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PINOT GRIS
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MEDIUM-SWEET



SWEET

CHARDONNAY
STYLES



OAK-LITE



DEEP & MEANINGFUL



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AND DRIVE



Got your umbrella? Ours was stolen, and we only just bought it (it was its first outing). Lucky, then, that to date winter has been feeling distinctly unwinter-like, with its teenage temperatures accompanying the more predictable helpings of wind and rain. Indeed, the unseasonal warmth has allowed some of the more summery wines to extend their influence deep into robust red territory. Nothing wrong with that, of course.

Anyhow, this month we call in on an old friend, i.e. France, the source of so much vinous inspiration for the rest of the planet, checking out the turf and terroir from Alsace to Bordeaux (We know. That's only from A to B, but try looking for a French wine region starting with Z).

We're also acknowledging a major milestone from one of New Zealand's most iconic wineries, as the pioneering Babich family reach a gobsmacking century of winemaking; we delve into champagne house Drappier and what pops their cork; we cheer on the Sawmill Brewing Company as they move into their expansive new premises, we talk cognac and sherry, and we take a look at new offerings from Laroche, Escarpment and Wither Hills. Then there's our Top10 and Winter Whites and Reds.

So much to try, so little time. Off you go, then.

Jak Jakicevich



HENRI GIRAUD CHAMPAGNE
L'ESPRIT DE GIRAUD BRUT NV

48344 **\$55.99** CASE OF 6 \$49.99 A BOTTLE

State-of-the-art boutique champagne. Located in Aÿ, the home of great Pinot Noir, all of the Henri Giraud wines are made from Grand Cru vineyards, and they all have a similar 8mg/L dosage level. While the Giraud reputation rests firmly on its Pinot, to add a little lightness to the Brut NV, there is 30% Chardonnay in this blend. A fresh, citrusy style with less oak influence than the rest of the Henri Giraud range and 5% of the reserve wines barrel fermented.

A CENTURY OF WINEMAKING

BABICH

Now into their third generation in the family winemaking business, Babich are this year celebrating their 100th anniversary. Founder Josip Babich arrived from Croatia in 1910, aged only 14, to join his brothers working Northland's gumfields. Not one to muck about, Josip had made his first wine by 1916, selling it to the local gumdiggers under the Babich Brothers label. In 1919 the brothers moved to a property in Henderson Valley, where Josip milked cows, grew vegetables, planted an orchard and established a vineyard.

By the 1930s winemaking was well on the way to becoming Josip's preferred business activity, and in the 1950s the responsibility for running the business passed to Josip's sons Peter and Joe. These days Babich export to over 40 countries and own a total of eleven vineyards in Henderson, Hawkes Bay and Marlborough. In addition to the Henderson winery and bottling plant, Babich have also recently built a state-of-the-art winery in Marlborough.

Today Chairman Peter and Managing Director Joe are still actively involved, while Peter's son David heads up the third generation of the family as Babich's General Manager. For their services to the industry, Peter was awarded an M.B.E and in 2015 Joe was made an ONZM, in recognition of the Babich family's invaluable and lasting contribution to New Zealand's winemaking landscape.



PETER, JOE AND DAVID BABICH

BABICH FLAGSHIP WINES



BABICH GIMBLETT GRAVELS
IRONGATE CHARDONNAY 2014

\$29.99 10670



Babich's flagship Chardonnay is hand harvested and matured for ten months in French oak. Aromas of stonefruit and citrus display nutty mineral notes, the exquisitely seamless, silky palate of peaches and limes enhanced by a lovely textural quality.



BABICH GIMBLETT GRAVELS
IRONGATE CABERNET MERLOT FRANC 2014

\$29.99 10688

Hand harvested from Babich's Irongate Vineyard, a complex, elegant red exhibiting ripe, spice-edged blackcurrant and plum characters, integrated oak and supple tannins. It unfolds in layers of nuances and finishes on a long, savoury note.



BABICH HAWKES BAY
THE PATRIARCH 2013

\$49.99 10643

Babich's flagship red. From a superb Hawkes Bay vintage, the nose is warm and inviting, all leather, chocolate and jammy berries, while the opulent palate surges seductively with velvet tannins and a brush of savoury. Broodingly long and powerful.

BABICH GIMBLETT GRAVELS
100 YEAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

\$420.00 10642

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon fruit from Babich's Gimblett Road vineyard was so outstanding it was put aside to celebrate their centenary. Hand-picked off only the best rows within the Irongate vineyard, it was aged for 18 months in French oak barriques. Sweetly fragrant aromas of violet and blackberry are warmly braced with notes of vanilla and smoky cedar. The darkly elegant, dense palate is replete with rich, characters of fruit cake, leather and cocoa. Each bottle comes hand-waxed and beautifully boxed with a certificate personally signed by Joe Babich. One for the cellar.



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10679	BABICH MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2015	\$16.99
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10665	BABICH HAWKES BAY MERLOT CABERNET 2014	\$16.99
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GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK **7:00PM WED 10TH AUGUST**
BABICH IRONGATE VERTICAL TASTING... \$45 PER PERSON

France

Getting to grips with French wine is not quite as complex as it might initially appear. A little knowledge and *voilà*, you'll be impressing your friends in no time. Really, it's all about regions.

Alsace (which has at times in its history belonged in Germany but is currently French) is probably the simplest of the lot, as unlike most of France (which tends to name its wines by location) they label here by the variety. The main focus for the region is aromatic whites. The wines are a neat mix of the two influencing cultures, drawing on the best of Germanic aromatics and purity and combining it with a dose of French flair and breadth. Here, there are really only two levels: AOC and Grand Cru.

