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To adopt the standard aphorism, there are two camps: those who absolutely adore Riedel glassware, and those who haven't tried it yet. It truly is the case that once you experience the profound effect that Riedel has on the wine you pour into it, you won't want to drink out of anything else. Which may sound as if the glassware somehow distorts the wine poured into it – is it a magic wand, you may ask, will it make dreary wines seem heavenly?

A resounding 'no'. The glasses have been designed (and there are eleven generations' worth of experimentation, research and refinement gone into the glasses we use today) to show the clearest possible picture of the wine being drunk. To this end, there is a glass for virtually any grape variety you care to name, specially designed to best bring out that particular variety's characteristics.

The bulk of the Pinot Noir glasses have a tulip-shaped top leading into a deep bowl, ensuring that every complexity and nuance of this, the most ethereal of varieties, is not only captured and sent to the drinker, but is delivered to the appropriate part of the palate. The prestige cuvée flute featured below is your classic shape, ensuring the bubbles rise rapidly and evenly, and the beautiful balance of fruit, yeast and florals that comprise great champagne are expressed not only evocatively, but as the winemaker themself wanted the wine to be expressed. This isn't about distorting the truth, it's about delivering it.

The best way to convince non-believers is to conduct a simple trial, something we do at Riedel master classes: pour a wine you know into a standard tasting glass, and also into the appropriate Riedel receptacle. Sniff, swirl, swallow, going from one to the other; I love the delight on people's faces when they realise what they've been missing. The difference in the experience, the impression of the wines, is profound.

> Riedel glassware augments exponentially one of life's greatest pleasures: drinking and enjoying the wines you love. Why miss out on that?

> > Jak Jakicevich



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# Fearless Bins

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# Wild South

MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2011

was \$19.90 now \$14.90

# **CASE OF 12: \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

Consistently good

The sort of delicious, creamy and attractive style of Chardonnay that those with a paucity of imagination would describe as 'moreish'. We say that the second half of the bottle is even better than the first, and that the first half is very good indeed. Creamy tropical tones are refined, defined and refocused by zippy, zesty citrus; it's like riding a Vespa in a Zephyr breeze on a summer's day. In Morocco.

Staete Landt ANNABEL MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$28.90 now \$15.90 14408

# **CASE OF 12: \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

Almost half-price, a brilliant bargain

There's a lot of work gone into this wine: hand and machine harvesting, stainless ferments, barrique ageing, kitchen sinks... and yet it's come out of the winery equivalent of the Hadron Collider the better for it. Elegant yet rich, delicate yet fulsome, herbaceous yet tropical, complex yet approachable. As for the discount, let's just say we've tumbled our tweeds, so pick up a case.





WAIPARA Pinot Gris 2011

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 18935

# **CASE OF 12: \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

Rich and intense waipara PG

From the Waiata vineyard (did it go for a song?) in a region where Pinot Gris seems to perform miracles. As exhibited by this wonderful expression, which is intensely perfumed and flavoured, from its leadingedge florals through to its ginger-spice tail (and we all loved Ginger Spice, she was the best, eh). Authentic pear and lychee notes are tarted up with apples, the creamy richness just this side of overpowering. Too Tiki: tu meke!

# Brookfields MAVERICK HAWKES BAY ROSÉ 2011



## **CASE OF 12: \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

Remember that fabulous number by Sir Elton in 1983, I'm Still Standing? (No, me neither, I think my Gran still listens to like, you know, AM radio). Peter Robbo could adopt it as the Brookfields company song. Yip, he's seen off a few contenders, now, and walked off with accolades, trophies and the kudos that means he can call his underpriced, over-delivering rosé 'Maverick' and not a soul will dispute this inalienable fact.



# Esk Valley

HAWKES BAY Merlot Cabernet Malbec 2010

was \$25.90 now \$16.90 12813

### **CASE OF 12: \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

The Gravels: sounds like a Rod Stewart/Bonnie Tyler duet, but what does it mean? It is the source for some of this country's greatest reds, including this outrageously well-priced offering from the seasoned vets and vats at Esk. Rich and generous (like Rod), it curves in all the right places (Bonnie). Supple, succulent, and full-bodied it's champion now, but will age gracefully. (Like, um...)

# Wild Rock gravel pit red HAWKES BAY Merlot Malbec 2010

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 11334





# **CASE OF 12: \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

You know that comedy fallback, you look up 'great value' in the dictionary and it reads: Wild Rock Gravel Pit Red, etc. Yeah? Well we're not going to use that. This spankingly new release is enticingly affordable, the tiniest of transactions arming you with a smooth and polished Bordeaux blend that is a seamless delight. It's fresh but not feisty, bold but not OTT (I've got one hand in my pocket...).



# Supper Club

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010



Draws its inspiration from the London Supper Clubs of the 1940s, apparently, and draws its fruit from three vineyards in the Cromwell Basin. The fresh fruit is fast followed by an ambush of singly spicy herbs and a hint of the hillside from whence they were plucked. Shows pluck, actually, a boldness of character and firmness of intent that is attractive and enchanting, perfect with a, um, fox trot...



Neal and Judy Ibbotson planted their first vine in Marlborough in 1978, and for a number of years sold the crop to wine companies. In 1994, they launched their first three wines to immediate success; they all won medals, including gold for the Sauvignon Blanc. Since then, then the family have expanded their vineyard holdings and built a state-of-the-art winery.

Saint Clair is very much a family business, with Neil and Judy's children, Sarina, Julie and Tony all involved in the business. The winery is managed like a boutique operation, with all grape batches kept separate within 130 small tanks. Following fermentation, each is assessed and scored by a panel to determine its tier ranking.

