

WINE CRITICS:
PROFOUND OR PRETENTIOUS?



THE WAIPARA VALLEY'S PEGASUS BAY
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Wine critics. Where do we start? It can be a contentious subject, and as usual we're happy to get under the hood, dig around a little and give you our considered opinion. There is a place for some sort of assessment; with so many wines out there, an informative – and easy to understand! – guide to help one through the labyrinthine options can be a useful thing. And remember, it can be extremely subjective. One person's exhilarating elixir will invariably be another's unpalatable poison.

The critics? They come in a number of guises: you have the individuals who have over time carved out a reputation for themselves and stand as some towering vinous colossus dispensing their wine knowledge. Robert Parker springs to mind, but he is not alone. There are the likes of Jancis Robinson, James Suckling, Hugh Johnson, Neal Martin and James Halliday to name just a handful. Then there are the magazines, with their teams of experts, devoted to the in-depth evaluation of all things wine-related. Notable examples are The Wine Advocate, Wine Spectator, Decanter and Winestate. And finally we have the wine competitions, organised events where panels of learned experts assess and rate the wines submitted to them, normally on the basis of a blind tasting. There are, of course, scores of these globally, and far too many to list.

Wine competitions have been around for many years, and gaining acclaim is, naturally enough, something that winemakers aspire too. Standards and recognition can be important, but are these various accolades all alike? Not really; there's the 20-point scale, the 100-point rating system, the star system, etc. Obviously the options are verging on boundless, and thus run the risk of more confusion, so inside we feature a cross-section of critical options, a small selection of the best, the most influential, the most well-run and respected wine authorities.

So back to the subjective thing: it depends on your taste, your experience, and then there's whether it's a root, leaf or flower day. Winestate is quite fascinating, in that it is possible for a wine to receive different ratings over time from the same publication. Why? Because it's tasted at different times, and one of the beauties of wine is that it doesn't stand still; it evolves. Of course the whole thing is radically skewed by the fact that when it comes to competitions, large amounts of money can change hands in the form of entry fees, and medals can be handed out by the hundreds, if not thousands for some of the larger events. All of which can render the whole exercise meaningless in terms of working out what's actually worth drinking.

In the end, it's just good to compare notes with someone. Face to face, perhaps over a glass of the tipple being discussed. Here at Glengarry we've been immersed in this world for almost fifty years. We know stuff - how could you not, after all that time? We taste a host of wines every month, and we hold many public tastings and run our Wine Academy, all with the aim of intriguing, educating and upskilling you, our customers. Because at the end of the day, the best thing of all, surely, is for you to cut out the middle-man and become your own personal expert.

Cheers!



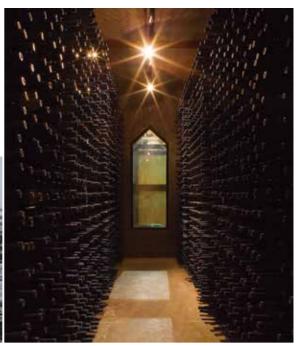
Jak Jakicevich

WAIPARA VALLEY

PEGASUS BAY







This well-respected family winery was founded by neurologist Ivan Donaldson, with the first vines planted in the Waipara Valley in 1986. Ivan and Christine Donaldson, along with their three sons, are involved in all aspects of the winery's operation, from vineyard management to winemaking to marketing and the running of their award-winning restaurant.

The family are firm believers in natural and low-impact methods of cultivation. Ivan oversees the vineyard, which is sustainably managed on a low-cropping regime to provide the best possible fruit to the winemaking team led by Ivan's eldest son, Matthew. Matthew has adopted a minimal intervention approach throughout the entire winemaking operation, utilising modern techniques combined with traditional winemaking methods to create wines with varietal integrity and an individual sense of place.

The Pegasus Bay range is produced exclusively from estate-grown fruit, while the second-tier Main Divide wines are made from a combination of fruit off the estate and from other Waipara growers. Pegasus Bay also produce a range of super premium reserve wines, made in small quantities and only in the best years.

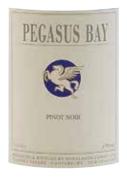
The Donaldson Family's toil and commitment over many years has earned Pegasus Bay countless awards and accolades throughout the world, including an outstanding 5-star rating from the not easily impressed Robert Parker.

PEGASUS BAY WAIPARA VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2012

\$44.99 16806

CASE OF 6 \$43.99 A BOTTLE

Classy and consistent vintage after vintage, the Pegasus Bay Pinot is wonderfully aromatic, unveiling notes of spice-tinged raspberry, blackberry and Morello cherry. On the palate it's an extremely rich and mouthfilling style, with soft, subtle plum characters paired beautifully with black cherry and balanced tannins. Deliciously warm, and a superb food wine.



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PEGASUS BAY

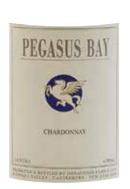
WAIPARA VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2013



\$36.99

CASE OF 6 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

25-year-old vines provide complex, stonefruit-infused characters, the finely-weighted palate given an added dimension via marzipan-esque nuances and a creamy textural presence. The expansive fruit is kept in balance by a stream of minerality which flows through the palate and draws out its tangy after-taste.





PEGASUS BAY WAIPARA VALLEY ARIA LATE PICKED RIESLING 2013



\$35.99 16813

CASE OF 6 \$34.99 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard, late harvested Riesling fruit with 30% botrytised bunches, leading to a rich array of aromas and flavours, the peach, nectarine and tropical fruit characters punctuated with orange and citrus notes. A deft combination of honeyed, concentrated power and poised elegance, ending on a long, lingering lime-and-mineral note.