Further south is the area flanking the Rhône river. The Rhône wine region runs from Lyon in the north to Avignon in the south and is divided into two halves. In the north, Syrah is the ruling red variety and Viognier the dominant white, while in the south, varietal blends reign supreme. Grenache-based reds take the leading role, while the whites are generally a blend of Grenache Blanc, Roussane and Marsanne. (This month's selection includes a Beaumes-de-Venise red, and no, it's not sweet).

While generally considered to be a stand-alone region, Chablis is technically part of Burgundy. It is a cool area where Chardonnay dominates, the resulting crisp acidity a feature of Chablisian wines. Malolactic fermentation (a secondary one that softens the acid) is required here, but oak is really only used for texture. Moving south to the Côte d'Or and into the heart of Burgundy, Pinot Noir is the world-famous variety, and the whites constitute some of the globe's greatest Chardonnays. Burgundy's most southern outpost is Beaujolais, where Gamay is the grape of choice.

Bordeaux has long been considered France's aristocratic wine region and the global heart of fine wine. There is a new term of late, though: Bordeaux bashing, with the UK media particularly adept at it (a clear indication, of course, that the Bordelais have something that others want). This is where the Cabernet varieties and Merlot dominate. Bordeaux is home to the most long-lived reds in the world, gorgeous sweet wines and aromatic whites made from Sauvignon and Semillon.

Up to the north-west, in the Loire Valley, the red Cabernet Franc grape holds court and white wine is divided between the Melon grape for Muscadet and Sauvignon Blanc in Sancerre, Pouilly and Touraine, with Chenin Blanc the variety behind Vouvray.

Finally, we jump down to the sunny south and the Côtes de Provence with its superb rosés. If you're sitting there thinking, 'it's winter, it's not rosé time,' think again (many of you already have). Rosé of this quality is not a frivolous affair, and these are seriously fine wines with no shortage of weight and presence. The Cinsault variety dominates the blend of these perfumed gems. Also in the south you find the superb, easy drinking expressions that the likes of Arrogant Frog and Laroche turn out.

Throughout July, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday our Glengarry stores will be conducting tastings of a selection of our featured French wines. Come on in and check them out.



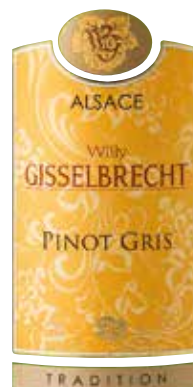
ALSACE



PIERRE BRECHT
ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2013

\$17.99 42388

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.



GISSELBRECHT
ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2015

\$19.99 47018

This might be Gisselbrecht's entry level Pinot Gris, but it still delivers superbly rich and spicy restraint and delicacy. If you want to find out why Alsace has such an elevated reputation, start right here.



LOUIS SIPP
ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2014

\$24.99 46959

CASE OF 12 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

The highly regarded Sipp travel the same organic route as Alsatian benchmark producers Jostmeyer, the wines a little richer, more generous in nature, with a voluptuous velvety texture at their core.



JOSMEYER
ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2012

\$26.99 46536

CASE OF 12 \$24.99 A BOTTLE

Jostmeyer are biodynamic producers operating at the highest level. Their superb Pinot Gris sets the standard with its deliciously textural peach and honey characters and haunting mineral close.

THE RHÔNE

PAUL JABOULET
CÔTES DU RHÔNE PARALLÈLE 45 2013

\$17.99 45420

CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

A succulent blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah off 25-year-old vines. Attractive aromatics herald a spicy, fruit-forward palate. A nice way to introduce yourself to Côtes du Rhône wines.

DOMAINE DES BERNARDINS
BEAUMES-DE-VENISE ROUGE 2014

\$22.99 43100

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

In 2005 Beauges-de-Venise was elevated to Cru status for its red wines, with Bernardins one of the appellation's leading producers. 75% Grenache, 25% Syrah, a refreshing palate and good length.

PIERRE GAILLARD
SAINT-JOSEPH 2006

\$36.00 46821

CASE OF 12 \$34.00 A BOTTLE

Master winemaker Pierre Gaillard makes three expressions of Saint-Joseph, with this a blend of Syrah from the villages of Chavannay and Malleval. Superb flavours, silky tannins and a touch of spice.

BOSQUET DES PAPES
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2014

\$49.99 41301

CASE OF 12 \$46.99 A BOTTLE

This 2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape boasts incredible depth and richness from the vintage, with opulent dark berry, pepper, cassis and liquorice characters making their presence felt. One of 2013's best.

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| 41371 | MONT-REDON RÉSERVE CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE | \$19.99 |
| 41389 | MONT-REDON LIRAC ROSÉ 2015 | \$22.99 |
| 43102 | BERNARDINS MUSCAT DE BEAUMES-DE-VENISE 2014 375ML | \$19.99 |
| 45319 | LE COLOMBIER TRADITION VACQUEYRAS 2015 | \$24.99 |

CHABLIS

DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET
CHABLIS 2014

\$24.99 40477

CASE OF 12 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

Wonderful Chablis from a masterful producer. The fruit is off 25-year-old vines, the wine rich and elegant, with notes of honeyed flowers and spice, creamy textures and a fresh mineral finish.

40466 **SÉGUINOT-BORDET PETIT CHABLIS 2014** **\$22.99**



BURGUNDY

DOMAINE ROMANIN
MÂCON-VILLAGES CHARDONNAY 2014

\$17.99 43745

CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

The Chardonnay fruit is sourced from Mâcon as a single expression. Not quite as lean as a Chablis, it sits most at home in that group, although at the broader end of the spectrum with a touch more oak.

DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL
VIRÉ-CLESSÉ CHARDONNAY 2014

\$29.99 43472

CASE OF 12 \$27.99 A BOTTLE

Recognized as an appellation in 1998, combining the terroirs of the villages of Viré and Clessé in the Mâconnaise. A fresh, crisp Chardonnay expression with a broad and rich aspect to the finish.