The drive for quality starts in Saint Clair's vineyards; the winemaking team of Matt Thomson and Hamish Clark taste the grapes continuously, and decide to harvest when they have reached optimum condition.

Saint Clair markets four distinct wine ranges: the Reserve range of wines are Saint Clair's finest, handcrafted from specially selected, top-graded fruit; the Pioneer Block wines are terroir based and made from small parcels; the Premium range represents Saint Clair's core wines, while the Vicar's Choice offerings are approachable regional styles that offer excellent value.

All the ranges have won significant awards, and to date the company has amassed over 100 trophies and countless medals. In 2011, for the second year running, Saint Clair won the prestigious Winestate Winery of the Year Trophy.



Saint Clair WAIRAU RESERVE MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$37.90 now \$27.90 18301

# **CASE OF 12: \$27.40 A BOTTLE**

# Be in, limited stocks available

Vintages of this wine have won more than 30 gold medals and trophies, making it New Zealand's most awarded Sauvignon Blanc. The fruit was cool fermented in stainless steel to retain varietal integrity and freshness, the nose has intensely concentrated aromas of passionfruit, berry and citrus underscored by hints of capsicum. On the palate, the wine displays concentrated, pure fruit flavours balanced by a swirl of lime.

# MARLBOROUGH

# SAINT CLAIR



MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$21.90 now \$13.90 18308



Harvested from various vineyards, all contributing their own distinctive characteristics. Each batch was cool fermented and assessed, with only the best selected for the final blend. Classic regional aromas of passionfruit and gooseberry are backed by herb notes, the well weighted palate dominated by passionfruit flavours and supported by a fine, crisp, mineral-influenced finish.

Saint Clair

MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2011

was \$21.90 now \$13.90 18299

This medium-bodied Chardonnay was predominately barrel fermented, put through malolactic fermentation and aged in French and American barrels. It is a strawcoloured wine with stonefruit and marzipan aromas embellished by citrus and spice notes. The nicely integrated palate displays distinctive peachy, mealy notes enhanced by a creamy texture and a lingering, citrus-edged finish.





Saint Clair PIONEER BLOCK 6 OH! BLOCK Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$27.90 now \$22.90 18378

**CASE OF 12: \$22.40 A BOTTLE** 

A single vineyard Sauvignon Blanc derived from Marlborough's lower Rapaura district, where the soils are relatively fertile, free-draining, deep alluvial silt types. The wine was cool fermented on a variety of selected yeasts to highlight fresh fruit characters. The nose exhibits concentrated aromas of tropical fruit, green pepper and lime, underscored by herbaceous notes. Wonderfully lively, it displays intense fruit flavours balanced by a zesty citrus finish.

18385 SAINT CLAIR GRÜNER VELTLINER 2011

18377 SAINT CLAIR 43 DEGREES SAUVIGNON 2011

18383 SAINT CLAIR TWIN HILLS CHARDONNAY 2010

18309 SAINT CLAIR STRIP BLOCK PINOT NOIR 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$13.90** was \$27.90 now **\$22.90** was \$34.90 now **\$29.90** was \$36.00 now **\$31.90** 



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# Piper

CUVÉE BRUT NV + RED CROCODILE SKIN JACKET

was \$74.90 now \$49.90

# **CASE OF 6: \$49.40 A BOTTLE**

Gift wrapped & ready for Valentine's

Yes, all gift wrapped and ready for Valentino's Day muchachas, which should appeal to those males less inclined to grab the Scotch tape and scissors and, you know, go to it. It's a champagne for the instant gratification brigade, too, all upfront, lemon-tinged pleasure against a thrilling backdrop of biscuity bravado. The perfect wine to drop before you drop to your knees on the 14th... don't just sit there staring at her Manolo's: say it, boy!



was \$99.00 now \$69.90 49810

# Charm her with this on V-Day

Fruit and spice and all things nice... which sure beats frogs and snails and puppy dog's tails, it has to be said. A provocative wine for all the sexes, drenched in history yet dripping with the modern trappings: colour, vitality, charm and a tempting little price tag. Force meets finesse, which sounds like the perfect Romeo and Juliet balcony encounter; if you are serenading, this is your soundtrack.





was \$112.00 now \$69.90 47206

# Pink perfection

Okay now, if you're totally GQ/Esquiring her, this is the bomb, 'Shell. Pink is not fey; it is the way, Romeo, to her heart, mind and soul. The fruits rise and tickle the tip of your tantalized tongue, the aromas skip in pretty little floral circles while the mouthful is mouthfilling, a surprisingly rich and full-bodied encounter. How'd it go? 'Pretty in pink, isn't she...' (is Molly Ringwald on Facebook?)

# GERMANY Henkell

TROCKEN Sparkling Wine NV

was \$18.90 now \$14.90 54525

# Buy 12 & get a free magnum

It may be German (well, it is) but it is artfully constructed from traditional French varieties. You'll recognise the thrust of the Pinot, I'm sure, or the dancing delicacy of the Chardonnay component bringing freshness and finesse in equal measure. And if all this vinous excellence escapes you, think economics: a case gets you a magnum, PI, so use your noodle and open your caboodle.

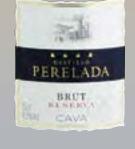


# SPAIN Perelada BRUT RESERVA Cava NV

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 88051

# CASE OF 6: \$14.40 A BOTTLE

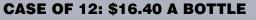
This comes from Catalonia, that fiercely independent area of fiery España that, like this wine, speaks its own language. The language of love? Ohh, schmaltz! Not every day in February is Valentine's, yet every day you could indulge in this paradigm of pleasure: intense citrus fruit, a smoky minerality, an inescapable charm.



