$45/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE: WINEMAKER'S DINNER NICK LANE CLOUDY BAY – MENU BY DIDA'S DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE HERNE BAY 54 JERVOIS RD, PH 376 2813 7:00PM START \$95/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE: WINE CLUB TASTING MATT CONNELL AKARUA GLENGARRY THORNDON 232 THORNDON QUAY, PH 472 7051 6:00PM START \$25/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 9TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING MATT CONNELL AKARUA GLENGARRY COURTENAY PLACE 27 COURTENAY PL, PH 385 9600 4:00PM-6:00PM FREE OF CHARGE

THURSDAY 9TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING NICK LANE CLOUDY BAY GLENGARRY PONSONBY 139 PONSONBY RD, PH 378 8252 5:00PM-6:30PM FREE OF CHARGE



THURSDAY 9TH JUNE: WINE CLUB TASTING NICK LANE CLOUDY BAY GLENGARRY KINGSLAND 467 NEW NORTH RD, PH 815 9207 7:00PM START \$25/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



THURSDAY 9TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING KIRSTEN SEARLE MATAWHERO GLENGARRY PARNELL 164 PARNELL RD, PH 358 1333 5:00PM-7:00PM FREE OF CHARGE



FRIDAY 10TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING KIRSTEN SEARLE MATAWHERO GLENGARRY REMUERA 400 REMUERA RD, PH 523 1594 4:00PM-6:00PM FREE OF CHARGE



FRIDAY 10TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING CHRISTOPHER KEYS GIBBSTON VALLEY GLENGARRY CITY CNR WELLESLEY ST/MAYORAL DR, PH 379 8416 5:00PM-7:00PM FREE OF CHARGE



TUESDAY 14TH JUNE: WINEMAKERS' DINNER – MENU BY DIDA'S MATT CONNELL & NICHOLAS BROWN DIDA'S VICTORIA PARK 118 WELLESLEY ST WEST, PH 308 8319 7:00PM START

\$75/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE: WINE CLUB TASTING MILES DINNEEN CROSSROADS GLENGARRY KINGSLAND 467 NEW NORTH RD, PH 815 9207 7:00PM START \$25/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED





7:00PM START \$35/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED THURSDAY 16TH JUNE: WINE TASTING RUDI BAUER QUARTZ REEF GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE: WINE & CHEESE

MATT CONNELL AKARUA

DIDA'S FOOD STORE TAKAPUNA

178 HURSTMERE RD, PH 489 4728

118 WELLESLEY ST WEST, PH 308 8346 7:00PM START \$45/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED THURSDAY 16TH JUNE: CELLAR TASTING



NICHOLAS BROWN BLACK ESTATE GLENGARRY HERNE BAY 54 JERVOIS RD, PH 378 8555 7:00PM START \$35/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



TUESDAY 21ST JUNE: WINEMAKER'S DINNER ALASTAIR MALING VILLA MARIA – MENU BY DIDA'S DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE HERNE BAY 54 JERVOIS RD, PH 376 2813 7:00PM START \$95/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE: INSTORE TASTING KIRSTEN SEARLE MATAWHERO GLENGARRY COURTENAY PLACE 27 COURTENAY PLACE, PH 385 9600 5:00PM-7:00PM FREE OF CHARGE



THURSDAY 23RD JUNE: WINE CLUB TASTING KATIE TURVEY ASSISTANT WINEMAKER, KILIKANOON GLENGARRY DEVONPORT CNR CLARENCE ST/WYNYARD ST, PH 445 2989

7:00PM START \$25/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 24TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING KATIE TURVEY ASSISTANT WINEMAKER, KILIKANOON GLENGARRY ELLIOTT