DOMAINE DE BELLENE BOURGOGNE
MAISON DIEU PINOT NOIR 2014

\$29.99 42817

CASE OF 6 \$27.99 A BOTTLE

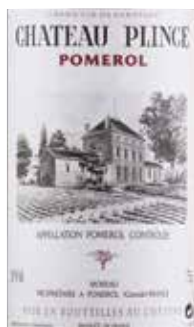
Incredible wine from the formidable Nicolas Potel, packed with exotic, earthy, spicy red fruit aromas. The palate displays forward cherry and raspberry flavours, a velvet texture and supple tannins.





BIODYNAMIC CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET

BORDEAUX BIG BROTHERS



CHÂTEAU PLINCE
POMEROL 2011

\$56.00 44212

CASE OF 6 \$54.00 A BOTTLE

Part of the famed Right Bank stable of J-P Moueix. The Merlot-dominant Plince is rich and opulent, replete with lavish mocca characters and a toasty finish. One of Pomerol's finest.



CHÂTEAU BOURGNEUF
POMEROL 2011

\$59.00 44217

CASE OF 6 \$57.00 A BOTTLE

2011 is a charming Bordeaux vintage; definitely not one for the cellar, this is an early-drinking vintage, with fragrant red fruits, chocolate notes and well-formed yet gentle tannins. Perfect right now.



CHÂTEAU LA SERRE
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU 2013

\$79.00 42564

CASE OF 6 \$69.00 A BOTTLE

Château La Serre was erected in the 17th Century and procured in the 1950s by the d'Arfeuille family, who are still in residence today. Good value, with the 2013 vintage just landed.

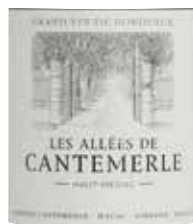


CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET
PAUILLAC 2011

\$189.00 44163 

Alfred Tesseron and his niece Melanie are making waves, their now biodynamic property a first in Bordeaux, their 900-litre egg-shaped amphoras for fermentation made of clay from the soil in the vineyard. The resulting wine? Something quite special.

BORDEAUX LITTLE BROTHERS



LES ALLÉES DE CANTEMERLE
HAUT-MÉDOC 2010

\$36.00 44663

CASE OF 6 \$34.00 A BOTTLE

Château Cantemerle's second wine shows vibrant, youthful exuberance with the fruit to the fore, the overall impression one of class and breeding, while still offering approachable flavour and texture.



CONFIDENCES DE PRIEURÉ-LICHINE
MARGAUX 2010

\$49.00 44651

CASE OF 12 \$47.00 A BOTTLE

The second wine of Château Prieuré-Lichine displays all the fragrance and charm you'd expect from a Margaux, with the hallmark acidity, vibrancy and drive of the exquisite 2010 vintage.



DULUC DE BRANAIRE-DUCRU
SAINT-JULIEN 2010

\$54.00 44653

CASE OF 12 \$52.00 A BOTTLE

The second wine of the high-flying 2nd-Growth Château Branaire-Ducru, this is simply stunning. Generous fruit, superb concentration, a fresh and lively palate, exquisite length. Has it all.



LA SIRÈNE DE GISCOURS
MARGAUX 2010

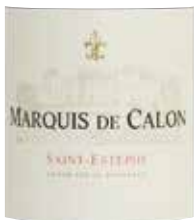
\$64.00 44654

CASE OF 12 \$62.00 A BOTTLE

Château Giscours' second wine. Brimming with currants, floral notes and dark fruits, the alluring palate is well-integrated and sleekly finished. With age, further finesse is promised. The siren calls.

CHÂTEAU GISCOURS





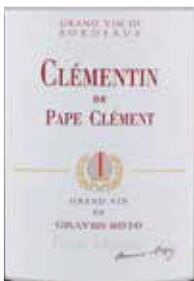
MARQUIS DE CALON

SAINT-ESTÈPHE 2010

\$66.00 44665

CASE OF 12 \$64.00 A BOTTLE

Château Calon-Ségur's second label is a benchmark for the much-hyped 2010 vintage, showing all the class, complexity and finesse of wines much higher up the classification tree.



CLÉMENTIN DE PAPE CLÉMENT

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN 2010

\$79.00 44657

CASE OF 6 \$77.00 A BOTTLE

Cabernet-dominant, off 30-year-plus vines. The smoky, spice-edged palate is concentrated, lithe, almost chewy, with a warming earthiness that augments the jammy, ripe fruit. French to the core.

44662	LA CHAPELLE DE POTENSAC 2009	\$32.00
44666	LES FIEFS DE LAGRANGE SAINT-JULIEN 2010	\$49.00
44652	BARON DE BRANE MARGAUX 2009	\$54.00
44667	LA PARDE HAUT-BAILLY PESSAC-LÉOGNAN 2009	\$66.00
44656	SARGET DE GRUAUD-LAROSE SAINT-JULIEN 2009	\$69.00
44440	VIVENS MARGAUX 2009	\$69.00
41829	ALTER EGO DE PALMER MARGAUX 2011	\$148.00

BORDEAUX PETITS CHÂTEAUX



CHÂTEAU HAUT-DOMINGUE

BORDEAUX 2012

\$14.99 41132

CASE OF 12 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

A fine Merlot-dominant blend with 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc. An abundance of black fruits, a hint of cloves and a density that sees wines twice the price left wanting. Great value.



CHÂTEAU LA VERRIÈRE

BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR 2013

\$17.99 41167

CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Château La Verrière consistently over-deliver for the dollars involved. Aromatics of plum and black cherry are enhanced by a whiff of oak, ripe Merlot dominated flavours surf the smooth textures.