# FRANCE Saint-Meyland Méthode Traditionnelle Brut **NV**

was \$23.90 now \$16.90





Ahh, cruel geography: this marvelous méthode with all the champagne hallmarks - balance, finesse, complexity - is conceived, grown and bottled, rather than in Champagne, some miles to the north. Pffft. Sorry, it's not a Lamborghini sir, a mere Porsche, with a secondhand Commodore price tag. If you want the French trappings without the euro outlay, here's your perfect panacea, Pierre.





# NEW ZEALAND Cloudy Bay PELORUS Brut NV

was \$39.90 now \$29.90 12122

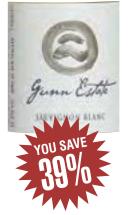
# CASE OF 6: \$29.40 A BOTTLE

# Made in conjunction with Verwe Clicquot

One of this country's finest sparkling wines, and it has consistently been so for two decades, give or take. Beautiful glittering gold in the glass, it is clear, bright, nay dazzling, with a fine, effusive, energetic bead. Dusted with florals, the refreshing fruit is shot through with tempting toast, and reclines upon a divan of creamy, heady richness.

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# Sauvich



# **Gunn Estate**

**NEW ZEALAND Sauvignon Blanc 2011** 

was \$17.90 now \$10.90 18538

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE

Throbs with a heartbeat of pulsing tropical fruit, a dizzying display of peaches and nectarines of fulsome delight. A minerality and citrus hint regulates extreme exuberance: a brilliantly priced little bottler. Seize with gusto.

# **Trinity Hill**

HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$18.90 now \$14.90



# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

The Bay had a phenomenal vintage in 2011, and while John Hancock uses cool climate sites for this wine to give it the delicious edge it possesses, ripening was not an issue. Flavoursome and appealingly winsome, its warm delivery is shot through with a cool charm.





# Waipara Hills

**MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011** 



was \$21.90 now \$14.90 10460

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

The 2010 secured more gold medallions than you'll see in an episode of The Sopranos; the 2011 has the smarts and the legs to tread a similarly hued path. With its swish of nettles, washes of grapefruit and floods of flavour, this is a rich and generous treasure.

# Ti Point

макцыокои Sauvignon Blanc 2011







# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

Lacks the aggression that can stifle some expressions; instead the passionfruit and limey characters surge forth on a firm but gentle textural wave of weight and satisfying charm. Some fresh, as in just caught, fleshy fish panned in butter (is that illegal yet) would pair perfectly.





# Craggy Range AVERY VINEYARD

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011



\$16.90

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The vintage was 'late, dry, excellent' according to Craggy, which in part explains the concentration and beautiful balance of flavours. Great vineyard sites, an uncompromising approach to quality and skilful winemaking complete the pretty picture. The ubiquitous passionfruit pulse is anted up by blackcurrants and peppers, while Loire-like wetstone minerality raises this to 'peerless' in anyone's book.



De Bortoli de Pinot Grigio 2010

was \$19.90 now \$9.90 20929



# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

An alluring, almost Sauvignon-like grassiness to the Pinot Grigian aromas, (pears, lychees, a touch of the tropics) while the palate is a blast of crisp freshness fleshed out by some lees-derived complexity. Support our neighbours, keep the accountant happy: what inspiring altruistic intent.



SHINGLE PEAR

# Shingle Peak RESERVE RELEASE

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2011



was \$28.00 now \$14.90



# CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

2011 was a right little peach of a vintage in Marlby, and doesn't this wee contender just reflect that, with its billowing sails filled with fresh, vibrant and, neatly, peachy fruit. An almond-tinted nuttiness shades the flavours just so, while partial barrel ferments and a bit of lees stirring adds surprising complexity for the \$\$.

# Staete Landt

MARLBOROUGH Riesling Auslese 2009

was \$34.00 now \$19.90 12162



# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Hand-made from just two rows of vines on the family estate, the solid structure bears the weight of ripe, rich, lush fruit carrying a monumental 74.6g/l sugar in its vinous bloodstream. Concentrated, sweet, yet acid-framed caramel, honey and baked apple flavours layer up in a rich expression of profound headiness.

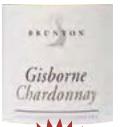




# Chartonlan



Brunton organic GISBORNE Chardonnay 2009







was \$18.90 now \$12.90 13871

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

Fully organic offering which, as anyone well-versed in these processes will tell you, goes beyond being able to enjoy a guilt-free goblet while telling your grandkids: see what I do for you! The whole vineyard performs differently, and this wine has a generous, flowing palate of citrus-tinged apple characters and a peachy creaminess that is exquisitely delivered.

# Torea

MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90



# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

Hand-picked fruit and judicious barrel fermentation indicate an attention to detail and a no compromises attitude that bode well for what finally ends up glowing golden in your glass. Made by the indecently talented Brian Bicknell, this is a creamy and weighty affair, all oranges and lemons and bells and whistles, perfectly managed into a seamless, charming whole.





# Kumeu River VILLAGE **KUMEU** Chardonnay **2009**



was \$22.90 now \$16.90 18204

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

'Village' undersells this superb expression from one of the country's Chardonnay kings, Michael Brajkovich MW. Always good, too, to have a truly local wine, for those of us who reside in the City of (traffic) Snarls. Ripe, creamy, with an undeniable minerality that balances the riches and weight and adds to the impression of unadulterated class.