MAIN DIVIDE

CANTERBURY PINOT NOIR 2012

\$23.99 13608



CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

Main Divide's Pinot Noir opens with an alluring bouquet of black cherry and blueberry notes supported by smoky, earthy mushroom nuances. Showing dark fruit flavours enhanced by hints of spice and mocha, it's generously fruity in the mouth, but has a spine of ripe, muscular tannins to give it vibrancy and length.



13619 MAIN DIVIDE PINOT GRIS 2014

13603 MAIN DIVIDE RIESLING 2013 16820 PEGASUS BAY BEL CANTO DRY RIESLING 2014

16817 PEGASUS BAY ENCORE NOBLE RIESLING 2011

16802 PEGASUS BAY PRIMA DONNA PINOT NOIR 2011

16811 **PEGASUS BAY** GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2014

16803 PEGASUS BAY SAUVIGNON SEMILLON 2012 16825 PEGASUS BAY RIESLING 2013

16810 PEGASUS BAY MERLOT CABERNET 2012

\$27.99 \$27.99

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ROBERT PARKER

If there's something strange in your wine cellar, who you gonna call? The world's most influential wine writer, that's who. There is not another wine critic in the world that has had as much written, or said. about them as American Robert Parker.

Parker founded The Wine Advocate, a hugely influential global bi-monthly wine publication these days dispensing advice to wine consumers around the world via a team of high-flying palates. A huge number of wines are assessed annually and rated employing Parker's 50-100-point quality scale that, given his global standing, can have a significant effect on the success or failure of the reviewed wine.

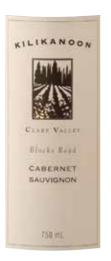
Parker's interest in wine was piqued in 1967 when he spent a month in Alsace, and he returned home to ultimately replace his fledgling legal career with that of a wine critic writing independent guides for American consumers. Parker and The Wine Advocate hit their global stride when he successfully predicted the superior quality of the 1982 vintage in Bordeaux, his enthusiasm creating significant American interest in Wine Futures, also known as En Primeur (purchasing wines while still in barrel), and raising the price of the vintage. His influence these days is such that it is suggested that some producers wait until he releases his scores before they release their prices.

The highly successful publication has been expanded and is now presented online as well via erobertparker.com, and Parker has gone on to sell a majority stake in his vinous empire to Singaporean interests. Parker continues to write for The Wine Advocate and to be the face of it; however behind him is a comprehensive 'dream team' of critics, including editor-in-chief Lisa Perotti-Brown, Neal Martin, Monica Larner, Jeb Dunnick, Luis Gutiérrez and David Schildknecht, with each writer responsible for an individual area of expertise.



WINE ADVOCATE WRITER. LUIS GUTIÉRREZ

| 18209 | KUMEU RIVER ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2012 91+/100 ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE | \$24.99 |
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| 16002 | AKARUA CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2012 92+/100 ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE | \$34.99 |
| 11087 | PASK DECLARATION HAWKES BAY SYRAH 2010 91+/100 ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE | \$44.99 |
| 12494 | MAN O' WAR BELLEROPHON WAIHEKE SYRAH VIOGNIER 2012 94+/100 ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE | \$49.99 |



KILIKANOON CLARE VALLEY **BLOCKS ROAD CABERNET 2012**

\$29.99 22356

CASE OF 12 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

Made only in vintages of exceptional quality, from 40-year-old low-yielding, dry-grown vines. Time in French oak has produced an intense and complex wine showing rich, ripe, chocolate-tinged blackcurrant flavours with hints of violet, tobacco and oak, all wrapped around a firm tannic backbone.

91/100 PARKER



CHÂTEAU MONT-REDON

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2010

\$43.99

CASE OF 12 \$39.99 A BOTTLE

The largest family-owned estate in the Rhône's Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation. A fragrant nose of black cherry and blueberry heralds a beautifully mature palate nuanced with vanilla and toasted notes. A paragon of depth, balance and refinement, this is one for the cellar.

91-93/100 PARKER



CHAPEL HILL MCLAREN VALE THE VICAR SHIRAZ 2012

\$64.99 21268

CASE OF 6 \$63.99 A BOTTLE

A vibrant deep crimson in colour, with a nose of black fruits and a spicy, cedary veil. On the palate characters of black cherry, blackberry, mint and violets provide a synergy between tannin, acid and oak. Devilishly good now, but further aging will only add to the complexity.

94+/100 PARKER



CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET PAUILLAC 2010

\$399.00 44164

CASE OF 6 \$360.00 A BOTTLE

Technically a mere fifth growth, Pontet-Canet's performance puts it at the top of the Bordeaux heap, outperforming many of its neighbours (that's saying something when you look over the fence). Managed biodynamically under the skilled hands of Alfred Tesseron, the 2009 also scored 100/100.

100/100 PARKER





VAVASOUR AWATERE VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

\$17.99 12170

CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

Longtime Marlborough vinous experts Vavasour know their turf, and utilise its local attributes with great panache; their Sauvignon Blanc is fresh and vibrant, with the mouthing-tingling minerality the Awatere region is noted for floating its presence beneath the punchy tropical fruit flavours.

★★★ WINESTATE

WINESTATE

Australia's oldest wine publication, Winestate have garnered wide ranging respect for their in-depth and incisive dissertations; and they're suitably on the ball, being comfortably ensconced in both the print and online worlds. Launched in 1978, they are now one of the longest-running wine magazines and wine-buying guides in the world, assessing and rating over 10,000 wines each year, and they are leading authorities on the wines of Australia and New Zealand.

Winestate take something of a holistic approach, focusing not on a single competition and a specific set of wines, instead reacting from a viewpoint a little more overarching in nature, with regions assessed periodically and new releases included. The results are published in the magazine, with the reviewed wines awarded a star rating.

Judging is done using the International 20-point scale, with points awarded for colour, aroma and flavour, as well as more technical qualities, including the balance of sugars, acids, tannins and volatile acidity. Panels consist of three judges, with the marks averaged. The New Zealand panel chair is Michael Cooper. For the last few years, he has been joined by Glengarry General Manager Liz Wheadon and Cameron Douglas MS for one of the New Zealand regional tastings.