CHÂTEAU CAP SAINT-MARTIN

PREMIÈRES CÔTES DE BLAYE 2012

\$19.99 44101

CASE OF 12 \$17.99 A BOTTLE

The Cap Saint-Martin is Merlot-dominant with just a touch of Cabernet added to the mix. Ripe berry and plum notes are embellished by well integrated oak, supple tannins and a lingering, flavour-filled finish.



CHÂTEAU ROUSTAING

BORDEAUX RÉSERVE VIEILLES VIGNES 2014

\$19.99 42115

CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

Roustaing's history goes back to the Middle Ages. Their early-drinking Bordeaux is a ripely-fruited wine with a touch of florals and hillside herbs and a full, robust palate rounded out by ripe tannins.

41133	CHÂTEAU LES VALLÉES BORDEAUX 2014	\$14.99
41623	CHÂTEAU NICO BORDEAUX 2012	\$15.99
41131	CHÂTEAU ROUSTAING CUVÉE OCTAVIUS BORDEAUX 2012	\$16.99

BORDEAUX SWEET WINE



CHÂTEAU SUDUIRAUT

SAUTERNES CASTELNAU DE SUDUIRAT 2010

375ML **\$24.00** 44420

CASE OF 12 \$22.00 A BOTTLE

The second wine of Sauternes sultans Château Suduiraut, the Castelnau is a gem. Spicy mandarin, apricot and butterscotch notes herald an opulent, creamy palate and just the right degree of acidity.



THE LOIRE



BOURILLON DORLÉANS

LOIRE VOUVRAY SEC 2014

\$23.99 40977

CASE OF 6 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

100% Chenin Blanc, this is a great alternative to Chardonnay, the honeyed palate weighty, showing nuances of chalk and lime and a mouth-tingling texture, all signed off with a stunningly long finish.



PASCAL JOLIVET

LOIRE SANCERRE 2014

\$32.99 40928

CASE OF 12 \$30.99 A BOTTLE

A restrained, elegant Sauvignon Blanc displaying the dry and flinty minerality one finds in the better French Sauvignons, complemented by a vibrant, citrus-edged finish. Masterful expression.

BEAUJOLAIS



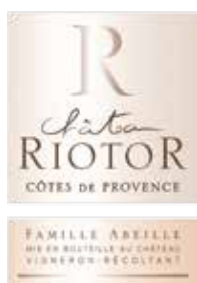
GEORGES DUBOEUF BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 2014

\$16.99 43891

Brilliantly priced wine from the King of Beaujolais. Produced from the strong and fruity Gamay variety, the Villages model is mid-range Beaujolais, a step up from the Nouveau. Soft, fruity and succulent.



PROVENCE



CHÂTEAU RIOTOR CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2015

\$19.99 41388

CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

At Riotor they specialise in rosé. The pale colour belies the wine's weighty presence, its plump richness and fleshy juiciness tempered by fresh acid and a spray of tingling citrus. Our top-selling rosé.



DOMAINES BUNAN CÔTES DE PROVENCE BÉLOUVÉ ROSÉ 2015

\$22.99 42748 

CASE OF 12 \$19.99 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.



CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE ROSÉ DE LÉOUBE 2015

\$26.99 42749 

CASE OF 12 \$24.99 A BOTTLE

Jeremy Clarkson's favorite rosé, and it's clear from the current *Top Gear* that he had all the taste. The wine is big and rich (just like Jeremy), with a silky, textural palate and incredible length.



SOUTH OF FRANCE



ARROGANT FROG PÉZENAS RIBET ROUGE ORGANIC CABERNET MERLOT 2014

\$14.99 44002 

CASE OF 6 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

Down south, the fruit gets gorgeous and ripe, culminating in a brilliant organically-grown wine that is rich, ripe and wonderful. Made by Domaine Paul Mas under this world-renowned French label.



PAUL MAS PÉZENAS ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2015

\$14.99 43988 

CASE OF 12 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

A lean and elegant Chardonnay with a touch of richness from the southern French sun. An easy-drinking, refreshing style punctuated by lemon and tropical fruit on the nose and palate.



PAUL MAS PÉZENAS ESTATE CARIGNAN 2014

\$14.99 43950

CASE OF 6 \$12.99 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 BÉZIERS SYRAH GRENACHE DE LA CHEVELIÈRE 2013

\$15.99 48576

CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Until recently a singular varietal wine, they should have added the Grenache a long time ago. Fragrant spicy, succulent and perfect. One glass will leave you longing for another.