Nga Waka
MARTINBOROUGH Chardonnay 2010





### **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

Roger Parkinson spent some serious formative time in France, meaning he knows which way to slice a baguette and, more importantly, his wines have a Burgundian touch of finesse and class from whose clutches one is powerless to escape. Surrender, then, and soak up the mineral-tinged, grapefruit-fresh flavours, the lush yet steely texture and the sensational price-tag - yes, it would seem that it's Christmas again already. Superb.



De Bortoli de Shiraz Cabernet 2010

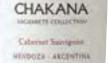


was \$19.90 now \$9.90 20926

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

You have to flip your fedora to our neighbours: they can concoct a mouthful of magic like this with disarming ease, folding in a bunch of components (super-ripe plummy, spicy fruit, some vanillin oak, depth, weight and softness), all at a price that beggars belief.

Chakana yaguareté **ARGENTINE Cabernet Sauvignon 2010** 



# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

There's a little bit of oak around the periphery, but really this is about the fruit: deep, dark and concentrated, it's a powerhouse of intense berriness colliding with the most delicious little sprinkles of vanilla and dark chocolate, all ratcheted to Andean heights with spice and oak touches.





De Bortoli deen de Bortoli VAT 9 Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 20938

# CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

This bursts from the blocks like a greyhound, its highimpact fruit - plums, cassis-like blackberries - going straight down your goblet without a single glance over its broad shoulder. Yet, petals, it is a big softie, really, more Wags the Dog than greyhound: fat, plush, all-enveloping, as easy-going and approachable as your average Ocker.

# Sacred Hill

HAWKES BAY Merlot Cabernet 2010

was \$22.90 now \$14.90 18989



# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

With but a soupçon of Cabernet this is, essentially, Merlot. But: hark! That leathery slap of side-saddle reminds that a little Cab goes a long way, and that Cabernet structure is the frame for the abundant Merlot-derived plums and cherries to throw themselves down upon in all their silky loveliness. Brilliant, balanced, blindingly good blend.



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# Wild South

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009



was \$19.90 now \$14.90 11299

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

It's all about the fruit here, gushing forth like an Oscar acceptance speech. Deft touches of spice rim the plush pleasures of the surging cherries and plums, and a sound, non-oaken structure holds it all together perfectly.

# Devil's Staircase

**CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2011** 







# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

'Better the devil you know,' intoned Dave Dobbyn, and by the case-lots that cascade to the Cortinas in our carparks, clearly many of you have cosied up to Lucifer with much enthusiasm. As you should, for he offers a dizzying blend of fast, firm fruit, tempting spices and alluring earthen notes, all for the price of, well, not even your soul.



# Rua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2011



was \$24.90 now \$19.90 10208

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Currently flying out the door, she's got quite a swagger, this wine, and has the stuffing to back up the styling. The core is fruit - juicy, red, ripe - integrated into a solid but sensitive oak structure and augmented with a singing savoury note that sounds French but, this being such a modern style, is probably delivered in txt speak. LOL, RU.

# other Re

Montes classic series **CHILEAN Malbec 2010** 

was \$18.90 now





## **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

Chile's greatest winemaker? Arguably. Planting fruit where it'd be easier to harvest using the US Space Station has had surprising results, and this intensely flavoured, full-throttled Malbec is yet another example. Big, bold, round, redolent of fruit, spice and dark chocolate, there's a feminine touch to its broad stance that adds finesse to its force.



# Solar Viejo

RIOJA Cosecha 2010



was \$20.00 now \$16.90 88014

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Situated in Rioja Alavesa, the Solar Viejo winery was founded in 1937 and has relationships with local vine growers that have developed over generations. So? So you get a wine that has the intensity and deep spicy richness of a \$40 Rioja for less than half that. Sexy, succulent and a delight when paired with sweet little lambs or rabbits.

# Paul Jaboulet

CÔTES DU RHÔNE PARALLELE 45 2009



S16.90 45418 was \$23.90 now

# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

Living, luscious proof that a sub-\$20 French red need not be employed solely for the purposes of removing unsightly stains from the bathtub. One can, in fact, put the juicy fruitiness, subtle spice and supportive toastiness to good use by pairing it with aged sirloin and consuming both, well, in the bath, if you wish...



# BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES

# Georges Duboeuf

BEAUJOLAIS Beaujolais-Villages 2010



was \$24.00 now \$16.90 43942

# CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Georges pulls a plum from his renowned grab-bag of beautiful Beaujolais and delivers a sumptuous summer treat that should be gracing every picnic table and barbeque bench from here to eternity. Jumping with juicy cherry and strawberry characters, and with way more heart than you'd expect at the price. Sings with food, soars without. Win, as they say, win.

# Palacios Remondo

RIOJA LA VENDIMIA 2010

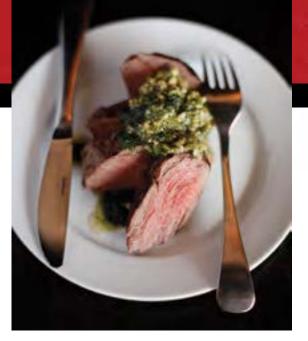


# **CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

A vibrant expression of The New Spain, this has all the sweet-fruited intent that 50% Garnacha/Grenache can deliver, and the undercurrent of sound structure and singing spice that the other half, Tempranillo, willingly contributes. That sassiness is given an air of sophistication by the very euro herbs and earthen touches, the whole complex yet casually cool.