ARA MARIA MARLBOROUGH SINGLE ESTATE PINOT NOIR ROSÉ 2014

\$19.99 12936

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

This is Ara's first foray into the world of rosé and they've got it spot on. Sourced from low-yielding Marlborough Pinot Noir vines, The intense fruit aromas flow elegantly through to the palate and on to the long, dry, fruit-driven finish. One sniff and you're back in summer.

★★★ WINESTATE



COOPERS CREEK MARLBOROUGH THE POINTER PINOT GRIS 2014



\$19.99 ₁₁₅₆₈



From the Coopers Creek Select Vineyards range, The Pointer is textural and full bodied for a Pinot Gris. Sporting a pear-and-spice nose, it has great presence on the mid-palate and the flavours linger

in the mouth. It is distinctly off-dry in style and the residual sugar gives the wine tremendous length.

★★★★ WINESTATE



PRIVATE BIN VIOGNIER 2014

VILLA MARIA GISBORNE

\$13.99 ₁₉₆₉₈

CASE OF 12 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

Villa Maria seldom put a foot wrong, consistently delivering quality at all price levels. This is a great value Viognier, alive with spice-edged floral and peach aromas supported by honeyed nuances. Moderately complex and balanced, with a textural mouthfeel and a fine crisp finish.

*** WINESTATE



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\$21.99

\$36.99

PEPPERJACK BAROSSA SHIRAZ 2013

\$24.99

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Another great vintage of what has almost become a byword for bewdy Barossa Shiraz. Characters of mocha, coffee and dark chocolate silken up the lively berries and bright peppery spice, all of it coming together in a display of richness that is opulent but never vulgar.

★★★★★ WINESTATE

19464 VIDAL RESERVE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014 WINESTATE

26836 SALTRAM MAMRE BROOK CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011 ★★★★★ WINESTATE

16744 PALLISER ESTATE MARTINBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2013 WINESTATE



METRO TOP 100

An initiative started just over five years ago by Metro Magazine, The Metro Top 100 is a little different to the average wine competition. All the usual components are present, i.e. the wines are tasted blind by experienced judges and their quality assessed, but here, the object is to establish an annual range of dependable drinking wines, with the selection encompassing all aspects of global and pricing spectrums.

Currently, more than 700 wines are tasted and evaluated, covering the varietals, and from sparkling expressions right through to dessert wines, with the panel focused on immediate drinkability rather than on technical issues.

It is a competition that Glengarry is pleased to support. We host the judging each year, all of it executed in blind tastings and without any commercial bias. This year, the judging team of chief wine judge Paul Tudor MW was joined by Glengarry Wellington Regional Manager Philip Rowe, a man with a wealth of international wine

Panel members also included Glengarry Bassett Road Manager Rowena Evans, who has a background in winemaking and online wine marketing, and Regan McCaffery, our Fine Wine Consultant at Glengarry Victoria Park, his passion for and intimate understanding of the world's fine wines providing an added dimension to the team.



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While our selection is sure to delight, you can check out the entire Metro Top 100 range online at www.glengarry.co.nz/metrotop100 and in selected Glengarry stores

METRO TOP 100 2015

| 23405 | MR MICK CLARE VALLEY TEMPRANILLO 2011 | \$14.99 |
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| 45420 | PAUL JABOULET PARALLÈLE 45 CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2012 | \$16.99 |
| 12675 | FRAMINGHAM MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014 | \$16.99 |
| 88060 | PALACIOS REMONDO LA VENDIMIA RIOJA 2013 | \$17.99 |
| 11526 | JACKSON ESTATE MARLBOROUGH RIESLING 2012 | \$19.99 |
| 14512 | MILLS REEF RESERVE HAWKES BAY SYRAH 2013 | \$19.99 |
| 15466 | NAUTILUS MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2014 | \$24.99 |
| 10670 | BABICH IRONGATE HAWKES BAY CHARDONNAY 2013 | \$29.99 |



CHÂTEAU LA VERRIÈRE BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR 2012

\$16.99

Château La Verrière consistently over-deliver in the quality to value ratio. As with the majority of the right bank châteaux, it's dominated by Merlot. Aromatics of plum and black cherry are enhanced by a whiff of vanillin oak, while ripe, spicy flavours surf the smooth textures and supple tannins.

CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

METRO TOP 100 2015



FLAGSTONE SOUTH AFRICA POETRY MERLOT 2013

\$9.99 50100

CASE OF 6 \$8.99 A BOTTLE

Bruce Jack's iconic boutique winery produces highly individual, handcrafted expressions. Here, the integrity of the fruit is to the fore. A warm, rich ruby red in the glass, the complex aromatics of red fruit and mint juxtaposed with sweet, spicy undertones, followed by deep, lingering flavours.

METRO TOP 100 2015



GEYSER PEAK CALIFORNIA UNCENSORED RED BLEND 2011

\$13.99 30001

CASE OF 12 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

Founded back in 1880, GP is one of California's oldest and most lauded wineries. Here they extend traditional boundaries with a rich and individual blend comprised of eight red varieties. Fragrant, soft, supple, rich and fruity, with a velvety texture and a smooth, caramel-tinged finish.

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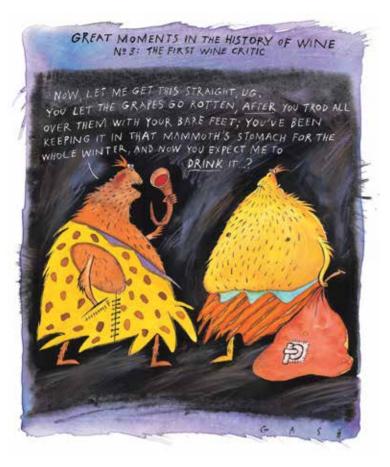
ILLUMINATI ILICO MONTEPULCIANO 2012

\$16.99

CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Crafted from 100% Montepulciano fruit, the Ilico is a small but stately step up from Illuminati's top-selling Riparosso, possessing a bit more structure from having spent a little longer in oak. Plump, juicy and charmingly rustic, this'll do very nicely alongside a big bowl of pasta.