CHAMPAGNE

Drappier

MICHEL WITH DAUGHTER CHARLINE



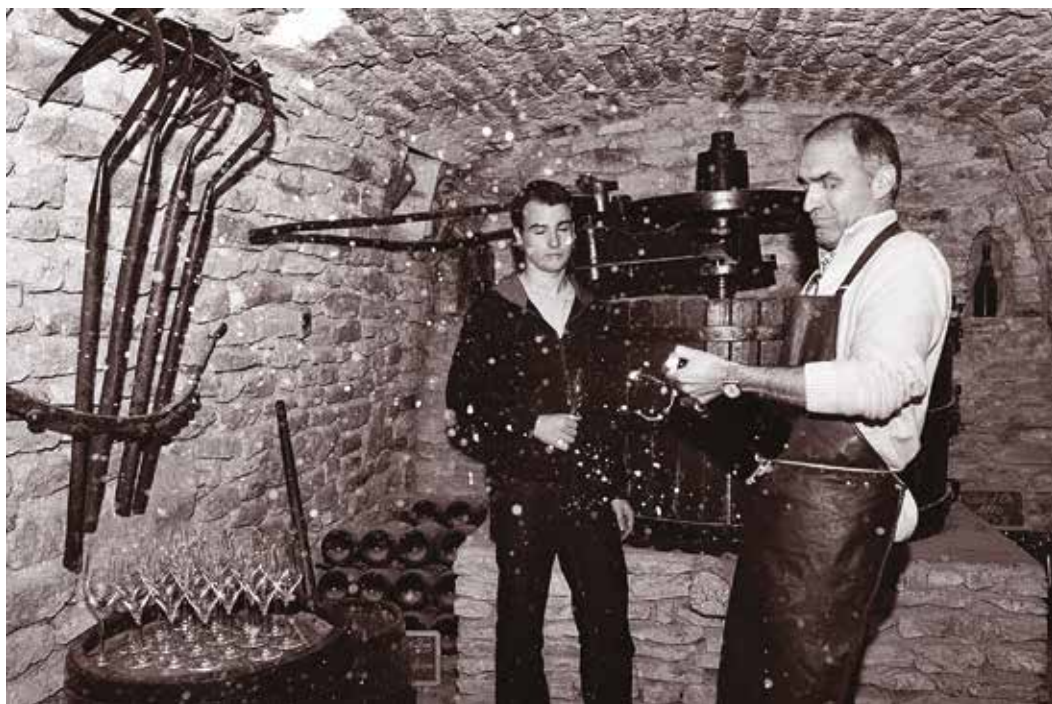
Sitting down with the very affable Michel Drappier, two things become immediately obvious: 1) The man is articulate and thoroughly charming, and 2) the vintage Drappier that we're

drinking is an absolute killer. Lurking south of the holy borders of Epernay in Urville, the Drappier house can sometimes be overlooked, and undeservedly so. Exponents of organic and traditional practices, they aspire to a position of natural authenticity rather than overstated sophistication, employing minimal amounts of sulphur and a low dosage approach that provides a dry and aromatic elegance to their expressions. There is no shortage of history either, with Drappier's vaulted cellars tracing back to 1152. The pride of the house, the limestone rich vineyards themselves, were initially established by the Romans 2,000 years ago.

There is, too, an edge of fearlessness to Michel Drappier: you have to admire a man who enthusiastically embraces the concept of large format bottles (the ones with the biblical monikers) despite losing a staggering 25% of the output to collateral damage, or as we'd call it, exploding bottles! This is because they don't cheat! While most of the houses produce their champagne in standard bottles and then transfer it to larger format bottles for sale, Drappier carry out the remuage, second fermentation and disgorgement of every bottle – right up to the 30-litre Melchizedek – within the original bottle. In fact, there is a two-week period each year where nobody is permitted to enter the Drappier cellars, literally on pain of death courtesy of flying glass.

The large format expressions are well-suited to Drappier's low-sulphur approach, with the bigger bottles fostering a slower rate of maturation and greater retention of freshness and effervescence, due to the reduced exposure of the wine to light and to the cork. More complexity from the maturation, and less oxidation.

Indeed, Drappier are proactive in pushing the envelope. They have developed an Italian-designed cradle called the Vcarter to assist in pouring from large format bottles (one imagines that trying to pour the Melchizedek with your hand in the punt like a flash-harry sommelier would inevitably lead to a spot of carpal tunnel). They are experimenting, too, with maturing their wine on the ocean floor, and they are developing an exclusive wild yeast sourced from their own estate to use on their wines. Legend.



MICHEL DRAPPIER CUTTING LOOSE WITH SON HUGO

DRAPPIER CHAMPAGNE

43500	CARTE BLANCHE NV	\$39.99
43501	CARTE D'OR NV	\$44.99
43520	BRUT NATURE ZERO DOSAGE NV	\$54.99
43503	BLANC DE BLANCS NV	\$64.99
43567	MILLÉSIME EXCEPTION 2012	\$79.99
43505	QUATTUOR BLANC DE QUATRE BLANCS NV	\$89.00
43507	GRANDE SENDRÉE ROSÉ 2006	\$99.99
43562	GRANDE SENDRÉE 2008	\$115.00
43509	CARTE D'OR NV 3-LITRE JERABOAM	\$399.00
43521	CARTE D'OR NV 6-LITRE METHUSELAH	\$699.00

MORTON PREMIUM BRUT NV

\$15.99 15424

This silkily creamy, longstanding local sparkler is a reminder that something done well needs little tweaking. Complex, elegant, iconic.



NO.1 FAMILY ESTATE ASSEMBLÉ BRUT NV

\$29.99 15201

CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

From New Zealand's premier sparkling winemaker, a blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Complex, rich and lingering, with generous aging on lees.



CLOUDY BAY PELORUS ROSÉ NV

\$36.99 12121

CASE OF 6 \$34.99 A BOTTLE

Like its Pelorus stable-mates, this is beautifully crafted. Spice-edged notes of soft summer fruits with a hint of toast. Silky, fresh and elegant.



62813 TOSTI PROSECCO NV

\$14.99 9

Winter Reds



LEFT FIELD NELSON
FLAMINGO RECLUSE PINOT NOIR 2015

◀ **\$14.99** 19067

CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Left Field is part of the Te Awa collection. Their Pinot is purple-hued with an alluring bouquet of cherries and strawberries enhanced by notes of earth and spice. The medium-weighted palate offers generous summer fruit flavours, a subtle touch of oak and a svelte mouthfeel.

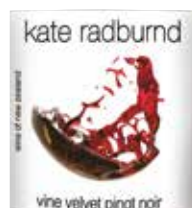


GRANT BURGE
5TH GENERATION SHIRAZ 2014

\$14.99 26390

CASE OF 6 \$12.99 A BOTTLE

This wine immediately impresses with aromas of ripe plum, dark chocolate, and red berryfruit. The palate is full and silky with rich layers of black fruit, blackberry and subtle black pepper notes. Great value drinking from an A-list Australian producer.