# TASTY TIP

FOOD TIPS FROM DIDA'S GM, LIZ WHEADON

DIDA'S

# CHARGRILLED LAMB RUMP + MACADAMIA MINT PESTO



RECIPE BY DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL

INGREDIENTS FOR MACADAMIA MINT PESTO

1/2 CUP MACADAMIA NUTS, TOASTED 3 CLOVES OF GARLIC, PEELED

100g FETTA CHEESE, CHOPPED

2 TABLESPOONS GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE 1 CUP FIRMLY-PACKED FRESH MINT LEAVES

1 CUP FIRMLY PACKED, FRESH PARSLEY

2 TABLESPOONS LEMON JUICE

1/3 CUP OLIVE OIL

SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

BLEND THE INGREDIENTS FOR THE PESTO TOGETHER UNTIL A CHUNKY CONSISTENCY IS ACHIEVED

CHARGRILL THE LAMB RUMP UNTIL IT'S MEDIUM RARE. SLICE AND SERVE WITH THE PESTO

What to do with the left over Christmas ham? Here are a couple of my favourite recipes. Sweetcorn fritters with barbequed ham slices makes a great (and quick) summer meal: take two sweetcorn cobs, cook and remove the kernels, add a tablespoon of flour and one egg, and mix. Fry the fritters in a pan and put the ham slices on the barbeque, allowing them to colour and heat through. Stack and serve with chutney (from Dida's, of course). With leftover potatoes and ham, mash the potatoes, dice the ham, add herbs from the garden, an egg and fry your potato and ham cakes. Serve with salad or with a poached egg on top.

# MACADAMIA NUTS



Native to Australia, macadamia nuts are now also grown here in New Zealand. Producers of macadamia-based products, Cathedral Cove Macadamias grow theirs on the sunny Coromandel Peninsula. With the company focus on sustainability and organic production, these hand harvested, high quality macadamias are not only great in salads, a brilliant addition to muesli or excellent as a crumb on meat, they're also good for you! Macadamia nuts are full of mono unsaturated fats (i.e. the good fats) and contain Vitamin A, B and E. Add to that they're cholesterol free, and what are you waiting for?

54975 CATHEDRAL COVE NATURAL MACADAMIAS 50G **\$4.50** 54976 CATHEDRAL COVE MACADAMIA DUKKAH 50G **\$4.90** 







VINTAGE GOUDA

Karikaas is one of our favourite New Zealand cheese makers; they produce a selection of superb cheeses that take their inspiration from the great Dutch styles. Established in North Canterbury in 1984 by Karin and Rients Rypma, our favourite is the vintage Gouda; it has wonderful texture and complexity, and is just brilliant when consumed with a rich Chardonnay.

KARIKAAS VINTAGE GOUDA

100g **\$5.90** 

# TASTINGS & EVENTS

# 7PM TUES 14TH FEBRUARY: DIDA'S VICTORIA PARK

**VALENTINE'S DAY DEGUSTATION DINNER** 

Looking for somewhere to celebrate with your loved one this Valentine's Day? Dida's Victoria Park is just the place; we have prepared a sensational food and wine matching dinner featuring six courses matched with the appropriate wines.

Limited spaces. \$110 per person

Bookings: 0800 733 505 or www.glengarry.co.nz/tastings

# 7PM MON 27TH FEBRUARY: DIDA'S VICTORIA PARK

MT DIFFICULTY WINEMAKER'S DINNER: MATT DICEY

Mt Difficulty's charismatic winemaker Matt Dicey is coming to Auckland to host our Winemaker's Dinner. The superb wines from this iconic Central Otago winery will be matched with five courses prepared by the team at Dida's Victoria Park.

Limited spaces. \$130 per person

Bookings: 0800 733 505 or www.glengarry.co.nz/tastings

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While any day can be a good day, V-Day is surely the perfect occasion to express your devotion to that significant other, and chances are we have just the thing to rock their world – step into www.glengarry.co.nz/gifts and take a look.

48164 PIPER CUVÉE BRUT NV+RED CROC-SKIN JACKET \$49.90 48162 PIPER CUVÉE BRUT NV+JAIME HAYÓN ICE BUCKET \$49.90 70913 SPARKLING FROM AROUND THE GLOBE GIFTBOX \$54.90





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In the summer of 2008, Paul Grieco made the decision that Riesling would be the only white wine offered by the glass at his New York Terroir Wine Bar. It began the Summer of Riesling Movement, and today dozens of outlets throughout the world are participating in the agenda to increase appreciation for this often underrated variety. It has now reached our shores, and over the month we will be conducting tastings exploring the various styles of Riesling from some of New Zealand's very best producers.

 13527 LAKE CHALICE RIESLING 2010
 WAS \$19.90 NOW \$16.90

 17122 PEREGRINE RIESLING 2008
 WAS \$24.90 NOW \$19.90

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

 18559 TUPARI DRY RIESLING 2011
 WAS \$29.00 NOW \$22.90

 15953 ROCKBURN TIGERMOTH RIESLING 2011
 WAS \$32.90 NOW \$29.90

# We can't think of a basis

We can't think of a better way to get the year rolling than with a flute or two of NZ's newest bubbly. Winemaker Matt Connell says that it has been an exciting experience working alongside Dr. Tony Jordon, a leading world authority on the production of sparkling wine. Akarua is initially launching these two nonvintage wines, produced entirely from their home vineyard, with a vintage méthode to come later. Bring it on, we say.



10118 CENTRAL OTAGO BRUT NV 10119 CENTRAL OTAGO BRUT ROSÉ NV RRP \$33.90 \$29.90 RRP \$36.90 \$32.90



# a taste of

# SPANISH WINES RATED 90 POINTS+

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RIBERA DEL DUERO 2007

was \$29.00 now \$19.90 87750

# **CASE OF 12: \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

90 points: Jay Miller e-robertparker.com

A family-owned winery with over 120 years of winemaking experience in Ribera del Duero. This release is 100% Tempranillo with a bouquet of black cherry, mulberry and blackberry aromas supported by spicy notes and understated oak. The generous palate has tiers of fruit flavours enhanced by hints of cinnamon and tobacco, framed by a fine tannin structure.