METRO TOP 100 2015



AIR NZ WINE AWARDS

The Air New Zealand Wine Awards have long been our country's premier wine competition. Behind the valuable long-term sponsorship from our airline and flag carrier, it is a little-known fact that the awards are actually owned and organised by New Zealand Wine Growers, the national organisation for the country's 1,700 grape growers and winemakers.

Since 2011, Michael Brajkovich MW has been the chair of judging, assisted by a host of New Zealand's most experienced wine tasters and an array of international guests. The competition has now been running for over 30 years and continues to be held in high esteem.

The medal-oriented Air NZs recently rejigged things. Now, all of the wines submitted must be sustainably produced, in line with NZWGs' committment to a fully sustainable industry, a concept with great merit in these days of increasing awareness that more sustainable practices are not only preferable, but in the long term, essential to our future viability.

The medals awarded are Bronze, Silver, Gold and Elite Gold, with the Elite Gold wines having scored 19 and above out of 20 points. The results come out in November each year following judging a few months prior, and they provide a good indication of how each year's new vintage releases are looking.



JULES TAYLOR MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2013

\$26.99 ₁₃₆₉₅

CASE OF 12 \$24.99 A BOTTLE

While rightfully lauded for her brilliant whites, Jules is no slouch with the red grapes. Wild berries on the nose, with spicy notes layered over subtle hints of oak. Wild fermentation and extended lees maturation have added complexity and texture to the bright and poised red fruit characters.

PURE GOLD



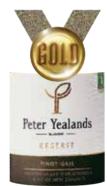
VIDAL MARLBOROUGH WHITE LABEL RIESLING 2014

\$12.99 ₁₉₄₅₀

CASE OF 6 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

With a century of winemaking under their belt, Vidal combine their historic name and experience with a contemporary approach. Using grapes from the Awatere and Waihopai Valleys, the White Label is a dry-style Riesling with a freshly delicate palate of lime, citrus and floral characters.

PURE GOLD



PETER YEALANDS

AWATERE VALLEY RESERVE PINOT GRIS 2014

\$16.99

CASE OF 6 \$15.00 A BOTTLE

Free-run juice was separated from the pressings and each fermented with selected yeasts to extend the flavours and texture. Notes of spicy apple, pear and peel appear in the aromatics. Balanced and well-weighted, with excellent depth complemented by a silky mouthfeel and a fine, crisp finish.

PURE GOLD



SAINT CLAIR PIONEER BLOCK 3 43 DEGREES SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

\$21.99 ₁₈₄₂₈

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Huge performers in the consistency states, these guys have done every version of Sauvignon Blanc imaginable. Of all the Block wines (and yes, there are a few), the Block 43 is the one we tend to favour here at Glengarry; it has a richness, a generosity of fruit we find hard to resist.

GOLD AND TROPHY



SOHO WAIHEKE ISLAND VALENTINA SYRAH 2014

\$36.99

CASE OF 12 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

Stylish, brooding Waiheke Island Syrah showing spice-edged muscle and fragrant florals atop an earthy palate. Hand-picked, hand-plunged and barrelled down for the long winter, it's only now starting to reveal its various layers and colours. Big, bold, rich; not a Syrah for the light-hearted.

PURE GOLD



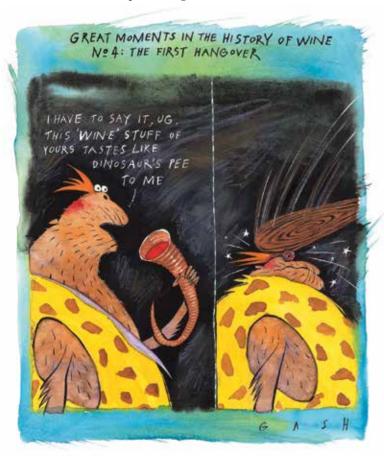
IWSC

One of the world's oldest wine events, the formerly monikered Club Oenologique, was launched in 1969 by oenologist Anton Massel. In 1978 the name was changed to the International Wine and Spirit Competition. The original aim of the IWSC was to award excellence in wines and spirits on a global stage, and this remains the agenda, encouraging consumer and trade recognition of quality products.

The IWSC is the only competition of its kind that conducts full 'double' blind tastings (glasses are pre-poured in a separate room) by panels selected from over 300 fully qualified industry judges, followed by an extensive chemical analysis.

The New Zealand judging chair for the IWSC is Jo Burzynska, who is also wine writer for the NZ Herald. For many years now Glengarry have partnered with the IWSC to promote its New Zealand results to the folks back home; it always seemed a shame to us that there were exceptional Kiwi wines winning big in London, where the awards are presented, and not being recognised for it back home.

The awards are judged in similar fashion to the Air New Zealand Wine Awards, with the allocation of gold, silver and bronze medals within the various categories. Standards are strictly adhered to, and in divisions where the products do not score highly enough, no gold medals or trophies are given.



14071 MATUA MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014 \$12.99 **BRONZE MEDAL IWSC** THE NED MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2014 \$15.99 SILVER OUTSTANDING MEDAL IWSC SPY VALLEY MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014 \$16.99 SILVER MEDAL IWSC WOLF BLASS GOLD LABEL BAROSSA SHIRAZ 2012 \$24.99 **BRONZE MEDAL IWSC**



CHURCH RD HAWKES BAY McDONALD CHARDONNAY 2013

\$21.99 ₁₅₂₅₂

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Named in tribute to this historic winery's founder, Tom McDonald. Fragrant aromatics of stonefruit, citrus, mineral notes and toasty oak entice, while the fruit flavours are complemented by subtle oak nuances and a silky, textural mouthfeel, all neatly balanced by a lingering, mineral-edged finish.