, CNR CLARENCE ST/WYNYARD ST, PH 445 2989 4:30PM-6:30PM FREE OF CHARGE



MONDAY 27TH JUNE: INSTORE TASTING HELEN McCARTHY TAYLORS GLENGARRY THORNDON 232 THORNDON QUAY, PH 472 7051 6:00PM START \$25/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE: WINEMAKER'S DINNER JULES TAYLOR JULES TAYLOR – MENU BY DIDA'S DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE DEVONPORT 54 VICTORIA ST, PH 445 1392 7:00PM START \$75/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED

THURSDAY 30TH JUNE:



WINEMAKERS' DINNER – MENU BY DIDA'S HELEN McCARTHY & JULES TAYLOR DIDA'S VICTORIA PARK 118 WELLESLEY ST WEST, PH 308 8319 7:00PM START \$65/PERSON BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FRIDAY 1ST JULY: INSTORE TASTING JULES TAYLOR JULES TAYLOR WINES GLENGARRY MT EDEN 250 DOMINION RD, PH 623 0811 5:00PM-7:00PM FREE OF CHARGE



FRIDAY 1ST JULY: INSTORE TASTING **ALASTAIR MALING** VILLA MARIA GLENGARRY WESTMERE 164 GARNET RD, PH 360 4035 4:30PM-6:30PM FREE OF CHARGE

DIDA'S





RECIPE BY DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

- 4x LARGE DUCK BREASTS
- 1x 400g CAN OF CANNELLINI BEANS 1x LARGE AGRIA POTATO, PEELED &
- 1x LARGE AGRIA POTATO, PEELED & COOKED 100mL MAS PORTELL WHITE TRUFFLE OLIVE OIL
- 200g BABY CARROTS, PEELED
- 100g SNOW PEAS, TRIMMED
- 100mL CHICKEN REDUCTION

SCORE THE DUCK BREAST JUST THROUGH THE SKIN AND FAT, BUT NOT THE FLESH.

SEASON THE SKIN WELL WITH SALT AND PEPPER AND PLACE IN A HOT PAN, THEN REDUCE THE HEAT AND COOK FOR 8-10 MINS UNTIL THE SKIN IS CRISPY AND GOLDEN BROWN.

TURN IN THE PAN ONCE AND COOK FOR A FURTHER 4-5 MINS.

TURN OFF THE HEAT AND REST FOR AT LEAST 15 MINS.

WHILE THE DUCK IS COOKING, BLEND THE CANNELLINI BEANS, POTATO AND TRUFFLE OIL TOGETHER UNTIL A SMOOTH PURÉE IS ACHIEVED AND SEASON WELL WITH SALT AND WHITE PEPPER.

BLANCHE THE CARROTS & SNOW PEAS JUST BEFORE SERVING, THEN SLICE THE DUCK, PLACE ON THE TRUFFLE OIL PURÉE AND DRIZZLE WITH HEATED CHICKEN REDUCTION.



TASTY TIP

FOOD TIPS FROM DIDA'S GM, LIZ WHEADON



While some think Parmesan is solely a grating cheese and that's all you can do with it, quite the opposite is true. Grana Padano is brilliant as part of an antipasto with a good quality balsamic (like the Guisti) drizzled over it; try it once and you'll be addicted. Christian Pol-Roger's favourite food match for Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV is slices of Grana Padano. A wonderful eating cheese, it is often left off cheese boards, and really it shouldn't be with its beautifully complex flavours.

WHITE TRUFFLE OLIVE OIL

White truffles are about as rare as an enthralling government budget and utterly beyond most budgets, but panic not, for oil infused with the delicate little devils is a delicious doppelganger. Mas Portell are olive oil gurus, and the slow infusion of white truffles into their seriously high-end oil delivers a fragrant feast that'll floor your guests and seal your reputation. Direct heat ruins the delicate flavours so drop gently on white fish, ooze onto a salad or drizzle on some sautéed chicken; baby, you'll never look back.