An absolute bargain at this price.



was \$39.90 now \$29.90 88048

# **CASE OF 12: \$29.40 A BOTTLE**

91-94 pts: Jay Miller e-robertparker.com

A blend of Carignan, primarily, along with Granacha and small portions of Cabernet and Syrah, aged in French oak barrels and bottled unfiltered. Dense plum and berry aromas are embellished by notes of spice and pepper. The ripe fruit flavours, oak and tannins are beautifully integrated and enhanced by a silky, savoury texture. Delicious, long flavoured, very approachable.



# Allende RIOJA 2005

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was \$55.00 now \$39.00 87800

# **CASE OF 6: \$38.50 A BOTTLE**

92 points: Jay Miller e-robertparker.com

Allende's wines are vineyard based and produced entirely from traditional varieties. This one is 100% Tempranillo, barrel fermented and aged for 14 months, predominately in new French oak. The bouquet brims with plum, blackberry, spice and subtle cedary oak. The complex palate is dominated by layers of lush fruit flavours enhanced by spicy notes and a supple tannin structure.



RIBERA DEL DUERO 2007

was \$85.00 now \$69.90 88094

# **CASE OF 6: \$69.40 A BOTTLE**

95 points: Jay Miller e-robertparker.com

Made by one of Spain's most respected winemakers, Mariano Garcia, and aged for 24 months in French and American barriques. A deep, dark purple wine with a fragrant bouquet of black cherry, blackberry and violet enhanced by hints of spice, vanilla and smoke. The opulent, beautifully balanced palate is packed with concentrated, succulent, spicy fruit flavours that linger endlessly. Superb drinking.



PRIORAT 2007

was \$142.00 now \$99.00 88085

# **CASE OF 6: \$98.50 A BOTTLE**

93 points: Jay Miller e-robertparker.com

A single vineyard wine blended from 60% Garnacha and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, augmented by parcels of Merlot, Syrah, and Carignan and aged in 100% new oak. Expansive aromas of black cherry and blueberry are backed by hints of tobacco, liquorice and cedar. Magnificently focused, with the lush, dark berryfruit flavours enhanced by a suave texture. Impressive.





# Aalto PS

RIBERA DEL DUERO 2006

was \$199.00 now \$160.00 88095

# **CASE OF 3: \$159.50 A BOTTLE**

96 points: Jay Miller e-robertparker.com

Aalto's PS (Pagos Seleccionados, or selected parcels) is the bodega's signature wine, obtained from Tempranillo vines that are 40 years-plus in age. It has an impressive bouquet of ripe blackcurrant, plum and cherry enhanced by tones of spice, herb and cedar. The complex palate is packed with dark fruits and chocolate wrapped in vanillin oak, and finishes on a sensationally long note.





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FRENCH PINOT NOIR FROM THE ULTRA-SMART 2009 VINTAGE

DOMAINE Jessiaume
Bourgogne 2009

was \$32.00 now \$26.00 42716

# **CASE OF 12: \$25.50 A BOTTLE**

A gem from Santenay

This wine's simple classification belies its quality; the fruit was sourced from Côte de Beaune vineyards, traditionally fermented and aged for 10 months in oak barrels, its elegant styling showcasing the excellence of the 2009 vintage. The blackcurrant and raspberry aromas and flavours are supported by understated oak, the medium-weight palate possessing a mellow character that complements the soft summer fruits.



was \$44.00 now \$29.00 42823

# CASE OF 6: \$28.50 A BOTTLE Made by Nicolas Potel

The Maison Dieu was produced from a single plot of old, organically grown Pinot Noir vines planted in 1928 and located just outside the Village of Pommard. The bouquet is packed with exotic, earthy, spicy red fruit aromas, while the palate displays forward cherry and raspberry flavours, a svelte texture and supple



Gros Frère & Soeur HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS Bourgogne 2009

was \$39.00 now \$34.00 41006

# **CASE OF 12: \$33.50 A BOTTLE**

Rustic old world charm

Located within the highest slopes of the Côte d'Or, the vineyards of the Côtes de Nuits enjoy cooler climates and produce wines exhibiting fragrant bouquets and lighter characters. This 100% Pinot has fine raspberry and rose petal aromas leading onto a well-structured and balanced palate with lingering, spice-edged berry flavours.



DOMAINE Michel Gros
HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS Bourgogne 2009

was \$50.00 now \$34.00 41068

# **CASE OF 12: \$33.50 A BOTTLE**

Rich and luscious

Sixth generation in the Gros family dynasty of winemakers, Michel Gros inherited vineyard parcels from his father, Jean, in the Hautes Côtes de Nuits, and he has since expanded his holdings in the appellation via new plantings on previously abandoned vineyard sites. This release boasts a seductively fragrant nose of red berries and raspberries embellished by spicy notes, and the medium-weighted palate displays brisk, pure fruit flavours framed by supple tannins.

Alex Gambal

CUVÉE LES DEUX PAPIS Bourgogne 2009

was \$49.00 now \$39.00 42300

# **CASE OF 12: \$38.50 A BOTTLE**

New world styling

Alex Gambal initially founded his own company as a négociant operation, producing his wines from purchased grapes, but he has since bought holdings that include parcels in top-rated vineyards. Les Deux Papis was produced predominately from Pinot Noir fruit grown in the Volnay and Pommard appellations, the Volnay portion providing seductive raspberry and cherry aromas and flavours and the Pommard portion giving the wine weight and depth.