SILVER IWSC



DE BORTOLI RIVERINA SHOW LIQUEUR MUSCAT 500ML

\$29.99 20816

CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

Aged for 8 years in barrel and ready to go. Intense aromas of raisin, fig and spice display underlying floral notes. The rich palate is replete with opulent Muscat flavours of raisins, figs, dates, toffee and caramel. Sweetness and balancing vanillin oak notes make for a lovely lingering finish.

SILVER IWSC



ROCKBURN

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2012

\$37.99

Year after year this wins acclaim for its vibrantly executed vinous triumphs. One of Rockburn's star attributes is their sheer consistency. Here, lifted aromatics, silky textures, some anchoring earthy notes and just the right amount of oak, integrated into a superbly harmonious whole.

SILVER OUTSTANDING IWSC





CHARLES HEIDSIECK

CHAMPAGNE BRUT ROSÉ VINTAGE 1999

\$145.00 41549

The delicate and joyful effervescence hints at the aromatic complexity of this blended rosé, with the subtle elegance of the grands and premiers crus fruit leaving its mark. Tingling notes of strawberry and raspberry, with the 7% Pinot Noir bestowing touches of pepper and sandalwood. Superbly rich and silky, sophisticated and generous.

GOLD OUTSTANDING IWSC





SAINT-MEYLAND MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE NV

\$16.99

CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Produced just a cork trajectory away from the Champagne region, this accomplished méthode is fermented in bottle for eighteen months á la champagne, the rich yeastiness and toastiness declaring it a slick charmer with irresistibly authentic credentials. One of our top-sellers, it's the French trappings without the outlay.



\$31.99

CASE OF 6 \$30.99 A BOTTLE

Cloudy Bay's reputation as a top NZ producer is by no means restricted to their iconic Sauvignon. with the Pelorus consistently rated as one of our finest sparkling wines. Dazzlingly clean and bright with a fine, effusive bead, it's dusted with florals, the pure fruit echoing with toasty touches from a bed of creamy, heady richness.



CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT RÉSERVE NV

\$84.99

CASE OF 6 \$83.99 A BOTTLE

One of Champagne's best-kept secrets, this. Plump, fleshy and opulent, the Charles NV is a triumph: Deeply golden with a complex and voluptuous nose, it dispenses its riches as warm rivers of sun-drenched fruits (mango, apricot, plum), nutty nuances of pistachio and almond, and layers of creamy texture. A tremendous wine.



DE BORTOLI

FAMILY SELECTION SPARKLING BRUT

\$9.99

Appealing sparkling blend from Australian giants De Bortoli, a gentle effervescence and an attractive nose of ripe fruit with lime and mineral nuances. Beautifully refreshing, with a silky mouthfeel and a clean, crisp finish.

ALLAN SCOTT CECILIA BRUT NV

\$19.99 17397

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

A fitting testament to the meticulous care that the Scott family take with their sparkling wines. The Chardonnay fruit provides the elegance, the Pinot Noir the depth. A silky and subtle sparkler with a smartly tart palate and creamy mouthfeel.

DANIEL LE BRUN MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV

\$24.99 12145

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Aromas of crisp apple, brioche and citrus are enhanced by subtle biscuity notes, the delicate mousse and soft, creamy mouthfeel underpinned by an intense and lively acidity. An understated and balanced Marlborough méthode.

CA' DEL BOSCO CUVÉE PRESTIGE BRUT NV

\$44.99

CASE OF 6 \$43.99 A BOTTLE

You'd be hard-pressed to pick this Italian sparkler out from a blind champagne line-up, it's that good. A blend of 75% Chardonnay, 15% Pinot Nero and 10% Pinot Bianco, it's reminiscent of a blanc de blancs champagne. Dry finish, smart wine.

PIPER-HEIDSIECK **BRUT NV**

\$54.99 48118

CASE OF 6 \$49.99 A BOTTLE

Full of exuberant charm, the Piper-Heidsieck NV bursts with citrus and orange juiciness and surges forth on a wave of grilled toast and marzipan before soaring to an apogee of excitement. Fruity, fragrant, the perfect champagne for your party.



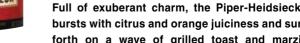














LAWSONS DRY HILLS MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

\$17.99

CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

With fruit selected from vineyards in a variety of sub-regions, this Sauvignon epitomises the Marlborough character. A portion of the wine was barrel fermented to contribute complexity and texture. The wine exudes classic regional characters of passionfruit, tropical fruit and herbs laced with refreshing mineral notes.







LAWSON

\$19.99

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

The fruit is off Loveblock's organically certified property in the Awatere Valley. It's somewhat Grigio-esque in style, with floral-tinged aromas and flavours of Granny Smith, Nashi pear, citrus and peach, the fruit supported by a flick of spice that enhances the crisply dry finish.



DOMAINE LAROCHE SAINT-MARTIN CHABLIS 2013

\$34.99

CASE OF 6 \$33.99 A BOTTLE

One of France's finest producers and a pioneer of the Chablis style. Founded in the mid-nineteenth century, Domaine Laroche epitomise Chablis, and the quality of the Saint Martin is impeccable, a blend from Laroche's best vineyard plots. Pale, refined and complex, with a distinctive chalky minerality enhancing the white fruit and floral characters, zesty acidity and long, fruity finish.



SAINT CLAIR MARLBOROUGH VICAR'S CHOICE PINOT GRIS 2014



\$9.99 18636

A pale gold in the glass, this boasts a refreshing palate of ripe pear with a slight bready overtone. Medium-bodied with a lengthy, lingering finish, it's ready to drink now, but you could successfully pop it in the cellar for a year or two.