55277 MAS PORTELL

WHITE TRUFFLE INFUSED EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL 250mL **\$38.00**

TASTINGS & EVENTS

7:00PM WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE DIDA'S FOOD STORE TAKAPUNA

FOOD & WINE MASTERCLASS WITH GIBBSTON VALLEY WINEMAKER, CHRISTOPHER KEYS AND DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL

Dida's Head Chef Vincent Marshall will step you through the art of cooking venison, while Gibbston Valley's award-winning winemaker Chrisopher Keys discusses his wine matches. Limited spaces. \$45 per person. Bookings: 09-489 4728

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE DIDA'S WINE LOUNGES WINEMAKERS' DINNERS

A series of dinners featuring winemakers from the Glengarry Dozen and their wines, matched with food by our Dida's chefs, in the sumptuous surroundings of the Dida's wine lounges. See page 12, opposite, for details on the time, the venue, etc.

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GRANA PADANO



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IDA'S WINE LOUNGE





This Italian cow's milk cheese is appellation controlled, and so significant that it has its own website (www.granapadono.com). Low in fat, high in protein and calcium, the wheels are up to 40kg in weight. Grainy (hence the name) and finely-textured, it is most commonly grated over pasta like rich man's parmesan; its nutty, savoury characters also pair very well with grapes, almonds and syrupy fortified wines.

You'll find the Grana Padano at Dida's Food Stores in Herne Bay, Takapuna and Victoria Park

GLENGARRY'S EN PRIMEUR





WHAT IS EN PRIMEUR?

Also known as wine futures, Bordeaux futures, or, as we like to refer to it, a liquid investment, en primeur refers to the process of buying wines before they are bottled and released onto the market. The wines are usually delivered two years after being purchased.

There are many advantages to purchasing this way, The first is availability. Some of these wines are only available en primeur, i.e. they will never reach the open market because of the very limited amounts produced. Even if some do make it to the retail shelves, the quantities available will be extremely limited, rendering it likely that you'll miss out.

The second significant advantage is price. With supply and demand in force, the price is almost always well above that at which you would enjoy buying via en primeur. The cost savings with en primeur vary with the actual wine concerned, a lot depending on the point ratings received from Wine Spectator, Robert Parker and Decanter, but you can generally expect to pay 40% - 50% less than what the wine would fetch upon its final release on the open market.

WHY GLENGARRY? BECAUSE WE'RE THE EXPERTS

Simple, really: we are able to offer the security of experience and expertise because we've been doing it for far longer than anyone else – almost 30 years, in fact - so we really know what we're doing. In fact you can consider us New Zealand's resident experts on the subject. With so much on the line and the need to know that your money is secure, this is important.

Over time, we have built up an unparalleled collection of long-standing relationships with the best Bordeaux producers and negociants, enabling us to offer the finest wines in reasonable volumes, even in high-demand years.

We also have a sophisticated refrigeration system in place for all of our shipping, so you know that your wine is going to arrive in prime condition.

We are, in fact, so committed to this market that we recently sent two of our most experienced palates - Liz Wheadon and Philip Rowe - to Bordeaux to taste the 2010 vintage. Their conclusion?

"The problem for the Bordelaise is that they labelled 2009 the best vintage ever, one in a lifetime. And then along comes the 2010, and it is actually better! But how do they go out and say that? Everyone is sceptical, but having tasted a bit of the 2009 and loads of the 2010, we'd say that the 2009s are exceptional and will be ready earlier than the 2010s, while the 2010s are cellaring wines, classic Bordeaux that will age beautifully forever."

HOW TO GET STARTED AND LEARN MORE

Go online to www.glengarry.co.nz and click on Fine Wine, or straight to www.enprimeur.co.nz; there's a simple registration form to complete and you are set. You'll receive offers as they become available, by your preferred means of communication. Once logged in, you can add wine to your wish list (if it is as yet unavailable) and then request that the wine be allocated to you. Feel free to contact us if you require any assistance with this process.

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BORDEAUX 2007 IN STOCK NOW

For you more impatient types, those with gaps in their cellars right now, or just for sipping on while reviewing/debating/deciding what to purchase, here are some Bordeaux from the 2007 vintage that are in our cellars now.