DOMAINE DE **Bellene** NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES Bourgogne **2009** 

was \$89.00 now \$79.00 42829

# **CASE OF 6: \$78.50 A BOTTLE**

Old vine Pinot Noir

The Pinot Noir of the Nuits-Saint-Georges appellation have a distinctive masculine character, and in the best vintages (like the 2009) they have the ability to age very gracefully. Here, concentrated plum and black cherry aromas augment a complex, sensual palate with deep-seated fruit characters and ripe tannins.







# **NEW** FROM FONTANAFREDDA

Owned for some years by Emanuele Guerrieri di Mirafiori, the illegitimate son of King Vittorio Emanuele II, in 1931 - due to his proclivities for women and gambling - this 70-hectare jewel in the Piedmontese Crown was bought. By a bank (sigh). While they have produced some exciting wines over the past 90 years, to discover that the estate has recently been bought by a local is great news to all of us who have long treasured Fontanafredda and its pedigree. The new releases are already showing the character and finesse for which the brand has worldwide renown. Welcome back.



# Fontanafredda Asti DOCG **NV**

rrp \$37.90 now \$24.90 62610

# **CASE OF 6: \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

'Vinous' doesn't do justice to the just-picked Muscat grape aromas that frolic about as soon as the little bubbles arc towards your nose. There's a heady floral arrangement to absorb too, while the palate is honeyish, frizzante rather than mousse-like, and delicate enough for an afternoon's sun-filled, terrace-situated imbibing. Off-dry, featherlite, yet with enough substance for a few little morsels, should you be so inclined.

# Fontanafredda

LANGHE Nebbiolo DOC 2009

rrp \$47.90 now \$36.90 62643



# **CASE OF 6: \$36.40 A BOTTLE**

Made from Nebbiolo grown on steep Langhe hillsides ensuring even and complete ripeness - this is an exciting wine, and remarkably fresh, with hints of earthen base notes complemented by high-topped fruit characters and an exotic whisper of flowers and herbs. Soft, rich, vibrant, it is complex yet approachable, and even more attractive when paired with rustic foods.





# Fontanafredda Barolo DOCG 2007

\$59.90 62704

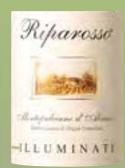
# **CASE OF 6: \$59.40 A BOTTLE**

The fact that there are Barolos from the 1950s and 60s still available on the Fontanafredda website says a lot for the longevity of these substantial wines, and this, five years on, has barely begun to reveal its deep complexities and characters. Yet it is not unassailable, even in this apparent youth, with savoury notes and sweet-fruited highlights drenched across a solid framework of tannin and oak. Unique, wonderful.

**OFFERINGS FROM** THE ULTIMATE **FOOD+WINE NATION** 

# **NEW FROM ILLUMINATI**

The Illuminati family represent all that is great about modern Italian winemaking, with their innate understanding and possession of some remarkable vineyard sites, a respect for tradition and family that dates back to the winery's inception in 1890, and a totally up to the minute technological bent which sees their winemaking facilities equipped to best practice standards. Quality, not quantity drives Dino Illuminati and his family, and their wines, all from d'Abruzzo, are characterful, impressive and fiercely individualistic. With high demand for them, we are privileged and delighted to be able to secure stocks and give you the chance to see why we have embraced them with Italianate passion.



# Illuminati RIPAROSSO Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2009

rrp \$21.90 now \$16.90 62800

# **CASE OF 6: \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

The youngest wine in the Illuminati canon, from vines up to 260m above sea level. The altitude tempers the searing summer heat, ensuring full ripeness, perfect concentration and balance of acid and sugars. Not meant to be taken too seriously, but hardly frivolous either, it shows great palate depth, the lovely cherry and cranberry fruit highlighted by a charming liquorice-tinged finish.

# Illuminati ILICO

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2008

rrp \$24.90 now \$18.90 62803





# **CASE OF 6: \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

Typical plumpness and juiciness of the variety, with the tannic framework present and effective, but not dominant. There's a slight savouriness, and a charming burnt earth character, an Old World charm that augments the bright, frothy cherry fruit that has a foot far more firmly in our part of the globe. Smoothly textured with a long, flowing and cherry-tinged character - lots going on for the lira.



# Illuminati zanna riserva Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOCG 2007

rrp \$49.90 now \$34.90 62806

# **CASE OF 6: \$34.40 A BOTTLE**

Single-vineyard wine with a clutch of international awards to its name. There's a gamey quality to the bright fruit characters, and the tannins are grainy/chalky rather than full-throttle. Certainly it's bold; a confident full-flavoured style, with chestnut-tinged fruit flavours and a hint of cedary oak-derived spice. Unsurprising, given it spends 42 months in oak, yet the overall impression is of balance and integration, through to the seamless finish.

# a taste of AMSTAM

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



was \$16.90 now \$12.50 29820

# **CASE OF 12: \$12.00 A BOTTLE**

Smart new offering

The release of this wine celebrates the 68 years since Yalumba launched their first premium reds under the Galway label. Aged in seasoned American and French oak barrels, it is a classically styled, deeply coloured wine with a bouquet of mulberry and currant supported by hints of liquorice. Ripe tasting, fruit driven, with berry and mocha flavours complemented by a supple tannin structure.



SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIA Shiraz 2010

was \$19.90 now \$14.90 26580

# **CASE OF 12: \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

Curiously brilliant!