PASK HAWKES BAY

ROY'S HILL SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

\$12.99 10813

CASE OF 12 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

Deliciously fresh and tangy, with shafts of tropical fruit, capsicum and herbal characters transitioning from nose to palate. With exuberant fruit flavours complemented by a zesty aftertaste, it's good to go with your favoured seafood dish.



COOPERS CREEK

GISBORNE CHARDONNAY 2014

6 \$14.99 ₁₃₇₇₃

CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Great value Gisborne Chardonnay displaying the classic stonefruit and tropical fruit characters typical of this iconic region's expressions. Ripe, fresh and long in flavour, with good depth of rich fruit and a fine citrus-tinged finish.



ESKDALE

HAWKES BAY GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2012

\$19.99

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

A bold, fruit-driven Hawkes Bay treasure, this, replete with ripe tropical fruit overlaid with a spicy, musky veil. The palate offers rich, slightly honeyed flavours, luscious textures and a fine, clean finish. Great accompaniment to spicy cuisine.



LAKE CHALICE MARLBOROUGH THE RAPTOR CHARDONNAY 2014

\$21.99 13129

CASE OF 12 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Full bodied flavours of white peach and nectarine are boosted by toasty notes and an underlying spicy presence. Lush aromatics herald an elegant and creamy palate with nicely balanced acidity and a warm, lingering finish.





These well-established Malbec vines sit on an old, free-draining Mendoza riverbed located at a high altitude. Traditionally fermented, aged for three months in oak and another three in bottle, this is a very approachable, drink-now offering with cherry, plum and mulberry flavours, a touch of subtle oak influence and supple tannins.



\$16.99 45398

CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Iconic and pioneering northern Rhône producer. The 'Secret' is exclusive to Glengarry and made only in small quantities, a delightful blend of Grenache with a splash or three of Syrah. Covertly deep and dark, with come-hither aromatics and flavours of spiced plums and blueberries. Good drinking. Grab a case, why dontcha.



RUA

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2014

\$21.99 18771

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Great value, this: Akarua's drink-now model is highly user-friendly, notes of cherries, berries, violets and rosewater wafting in its wake as it travels the Silk Road with its bundle of spice. Seductive and affordable, with savoury notes and supple tannins. For price-friendly Pinot, you really can't go past it.



ROOKS LANE VICTORIA SHIRAZ 2012

\$9.99 20406

CASE OF 12 \$8.99 A BOTTLE

Sourced from the Red Cliffs region of Victoria, the nose is all ripe berries, black cherries, vanilla and spice, the sweet fruit flavours rich and juicy, with blueberry and cherry characters and a deft touch of oak, signed off by a nice savoury aftertaste.



CHÂTEAU NICOT

BORDEAUX 2011

\$14.99 41623

CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

35 WORDS approachable, Merlot-dominant Bordeaux with a touch of Cabernet in the mix, the plums and blackberries given a gentle nudge of spice and a helping of fine tannins. Inexpensive, easy drinking and a great introduction to Bordeaux.



BROOKFIELDS HAWKES BAY **OHITI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014**

\$17.99 ₁₃₄₄₉

CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

One of the few 100% NZ Cabernet Sauvignons around, the Ohiti languidly exudes a dark, smoky aromatic air. Hints of cassis and liquorice are underpinned by spritely acidity and some gentle but persistent tannins. Youthful and flavoursome.



MATAWHERO

GISBORNE MERLOT 2013

\$19.99

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

An unashamedly fruit-driven style with enticing aromas of blackberry, mulberry and plum nuanced by toasty notes. The full bodied palate has a good concentration of fruit flavours supported by well integrated oak and a firm tannin structure.



AKARUA

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT ROSÉ 2014

\$19.99

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

This A-list Kiwi rosé shows its pedigree: top quality Central Otago Pinot Noir fruit, inviting strawberry and raspberry aromas embellished by a spicy edge and a lovely vibrant fruit character, all caressed by a creamy texture and a fresh, tingling finish.



A TASTE OF

Japan. Enigmatic and alluring in equal measure. Known for its skyscraping standards when it comes to manufacturing, Japan has an almost unequalled reputation for attention to detail. The Japanese approach to alcohol is no different, and the national obsession with quality control is delivering an ever-increasing and exciting range of classy tipples with their own unique flavour profiles.

Japan's quality factor is impressively evident in its whiskies, which were initially modelled on Scottish styles. However since the establishment of the first commercial distillery just 90-odd years ago, Japanese whiskies have evolved their own unique, multi-faceted characteristics that have earned the world's respect.

Of course, the Japanese concoction known the world over is sake. Easily the most famous of Japanese drinks, this alcoholic beverage made from fermented rice is produced in a variety of distinctive styles, via a brewing process that's more akin to beer than to wine. Normally possessing a high alcohol content of 18-20% (often diluted with water after brewing to a more amenable 14-16%), it can be enjoyed either chilled, at room temperature or heated.

In Japan they occasionally do cider too, with brewing company Kirin producing an appealing range of premium expressions infused with Japanese-inspired flavours that are well worth checking out. Judging by the proliferation of Kiwis these days frequenting sushi bars, it would appear that a taste for Japanese flavours is on the rise, and so we feature here, for your personal edification, a selection of ciders, sakes and whiskies from the Land of the Rising Sun.



KIRIN

FUJI APPLE CIDER 500ML

SINGLE \$5.50 91671

Created in association with renowned Japanese master blender Hideaki Kito and infused with Fuji apples, this is a refreshing apple cider with distinctive aromas and flavours and a slightly sweet edge to the finish.