KATE RADBURND
VINE VELVET PINOT NOIR 2014

\$16.99 13979

CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Soft, sweet summer fruit is balanced by grainy tannins, with lovely silky lines of flavour leaping to a bright, bounding finish. Sterling support from the dark cherry and floral notes, earthy mushroom nuances, spicy oak and plush textures.



RABBIT RANCH
CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2014

\$24.99 11167 ▶

CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

With its Pinot Noir-friendly terroir, Central Otago has increasingly established itself on the global stage for this elusive, perfumed grape. Made in conjunction with Central Otago's mighty Chard Farm, the Rabbit Ranch is a light, easy-drinking Pinot with a charmingly seductive, fruit-driven character. A juicy mouthful of succulence.



TE MATA HAWKES BAY
ESTATE MERLOT CABERNETS 2014

\$17.99 19144

From New Zealand's oldest winery, this is a Merlot dominant blend that's augmented with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc. Complex and full bodied, it offers tiers of berry, plum and violet characters enhanced by cedary oak and ripe tannins.



MATAWHERO GISBORNE
MERLOT 2015

\$19.99 10766

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.



MARTINBOROUGH VINEYARDS
TE TERA PINOT NOIR 2014

◀ **\$24.99** 13745

CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

The ever dependable Te Tera punches well above its price point, exuding a bold nose of earth, cherry and berry, with hints of mushroom and toasty oak. The wonderfully succulent, spice-accented palate is replete with tiers of soft fruit flavours wrapped in a silky texture and framed by firm acid. Finishes long and flavoursome.



GRANT BURGE BAROSSA
MIAMBA SHIRAZ 2014

\$19.99 21389

CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

This single vineyard, big-hearted wine wears its deep purple-tinged heart on its sleeve. Intense aromatics of blueberry and plum are embellished by notes of spice and a touch of oak. Plush, silky and fruit-laden.

DOMAINE Laroche

CHABLIS 2014: IT'S A GOOD ONE

The founding Laroche family are no longer involved with Domaine Laroche, though the vineyard holdings and the expertise remain the same. If you've followed Laroche at all, you'll know of Michel Laroche's championing of screw caps. In what initially seems a strange turn around, the 1er Cru and grand cru wines here are back under cork. That aside, the big news is the 2014 vintage: it's a stand-out, with the extensive range from petit Chablis to grand Cru available in our stores this month.



DOMAINE LAROCHE

48592	PETIT CHABLIS 2014	\$26.99
48479	CHABLIS 2014	\$29.99
48758	CHABLIS SAINT-MARTIN 2014	\$34.99

48481	CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAUDEVY 2014	\$49.00
48482	CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES VAILLONS 2014	\$54.00
48483	CHABLIS 1ER CRU LES FOURCHAUMES 2014	\$59.00
48485	CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES CLOS 2014	\$130.00



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MARTINBOROUGH

ESCARPMENT

SINGLE VINEYARD 2014

Pioneering Pinot Noir producer Larry McKenna dedicates his prodigious talent to the specific and unique terroir of the Martinborough Terraces via this series of single vineyard Pinots. Tiny quantities of fruit off low-yielding vines plus uber-experienced winemaking add up to some of the finest Pinot Noir expressions to be found within these Shaky Isles. There is only a very limited amount available, and it will be snapped up. If you miss out, though, you can still try them at our tastings with Larry in Auckland and Wellington.

ESCARPMENT INSIGHT SERIES

10286	TE REHUA PINOT NOIR 2014
10297	KIWA PINOT NOIR 2014
10284	PAHI PINOT NOIR 2014
10292	KUPE PINOT NOIR 2014

MARLBOROUGH Wither Hills

SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

This impressive Marlborough winery is the source of a host of excellent wines. Their three most iconic vineyards, Rarangi, Benmorven and Taylor River, provide the fruit for their premium Single Vineyard range, the Wither Hills winemaking team harnessing the individual characteristics of each site to extract the maximum x-factor from its terroir.



WITHER HILLS SINGLE VINEYARD

19969	RARANGI SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015	\$21.99
19975	BENMORVEN CHARDONNAY 2015	\$21.99
19952	TAYLOR RIVER PINOT NOIR 2013	\$24.99

Winter Whites



DOG POINT MARLBOROUGH
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

\$23.99 18390

CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

The Dog Point guys have always had their own distinctive slant on things, opting for the memorable over the mundane. An intense bouquet is embellished by hints of herb and mineral, the forward fruit flavours balanced by a swirl of citrus. Pungent, tropical, doggedly different, this is beautifully brisk and textural.

MILLS REEF HAWKES BAY
RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2015



\$19.99 14539

This rich full bodied Chardonnay boasts tropical stonefruit and grapefruit, with ginger and honey accents. The palate is smooth, with a buttery texture and toasty spicy notes of quality French oak seasoning. Good to drink now, it will also respond well to some time in the cellar.



MT DIFFICULTY CENTRAL OTAGO
TARGET GULLY RIESLING 2014

\$22.99 14930



CASE OF 12 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Bannockburn's iconic Mt Difficulty have been turning out great wines for almost a quarter of a century now. Their off-dry Riesling is fresh and beautifully precise. Blossom, peach and citrus characters are to the fore on both the nose and palate. It's well weighted, the good depth of fruit balanced by a tingling squeeze of citrus.



MUD HOUSE MARLBOROUGH
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

\$12.99 14687

CASE OF 6 \$10.99 A BOTTLE

Aromatic notes of grapefruit and guava accompany a crisp and vibrant palate of concentrated flavours. Green bean and tropical fruit characters merge with the zesty grapefruit acidity, delivering a juicy, refreshing presence and a lip-smacking finish.