The fruit was harvested and crushed in the cool of the night to retain varietal characters, followed by careful fermentation to provide denser, richer flavours. Inky-purple in colour, it has an explosive nose of ripe plum and redcurrant accompanied by spice and subtle oak. The palate is awash with succulent fruit flavours and hints of dark chocolate, neatly integrated with the oak and complemented by sturdy tannins.



Saltram PEPPERJACK
BAROSSA Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

was \$28.00 now \$18.90 22621

# **CASE OF 6: \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

Rich, chocolatery Cabernet

The Barossa Valley's reliable warm autumn climate is perfectly suited for the late-ripening Cabernet grape. This is a deep, dark, glossy red with fragrant plum and blackcurrant (almost fruit cake) aromas supported by hints of minty spice and understated oak. The rich, persistent flavours of berryfruit and plum carry a hint of coffee and nuances of spicy oak.



# **CASE OF 6: \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

The return of an old favourite

Harvested from Tartarni's Pyrenees vineyard, the Merlot provides mellow characters and mid-palate weight, the Cabernet length, power and structure, while a small addition of Petit Verdot lends a touch of extra richness and texture. The Three Monks delivers classic blackberry and plum flavours with integrated oak, firm, ripe tannins and a lingering, savoury finish.



MCLAREN VALE Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2010

was \$45.00 now \$31.00 26523

# **CASE OF 6: \$30.50 A BOTTLE**

New premium release

A classic Rhône-style blend, with the components separately fermented and matured in a combination of stainless steel and new and seasoned American oak. The seductive bouquet of crushed summer fruit, cherry and violets accompanies a palate of persistent, spice-edged berryfruit wrapped in velvet tannins.





Wolf Blass GREY LABEL

ROBE MOUNT BENSON Shiraz Cabernet 2009

was \$56.00 now \$36.00 28903

# **CASE OF 6: \$35.50 A BOTTLE**

# Will age gracefully in the cellar

The Wolf Blass Grey Label wines were the very first produced by the company, and in the intervening years they have won numerous awards. This offering follows in the footsteps of those earlier vintages; dark in colour and sultry in character, it is loaded on nose and palate with black fruit, savoury spices and toasty oak, effortlessly balanced, focused and structured.





# GLENGARRY

EACH MONTH, FROM THE HUNDREDS OF WINES SUBMITTED TO US, THE GLENGARRY TASTING PANEL SELECTS OUR TOP TEN WINES

Akarua CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT Gris 2010

was \$26.90 now \$21.90

# **CASE OF 12: \$21.40 A BOTTLE**

Partial fermentation in oak barriques and extended lees contact have provided additional weight and texture that complement the pure fruit flavours at the heart of this deliciously spicy Pinot Gris.



# Foxes Island

макцвокоидн Sauvignon Blanc **2010** 

was \$26,90 now \$19.90 12925

# **CASE OF 6: \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

Made by John Belsham, this classy Marlborough Sauvignon displays tropical fruit, herb and citrus aromas and flavours complemented by a creamy mouthfeel and a zesty, mineral-accented finish.



# Babich IRONGATE HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2010

was \$33.00 now \$25.90 10659

# **CASE OF 6: \$25.40 A BOTTLE**

Babich's flagship Chardonnay, the nose displaying stonefruit and grapefruit aromas embellished by mealy and toasty notes. Complex, well balanced, it develops more nuances with every sip. Superb Value.



# снатели Haut Maginet Bordeaux 2009

was \$24.00 now \$18.90 41131

# **CASE OF 12: \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

This Merlot-dominant red from Bordeaux' excellent 2009 vintage has defined plum aromas and flavours supported by spicy nuances and supple tannins. Smooth in texture, long in flavour, great value.





# Man O'War DREADNOUGHT Syrah 2009

was \$52.90 now \$42.90

## **CASE OF 6: \$42.40 A BOTTLE**

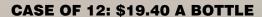
Outstanding, elegant, Waiheke Syrah. Concentrated, peppery blueberry and plum aromas are supported by subtle oak, the layers of fruit flavours enhanced by fine-grained tannins and a lingering finish.



# Sacred Hill HALO

HAWKES BAY Syrah 2010

was \$25.90 now \$19.90



A complex Hawkes Bay Syrah with spicy blackberry and cassis aromas supported by subtle oak. Halo's ripe, integrated, richly flavoured palate is enhanced by spicy notes and a smooth, svelte mouthfeel.





# Spy Valley MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2011

was \$24.90 now \$17.90

# **CASE OF 12: \$17.40 A BOTTLE**

An off-dry Pinot Gris with a wonderfully fragrant bouquet of ripe stonefruit, citrus and spice. The fruitdriven palate is well weighted and lushly textured with a lingering, flavoursome aftertaste.



# Mill's Reef RESERVE GIMBLETT GRAVELS Merlot 2010

was \$26.90 now \$19.90 14502



# **CASE OF 12: \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

Matured for twelve months in French oak, this stylish Gimblett Gravels Merlot has distinct berry and plum aromas backed by hints of coffee and spice. Smooth, full bodied, generously flavoured.





# Lake Chalice

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2011

was \$19.90 now \$15.90 13614

# **CASE OF 12: \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

Pinotphiles will love this, a well-made Pinot Noir that won't break the bank. Classic, spice-accented cherry and violet aromas and flavours are complemented by subtle oak and fine tannins.



# Gisselbrecht TRADITION ALSACE Pinot Gris 2010

was \$28.00 now \$19.90 47008

# **CASE OF 12: \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

Gisselbrecht consistently delivers some of the best value Pinot Gris on the market. The Tradition displays complex aromas and flavours of blossom, honeydew, spice and cashew wrapped in an elegantly lush coat.