2007 certainly is very different to the 2009s and 2010s, and in most cases half the price. We've been tasting through these wines recently and are really pleased with how they are drinking. They are excellent wines for drinking early; a nice thing, as waiting 50 years for your Bordeaux to reach maturity may just be a little too long.

CHÂTEAU BRANAIRE DUCRU ST-JULIEN 2007 41629 WAS \$139.00 NOW \$105.00

Robert Parker: An outstanding effort, Branaire's 2007 exhibits floral-infused black raspberry, boysenberry, and mulberry notes as well as a decidedly blue fruit character. Attractive, elegant, and medium to full-bodied with beautiful fruit, density, and texture, it should drink well for 10-12 years. 90/100

CHÂTEAU LA LAGUNE HAUT-MEDOC 2007 41852 WAS \$141.00 NOW \$105.00

Robert Parker: Another brilliant effort from the Frey family, the 2007 La Lagune reveals a beautiful layered mouthfeel with lots of plum, black cherry, and kirsch liqueur-like notes intermixed with a spicy character. Medium-bodied, broad and savoury with beautiful purity and overall equilibrium, this beauty should be drunk over the next 7-8 years. 90/100.

CHÂTEAU MONBOUSQUET SAINT-EMILION 2007 42091 WAS \$146.00 NOW \$109.00

Robert Parker: A sexy blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, the robust 2007 Monbousquet displays lots of toasty oak intermixed with sweet kirsch, blacker fruits, and spice box. Plush, medium to full-bodied, and supple textured. 90/100.

CHÂTEAU LEOVILLE-BARTON SAINT-JULIEN 2007 42656

WAS \$187.00 NOW \$140.00

Perfumed aromas of cassis, licorice and herbs. Then tight but pliant, with an enticing restrained sweetness and a light gamey nuance to the currant and black cherry fruit flavours. Finishes persistent and floral, with dusty tannins that spread out to saturate the palate.

CHÂTEAU PAVIE-MCQUIN SAINT-EMILION 2007 43642 WAS \$171.00 NOW \$128.00

Wine Spectator: Sweet berry and light chocolate aromas and flavors follow through to a medium palate, with fine tannins and a clean finish. Delicious already. Best after 2012. 87 points.

CHÂTEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE SAINT-JULIEN 2007 46109 WAS \$158.00 NOW \$118.00

Wine Spectator: Wonderful aromas of ripe berries, plum and spices follow through to a full body, with round, velvety tannins and a long finish. All there for the vintage. Best after 2013. 90 points.

CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET PAUILLAC 2007 41723 WAS \$238.00 NOW \$178.00

Wine Spectator: Currant and dark licorice aromas follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a caressing finish. A beauty. Best after 2013.

CHÂTEAU NAIRAC 2007 375ML 41971

WAS \$108.00 NOW \$80.00

Robert Parker: This Barsac has supreme purity on the nose, but it is tightly coiled at the moment. Very fine definition with notes of honey, tangerine, quince juice and minerals. The palate is just gorgeous: a vibrant entry with very fine acidity, honey, barley sugar, apricot, white peach and a touch of mandarin. If I am to quibble, then perhaps it is not quite demonstrating the length I was hoping for, but this remains an excellent Nairac, an estate that is producing better wines than ever. Drink now-2040. 94/100



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WINES OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

With their distinctive varietal and regional characters, the wines of the Loire Valley represent some of the best value in France; they are arguably the most stylistically diverse, reflecting the changing moods of the Loire river, with its wide range of soils, micro-climates and grape varieties.

On its 1000 kilometre journey to the Atlantic, the Loire's first significant concentration of vineyards are found in the Sancerre and Pouilly-sur-Loire appellations, located on opposite banks. Both districts produce reds from Pinot Noir and rosés, but their most important wines are the Sancerres and Pouilly-Fumés made from Sauvignon Blanc.