KUMEU VILLAGE KUMEU
PINOT GRIS 2014

\$14.99 18215



NZ Chardonnay wizard Michael Brajkovich works his magic on the Pinot Gris grape via this off-dry gem. Stonefruit, pears and florals are accompanied by a suitably weighty textural presence. Eminently drinkable and brilliantly priced.



RAPAURA SPRINGS
MARLBOROUGH RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2015

\$14.99 17738



A delicious textural palate of white peach, citrus and nectarine characters is complemented by a toasty French oak influence and refined acidity. 10% Malolactic fermentation has contributed some additional weight and complexity.



CHURCH ROAD HAWKES BAY
CHARDONNAY 2015

\$16.99 15074



CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

A complex, multi-layered wine with subtle citrus, mineral, melon, fig and hazelnut notes overlaid with a mealy complexity from yeast lees contact and savoury oak. Elegant and flavoursome with a bright seam of minerality.



SAINT CLAIR MARLBOROUGH
PREMIUM SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

\$16.99 18291

CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Marlborough's Saint Clair drill down deep when it comes to Sauvignon Blanc, delivering as they do a legion of offerings. Their Premium model displays a palate rich with passionfruit, pink grapefruit and blackcurrant notes nuanced by a salty minerality.

SAWMILL

BREWING FROM THE CUTTING EDGE

In the last couple of decades the demand for Kiwi-constructed craft beer has increased dramatically, so much so that the pioneering Sawmill Brewing Company owned by Mike Sutherland and Kirsty McKay have relocated from their cramped holdings off the back of the Sawmill Café into a brand new purpose-built brewery. Kirsty puts it thus: 'The original brewery was established in 2004 on the site of the old 1860 Leigh Sawmill, but we were busting at the seams and decided to move to gain greater capacity and the flexibility to produce a wider range of brews.'

The Sawmill Brewery is now located in a nifty rural setting on Leigh Road just outside Matakana. Unlike many of their urban/industrial-based contemporaries, then, they have an office with a view. Mike and Kirsty work with a small but dedicated group of talented brewers. Loaded down with awards and medals (nine alone at the 2015 Brewers Guild of New Zealand Awards), this innovative lot were the first in NZ to put their crafty product into cans. Beer with roots, is how they put it.



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- 91852 THE SAWMILL BREWING CO. DOUBLE IPA 500ML **\$9.99**
- 91891 THE SAWMILL BREWING CO. CHOCOLATE STOUT 500ML **\$8.99**

COGNAC

SIPPING WITH THE ANGELS



As cognac matures in its oak casks, some of it evaporates. This natural occurrence is often referred to as *the angels' share* and amounts to an estimated 20 million bottles per annum reportedly nicked by God's messengers, who were last seen on Cloud Nine.

Cognac is produced under strict regulation within the French region of Cognac from specified grapes, and double distilled using copper pot stills prior to aging in French oak from Limousin or Tronçais. The approved list of grapes (primarily Ungi Blanc) are grown in the six demarcated zones surrounding the town of Cognac. During maturation (often longer than the prescribed minimum of two years), the brandy absorbs tannin and vanilla from the oak and some alcohol slowly evaporates, which is where the angels come in, and then leave again with the goods.

The final stage that establishes the style and quality of the cognac consists of blending spirits from different-aged casks and different vintages and zones. The various categories reflect the time each cognac has spent in barrel. VS (Very Special) cognacs are aged for two years. VSOP (Very Special Old Pale) for at least four years. XO cognacs must be at least six years old, but the finest contain much older cask-aged spirits. The best are incomparable; no other grape-based spirit has the subtlety of bouquet, depth, fruitiness and complexity of flavours.



- 92363 **RÉMY MARTIN** COGNAC VSOP 700ML **\$110.00**
- 92116 **TESSERON** LOT 90 COGNAC XO 700ML **\$160.00**
- 92395 **RÉMY MARTIN** COGNAC XO SELECTION 700ML **\$299.00**
- 92121 **PONT DES ARTS** INFINITY COGNAC XO 700ML **\$650.00**
- 92280 **HENNESSY** PARADIS COGNAC XO 700ML **\$1,100.00**
- 92373 **RÉMY MARTIN** LOUIS XIII COGNAC XO 700ML **\$4,999.00**

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LUSTAU

In its authentic form, sherry is one of the most distinctive vinous styles ever created, its versatile variations leaping with ease from aperitif to dinner accompaniment to postprandial tippie. A fortified wine, sherry employs a singular production process, with the majority produced from the green, grassy, crisp varietal, Palomino. There are two main categories: those that age under the surface film of yeast known as flor, and those that don't. The first stage is selection, with the finest grapes and the first pressing from them destined for Fino sherry. Fino ages under the veil of flor, protecting it from oxidation and maintaining its purity and crisp, dry style.

Manzanilla is differentiated from Fino in that it's from Sanlúcar, where the cooler conditions allow a thicker flor to grow, one that feeds on glycerol in the wine and results in a drier, crisper style of sherry. Amontillado is classified and destined to be Fino, but for a number of reasons the flor does not maintain, and while there is some aging under the flor, the wine finishes its aging without it, resulting in a mix of styles between Fino and Olorosso. Olorosso sherry ages for the entire time without protection from air, oxidising and intensifying over its extensive maturation. The resulting wine is rich, nutty and concentrated.

The opulently thick and luscious Pedro Ximénez is made from the grape of the same name, left until almost raisined and transforming into a superbly sweet elixir. Cream sherry is Olorosso, not aged for all that long and with some Pedro Ximénez fruit added, and the gorgeous and intriguing Palo Cortado is explained below.