KIRIN

FUJI APPLE & GINGER CIDER 500ML

SINGLE \$5.50 91672

Brewed from Fuji apples infused with a dash of ginger that enlivens the aromatics and warms the palate. A straw-coloured cider boasting a fragrant, spice-edged bouquet and refreshingly crisp flavours.

SUNTORY

KAKUBIN SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY 700ML

\$42.99

Nicknamed 'Kakubin' for its square bottle, Suntory's masterful blended whisky was 10 years in the making by Shinjiro Torii, founder of Japan's first distillery, before finally hitting the shelves in 1937. Each year the blend is reviewed and fine-tuned. Sweetly aromatic with a dry finish.

SUNTORY THE HAKUSHU 12-YEAR-OLD SINGLE MALT 700ML

\$99.00

From Suntory's Hakushu Distillery in the depths of the forests of Japan's Southern Alps. A crisp, vibrant, delicate whisky with fresh aromatics and a subtly smoky, floral palate of sweet pear, mint and kiwifruit characters.

93245 SUNTORY THE HAKUSHU DISTILLER'S MALT 700ML

\$89.00

GEKKEIKAN

TRADITIONAL SAKE 720ML

\$24.99 90992

Gekkeikan was established in 1637 and has been operated by the same family for 14 generations. Embodying the company's signature style, their Traditional sake is characterised by hints of grapefruit, herbaceous notes and a light earthiness balanced by a clean, mineral-driven finish.

GEKKEIKAN

JUNMAI SKYE BLUE SAKE **720ML**

\$24.99 90979

A Junmai-shu designated sake made from carefully selected pure Koshihikari rice and the fresh spring waters found in the Fushimi region. Dry, fresh and lightly fragrant, with a refined, smoothly elegant aftertaste.

90972 **GEKKEIKAN** NIGORI SAKE **500ML**

\$16.99

6-PACK **\$14.99**

JAPANESE BEERS

91725 KIRIN BEER 330ML BOTTLE 91744 BAIRD NUMAZU LAGER 330ML BOTTLE

SINGLE **\$6.50** 91743 BAIRD KUROFUNE PORTER 330ML BOTTLE SINGLE

AUSTRALIA A TASTE OF HAMIN



PASQUA LE COLLEZIONI MERLOT 2013

\$12.99 66108

CASE OF 6 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

Displaying pleasant fruity aromas and delicate sweet notes, this shows good balance and is soft and round in the mouth. Good length, persistent flavours; try with savoury pasta or fresh cheeses.



PASQUA VENETO ROMEO & JULIET'S WALL PASSIMENTO 2012

\$16.99 66162

CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

In Verona 3,000 love messages are left daily in the courtyard that overlooks the balcony at Juliet's old casa. Made in tribute, this soft, spicy, velvety red is made from grapes pre-dried in wooden trays.



PASQUA VENETO DOC ROMEO & JULIET'S WALL PROSECCO NV

\$16.99 66159

CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Following the success of the R&J Passiemento. Pasqua have released some of their great Prosecco under the same label. Smartly made, crisply fresh with a dry finish, it's everything you'd expect.



FLORIO TARGA RISERVA 1840 MARSALA SUPERIORE RISERVA 500ML

\$24.99 63009

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Italy's answer to Port, Madeira and Sherry. This is semisecco, so it sits neatly between the drier and sweeter expressions. In the mouth it's full, warm, smooth and velvety, with a fine finish of dried fruit.



FONTANAFREDDA

SERRALUNGA D'ALBA BAROLO DOCG 2010

\$54.99 62635

CASE OF 6 \$53.99 A BOTTLE

Serralunga Barolos are powerful and long-lived, and this will age for many years. Resonating with spice, liquorice and leather, it's dry, soft, velvety, with an intense nose and a weighty mouthfeel.



YALUMBA

Y SERIES SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2013

\$10.99 29879

CASE OF 6 \$9.99 A BOTTLE

Ripe and unmistakably Australian in character, with silky textures and fragrant violet and apricot notes. The palate is superbly fresh, with a rich fruit presence wrapped around supple tannins.



PENFOLDS SOUTH AUSTRALIA THOMAS HYLAND SHIRAZ 2012

\$16.99 25479

CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Punches well above its price; the nose is loaded with ripe, plummy, berry aromas embellished by peppery vanillin notes. A richly flavoured red with velvety, well integrated tannins.



KATNOOK COONAWARRA FOUNDERS BLOCK SHIRAZ 2013

\$19.99 20070

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

Good-value red with lively blackberry, cherry and plum notes finessed with a helping of mocha and vanillin oak. Ripe, spicy Coonawarra fruit flavours sit atop a solid, well integrated structure.



KILIKANOON CLARE VALLEY **KILLERMANS RUN CABERNET 2013**

\$19.99 22355

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

Fruit from the Clare. Complex and multi-layered, the ripe plum and mocha aromatics embellished by spice, oak and minty nuances, the generous palate complemented by mellow tannins and a long finish.



TORBRECK BAROSSA VALLEY **OLD VINES GSM 2012**

\$22.99 21099

CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

A blend of 55% Grenache, 24% Shiraz and 21% Mourvèdre off old Barossa Valley vines, matured in French oak for 12 months. Elegantly styled, with attractive cassis, cherry, spice and floral notes.

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TORRE ABALDE **RIOJA VINO TINTO 2013**

\$14.99 87770

CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

100% Tempranillo fruit with scintillating raspberry and red fruit characters, this is a great introduction to what Rioja can produce. A medium-bodied wine with great balance between tannins and acidity.



SOLAR VIEJO **RIOJA COSECHA 2013**

\$14.99 88014

CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

The tempranillo fruit bestows an inviting rush of bright, fragrant fruits, showing notes of raspberry, strawberry and blackberry and a strapping of spice and liquorice. Affordable excitement.