Down river in the heart of the Loire is the region of Touraine, which fans out from Tours, the Loire's largest City. Here, they produce fine reds and, arguably, the finest whites of the whole valley. The most interesting, in terms of quality and diversity, are those of the Vouvray Appellation. This AOC produces a wide variety of styles from Chenin Blanc that include sec (dry), demi-sec (medium dry), pétilant (semi-sparkling), mousseux (sparkling) and moelleux (sweet, and made from botrytized grapes).

Pascal Jolivet ATTITUDE Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$31.90 now \$24.90 41043

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Sauvignon Blanc as the French do it

Marlborough and the eastern region of the Loire have one thing is common, and that is Sauvignon Blanc; but the wines these regions produce are stylistically quite different. The Attitude possesses Sauvignon's distinctive varietal characters, but is more restrained than its Kiwi counterparts. It's brimming with green apple, lemon and kiwifruit aromas, while the palate offers up generous and stylish apple, herb and spice flavours enhanced by a beam of lemon.



DOMAINE BOURILON-DORIÉANS LA BOURDONNERIE Vouvray Demi-Sec 2007

was \$40.00 now \$36.90 40978

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.40 A BOTTLE Medium-dry Chenin Blanc at its best

Founded in 1921, this exceptional domaine owns 20 hectares of vines in the commune of Rochecorbon, long considered the best for Chenin Blanc. The wine was produced from 30-year-old vines and possesses an alluring bouquet of spicy floral aromas with underlying notes of quince and honey. It is a medium-dry wine with persistent fruit flavours balanced by a swirl of mineral. Brilliant paired with goat's cheese tart.

Pascal Jolivet Sancerre 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

was \$54.00 now \$39.90 41049

Pascal Jovilet lets nature make the wines and utilises techniques that allow the natural characteristics of the variety to shine through to the last drop. This is a food friendly Sauvignon with an elegant bouquet of lime, herb and apple. Prolonged lees aging provides palate complexity and a textural mouthfeel that underscores the lively fruit flavours.



Pascal Jolivet Pouilly-Fumé 2009



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

100% Sauvignon Blanc from vineyards outside the town of Pouilly-sur-Loire, located opposite Sancerre. The wine was cool fermented on indigenous yeasts and lees aged. It is a pale, straw-coloured wine with a bouquet dominated by pipfruit aromas embellished by mineral notes. Fresh tasting, with subtle greengage flavours supported by hints of herb.

DOMAINE BOURILON-DORLÉANS LA COULÉE D'OR Vouvray 2003 was \$86.00 now \$79.90



La Coulée d'Or is a wonderful example of the versatility of the Chenin Blanc variety. Made from botrytized grapes, this golden dessert wine displays an aromatic bouquet of apricot, caramel, honeycomb, and almond, while the palate is packed with concentrated flavours that are beautifully countered by racy minerality and lush texture. Sweet but not cloying, with the balance to suggest it will cellar very well.



Didier Dagueneau SILEX Blanc de Pouilly-Fumé 2007

was \$195.00 now **\$160.00** 42728

The last Silex ever made by the late, great Didier Dagueneau

This is the equivalent of a 'Grand Cru' Pouilly-Fumé, produced from Sauvignon Blanc fruit hand harvested from low-yield vineyards with high amounts of Silex soils (flinty clay) that give the wine its distinctive character. The bouquet displays powerful aromas of melon and pineapple, with hints of vanilla from the barrel fermentation. The excellent depth of sustained fruit flavours are supported by a mineral edge and balanced by a fresh citrus finish. Truly outstanding.





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with the rare Ciliegiolo variety to add colour and some pronounced cherry flavours to the wine. The varieties were harvested from Cecchi's Maremma estates in southern Tuscany. Black cherry and violet aromas are supported by hints of herb, and the wine has a broad, nicely weighted palate displaying ripe, fruity flavours complemented by a supple tannin structure. A great value red, ready to be enjoyed.



- 62463 CECCHI CHIANTI DOCG 2009 was \$20.00 now \$16.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
- 66095 **PASQUA LE COLLEZIONI MERLOT 2010 1.5 LITRE** was **\$21.90** now **\$17.90** CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
- 67610 ROCCA DELLE MACIE CHIANTI VERNAIOLO DOCG 2008 was \$23.90 now \$17.90 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
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Emilio Moro finca resalso Ribera del Duero **2007**

was \$29.00 now \$19.90 87750

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE Top-flight, estate grown Tinto Fino

Resalso is an early-drinking red produced from 25-year-old Tempranillo vines. The wine was matured for just four months in French oak barriques and then bottled unfiltered to retain its fresh fruit characters. The well defined, ripe cherry aromas are supported by nuances of spice, while the nicely balanced palate displays spicy, cinnamon-like flavours, a ripe tannin structure and a lingering aftertaste.

Real Tesoro

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TEREZ-XERÈS-SHER

was \$31.50 now \$19.90 89852

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Rich and smooth with nutty tones

Delicate yet complex, an intense nose of dried fruit, warm, engaging spice characters and an appealing underlying nuttiness. A fresh, forward style, deliciously smooth on the palate, plush and layered without being cloying or overpowering. The characters are all deftly balanced, the oak-flavoured dried fruits combining in a long, flavoursome finish. A must-chill style that comes alive with fresh fish and shellfish.



- 88051 PERELADA BRUT RESERVA CAVA NV was \$19.90 now \$16.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
- 88052 **PERELADA** BRUT ROSÉ CAVA NV was \$19.90 now \$14.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
- 88069 **PROTOS ROBLE 2008** was **\$24.90** now **\$19.90** CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
- 87995 MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES CRIANZA 2007 was \$26.90 now \$19.90 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

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CLARE WINE CO

VINOUS TREASURES FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S CLARE VALLEY

135 kilometres north of Adelaide, the Clare Valley was one of the first areas in South Australia to establish vineyards, generally sited at 400 to 500 metres above sea level. The higher altitudes enjoy cool nights during the height of summer that allow the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. There are more than 50 wineries in the region; most are small concerns, and the Clare Valley is known as the spiritual home of boutique wineries, numbering among them the Clare Wine Co.

Clare Wine Co's wines are produced from estate vineyards in the Polish Hill and Watervale sub-regions. The vineyards consist of well established Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon vines planted in the early 1990s and Riesling planted in the late 1970s. Their small range of wines are crafted by the internationally-renowned wine maker Reid Bosward, whose philosophy for this boutique range is to produce wines that showcase the unique terroirs of the Clare Valley.

Clare Wine Co





CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

An artful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz fruit, this is a lively and full-flavoured rosé with delicious raspberry and cherry nuances enhanced by hints of mint. An off-dry and well balanced wine with a fresh, spicy finish.

Clare Wine CO TWOSOME CLARE VALLEY Classic Dry White 2010

ROSÉ

WINE OF AUSTRALIA

750ML



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

The art of winemaking is not just about producing perfect single varietal wines, but also about blending varieties that complement each other. The Twosome beautifully combines aromas and flavours of tropical and stonefruit with spice and fresh citrus nuances.





CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Saltram is a Barossa Valley legend, and the Mamre Brook Shiraz is one of Australia's most consistent reds. Derived from old, low-yielding vines, it's swamped with spicy cassis, olive and blackberry aromas. The silkytextured palate is generously flavoured with tones of cherry and plum enriched by mocha nuances.

Barossa Valley Estate E BASS Shiraz 2005



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Made from beautifully ripened, inky-black fruit, this spiceladen wine is now hitting its straps. The nose has lovely black cherry and plum aromas supported by white pepper. A broad, richly flavoured wine with distinctive ripe, spicy fruit, integrated oak, supple tannins and a long, flavoursome aftertaste.