FINCA CUCÓ MONTSANT TINTO 2014

\$17.99

CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

Carignan, Grenache and Syrah. Hand harvested, traditionally fermented and aged for only a short period in oak, this evokes bright red fruits and dried herbs with perfect balance and an innate charm.



QUINTA DE LA ROSA

PORTUGAL RUBY PORT 500ML

\$24.99 79045

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

This tiny, century-old family business use their highest grade of grapes for this, their entry-level model, and their ruby port is more intense than most, not as sweet and infinitely richer.



BARROS

PORTUGAL TAWNY PORT

\$29.99 79701

CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

Some time in oak and more (good) oxidation than for a Ruby provides the Tawny's colour. Loads of red fruits and mellow oak characters. Seductively rich, elegantly smooth, beautifully poised.



ARROGANT FROG LANGUEDOC CROAK BARONNE SYRAH 2013

\$14.99 43591

CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Blackberry aromas are backed by spice and toasty oak, the fruit-driven palate showing spice-spiked plum flavours complemented by a suave mouthfeel, supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste.



PAUL MAS SOUTH OF FRANCE SAVIGNAC VINEYARD CARIGNAN 2013

\$14.99 43984

CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Spice and blackberry dominate the aromatics, with subtle background notes of cocoa and toasty oak. The palate is lush and full, the dark fruit and liquorice notes intermingling with velvety tannins.



LAROCHE

LANGUEDOC SYRAH-GRENACHE 2013

\$15.99 48576

CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Laroche add a touch of Grenache to their Syrah, and it works a treat, showing how good these two varieties can be together. Intense, full bodied, rich and velvety, it's all elegance right to the end.



PIERRE BRECHT

ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2012

\$17.99

CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

Rich textures, hints of honey and mineral; there is a touch of delicious, seductive sweetness before the full power of the palate is unleashed, while acid fruit tempers the tail's fat tendencies.



BUNAN CÔTES DE PROVENCE BÉLOUVÉ ROSÉ 2013

\$19.99 42748

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

A clean, lusciously ripe rosé with classic Côtes de Provence aromas of soft summer fruits and violets. The palate is elegantly fresh and tangy, displaying riveting touches of mineral and citrus.

GLEINGARRY

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

Brookfields HAWKES BAY SUN-DRIED MALBEC 2014

\$21.99 ₁₃₄₈₄

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Hand harvested grapes sun-dried on special racks for three weeks contribute enhanced aromatics and extra-concentrated flavours. Dense, spicy and boldly styled, with a lingering velvety mouthfeel.



Akarua CENTRAL OTAGO BRUT NV

\$27.99 10118

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

Using Akarua's pristine Pinot and Chardonnay fruit, winemaker Matt Connell has fashioned an elegant aperitif-style wine displaying complex characters and biscuity nuances. Fresh, creamy, textural.





Coopers Creek HAWKES BAY SWAMP RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2013



\$29.99

CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

A classic Coopers Creek wine with years of pedigree behind it. Subtle and balanced, with ripe lemon and grapefruit characters, touches of oak and a creamy textural quality. Deliciously long and complex.



Rimu Grove NELSON **BRONTE PINOT GRIS 2014**



CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

An accomplished Gris showing aromas of sweet pear, citrus and florals with a hint of spice and minerality. Full bodied ripe fruit flavours are balanced by a citrus edge and a silky, textural, medium-sweet mouthfeel.



Tupari AWATERE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2012

\$24.99 11589

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Tupari waited patiently until their vines had enough age to produce the sort of Pinot Noir they wanted. A captivating style, with bright cherry and spiced plum notes enveloped in a soft, silky tannin frame.



Terra Sancta BANNOCKBURN **RIVERBLOCK CHARDONNAY 2014**



\$27.99



CASE OF 12 \$26.99 A BOTTLE

An elegant Chard, barrel fermented on indigenous yeasts from selected clones. Harmonious and nicely weighted, with the forward apple, pear and grapefruit characters enhanced by a tingling mineral finish.



Grower's Mark GISBORNE TIETJEN VINEYARD ALBARIÑO 2013

\$16.99

CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

The fruit is off Gisborne's renowned Tietjen Vineyard. Deliciously refreshing and multi-layered, with notes of stonefruit, apple, herbs and almond on the nose and palate, and a finish that's suitably long and crisp.



d'Arenberg MoLAREN VALE
THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ 2011

\$19.99 20709

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

A dark, glistening, benchmark McLaren Vale Shiraz aromatically replete with plums, cherries, liquorice, pepper and cloves. Layers of ripe flavours, hints of leather, a fine dusting of tannin and a superb finish.



Mont-Redon côtes du Rhône

\$19.99

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

An exuberantly rustic blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah with a decent dose of bright fruit among its earthy characters, offering more complexity and sinewy succulence than you'd expect at this price.

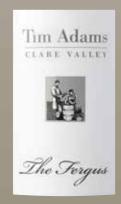


Tim Adams CLARE VALLEY THE FERGUS 2012

\$19.99 23419

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

A smartly executed blend of Clare Valley Grenache, Tempranillo, Mourvèdre and Shiraz fruit matured in seasoned American oak, the generous palate packed with ripe, spice-edged plum and berry characters.





CRAGGY RANGE 2013 PRESTIGE COLLECTION

AROHA SOPHIA LE SOL The Prestige wines sit atop the Graggy Range collection, the pinnacle of an outstanding portfolio that is recognised across the globe for its consistent quality. 2013 was arguably the New Zealand equivalent of 2009 or 2010 in Bordeaux, a defining vintage, one of the finest ever, where everything aligned to create the best Prestige wines yet.

11204 AROHA 2013 \$94.99 CASE OF 6: \$89.99 A BOTTLE

11208 SOPHIA 2013 \$74.99 CASE OF 6: \$69.99 A BOTTLE

11207 LE SOL 2013 \$94.99 CASE OF 6: \$89.99 A BOTTLE