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Kaesler stonehorse BAROSSA VALLEY Shiraz 2009

was \$37.00 now \$24.90

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Rated 88/100 by Robert Parker, this is packed with ripe cherry and plum aromas and flavours tastefully supported by some unobtrusive oak and a lingering aftertaste. Great value.



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Devil's Staircase CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Gris 2010



CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

was \$19.90 now \$16.90 12357

This delicious, off-dry Central Otago Pinot Gris displays tantalizing pear and ginger with a hint of citrus on the nose. Clean and fruity on the palate, it has a lush texture and a fine finish.

Fairhall Downs

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010



CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Classically styled Marlborough Sauvignon with tropical fruit nuances on the nose and palate. Textural mouthfeel and wonderfully refreshing finish. Excellent with salmon or shellfish.



HAWKES BAY Syrah 2010

was \$19.90 now \$16.90 13526

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The Chalice Syrah displays classic pepper and plum aromas and boasts a richly flavoured and elegantly styled palate. Silky smooth, refined, with a lovely spice-influenced finish.

ARGENTINE Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$22.90 now \$18.90 90144

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Nicely weighted and richly flavoured Argentine Cabernet that is perfectly suited to Winter-type

comfort foods. Well defined plum and berry

notes with hints of coffee and spice.

Chakana RESERVE



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Sacred Hill HALO HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2009

was \$25.90 now \$19.90 18493

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Derived from small parcels of specially selected fruit fermented and aged in oak barriques. Silky textured, with stonefruit aromas and flavours complemented by some elegant lime notes.



Yalumba hand picked BAROSSA Shiraz Viognier 2008

was \$44.00 now \$29.90 29873

CASE OF 6 \$29.40 A BOTTLE

This beautifully crafted Barossa blend shows aromas of spicy black cherry and violet. A juicy, medium-bodied red with a fine tannin structure and a long, elegant finish.

Rockburn

central otago Pinot Gris 2010

ROCKBURN Shot Gris

was \$26.90 now \$22.90 12356

CASE OF 12 \$22.40 A BOTTLE A fragrant Central Pinot Gris displaying vibrant aromas of apricot and pear supported by hints of spice and mineral. Elegantly structured and multi-layered, it develops with every sip.

Grower's Mark donna anderson MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$26.90 now \$22.90 10754

CASE OF 6 \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Boasting premium fruit from Donna Anderson's vineyard, this stylish Pinot Noir has a complex bouquet of violet, cherry and toasty oak and abundant soft summer fruit flavours.



pinot noi



was \$20.90 now \$16.90 13875

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A vibrant Gisborne red with ripe plum aromas

supported by subtle vanillin oak nuances. The medium-weighted palate has a nicely rounded mouthfeel and a supple tannic texture.

ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUGH MAGICIANS

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R: VICTORIA, JOSH, CATHERINE, ALLAN AND SARA

Allan Scott planted some of Marlborough's most famous vineyards, including the very first, and has worked there every vintage since. Allan Scott Family Winemakers is a true family affair; Allan and Catherine oversee every aspect of the venture, and son Josh is the winemaker, while daughters Sara and Victoria are, respectively, viticulturist and marketing manager. In the Scott Family's hands, unique terroir combines with unparalleled experience and outstanding winemaking skills to produce some of Marlborough's finest wine expressions.

17348 ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUG SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010	H WAS \$21.90 NOW	\$14.90
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17487 ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUG PINOT NOIR 2010	H WAS \$26.00 NOW	\$18.90
17397 ALLAN SCOTT CECILIA BRUT NV METHODE	WAS \$26.50 NOW	\$19.90

17425 ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUG SPARKLING ROSÉ NV	H WAS \$21.90 NOW	\$14.90
17356 ALLAN SCOTT MOORLAN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009		\$20.90
17415 ALLAN SCOTT OMAKA PINOT GRIS 2010	WAS \$26.50 NOW	\$20.90
17377 ALLAN SCOTT HOUNDS PINOT NOIR 2008	WAS \$31.00 NOW	\$27.90
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