LUSTAU JEREZ PENÍNSULA PALO CORTADO

500ML **\$47.99** 89874

The intriguing Palo Cortado is the rarest of sherries. It occurs seemingly by accident, initially aged under flor to become a fino or amontillado, with the flor then disappearing and the wine becoming heavier due to slow oxidation. The result is a sherry with some of the richness of oloroso and some of the crispness of amontillado. Only 1,000 bottles of the Lustau are released each year off the solera. It is a unique wine, like nothing else you may have tried. Incredibly complex and deliciously harmonious, with a nutty bouquet, tiers of flavour and a warm, lingering, textural finish. Serve slightly chilled.



REAL TESORO JEREZ OLOROSO

750ML **\$21.99** 89851

A superb Oloroso with enticing aromas of toasted nuts, caramel and citrus zest notes. Balanced and silky-smooth with a fine, dry finish.



REAL TESORO JEREZ CREAM

750ML **\$21.99** 89852

Historic sherry house established in 1760. Cream sherry is at the sweeter end of the spectrum, made so by adding some muscatel or Pedro Ximenez.



VALDESPINO JEREZ SINGLE VINEYARD INOCENTE FINO

375ML **\$17.99** 89827

Pronounced yeast and rock salt notes on the nose. Stone-dry, but packed with flavour, it's beautifully balanced, quite weighty and remarkably fresh.



VALDESPINO SANLUCAR DELICIOSA MANZANILLA

375ML **\$16.99** 89828

With its fresh aromatics and its fino-like salty dryness, this is a delight, its delicacy balanced by a roundness of palate and presence on the finish.



VALDESPINO JEREZ EL CANDADO PEDRO XIMÉNES

375ML **\$22.99** 89826

Sweet. Dried under the hot Jerez sun for two-plus weeks, the sugar levels sky-rocket and the flavours intensify incredibly. Like drinking Christmas cake.

The GLENGARRY TOP 10

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

1 Akarua CENTRAL OTAGO
CHARDONNAY 2015



\$24.99 16103

CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

Honey-edged citrus and tropical aromas float atop a poised palate of citrus and stonefruit flavours enhanced with delicate oak characters. Finishes long with a flourish of lingering minerality.

2 Jackson Estate MARLBOROUGH
HOMESTEAD PINOT NOIR 2014



\$19.99 11544

CASE OF 12 \$17.99 A BOTTLE

Sensual floral and cherry notes glide through earthy touches that hint at French sensibilities. Smoky bacon notes seal the Gallic comparisons, with the oak component giving it a distinctly new world lift.

3 Craggy Range HAWKES BAY
GIMBLETT GRAVELS SYRAH 2014



\$26.99 11210

Premium producers Craggy Range on their home turf. An expressively aromatic nose of boysenberry, lavender, sandalwood and pepper. The palate has a lovely round feel of ripe, fleshy fruit and an elegant line of fine mineral-tinged tannins, finishing dry.

4 Millton GISBORNE
TE ARAI CHENIN BLANC 2015



\$29.99 14665

CASE OF 6 \$27.99 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard, organically certified (Millton have long embraced biodynamics). Tropical and citrus notes precede the impressive depth of fruit flavours balanced by a lengthy, lively citrus-edged after-taste.

5 Brookfields HAWKES BAY
SUN-DRIED MALBEC 2015



\$22.99 13963

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

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

6 Rua CENTRAL OTAGO
PINOT NOIR 2015



\$22.99 16307

CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

It's official. Akarua's drink-now 2015 Pinot has just won Gold at the prestigious Decanter Wine Awards, so the whole world now knows what we've been aware of for yonks: that this is is The Good Stuff.

7 Mission GIMBLETT GRAVELS
RESERVE CABERNET MERLOT 2013



\$20.99 14812

CASE OF 6 \$19.99 A BOTTLE

A great value blend offering ripe plum and blackberry aromas supported by spicy, understated oak. The full bodied palate is packed with buoyant fruit flavours, firm tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

8 Cloudy Bay MARLBOROUGH
PINOT NOIR 2013



\$39.99 12117

One of the greatest charms of this Pinot Noir is that it's available for less than fifty notes, given that it's such a stunning expression. A pure, complex, multi-faceted wine that is authentically Marlborough, from one of our winemaking stars.

9 Summerhouse MARLBOROUGH
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015



\$16.99 14728

CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Unashamedly tapping into its terroir, a deliciously clean and fresh Marlborough Sauvignon packed with rich tropical and citrus flavours, nuanced with an edge of florals and herbs and a firm acidic finish.

10 Villa Maria HAWKES BAY
CELLAR SELECTION CHARDONNAY 2015



\$14.99 19553

CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

A classic Hawkes Bay Chard with aromas of grilled peach and nectarine, along with complex cashew characters from subtle French oak. A silky palate with layers of fruit, oak spice and balanced acidity.

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TE WHARE RA

Situated in Renwick, the organically certified, biodynamically inclined Te Whare Ra is Marlborough's oldest boutique winery, boasting a fan base that spans the globe. Their original vines are the oldest in Marlborough. TWR is owned and operated by winemakers Anna and Jason Flowerday. On their low-yielding 11-hectare vineyard the fruit is hand-picked and then hand-sorted, the Te Whare Ra wines fashioned with minimal intervention. For these two it's all about the terroir, small batch winemaking and finding the perfect balance. In 2014 the Flowerdays released their Single Vineyard 5182 series, the labels proudly bearing Te Whare Ra's organic certification number from BIOGRO New Zealand.

TE WHARE RA MARLBOROUGH

- 19152 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015
\$21.99 CASE OF 6 \$19.99 A BOTTLE
- 19165 SV 5182 TORU 2015
\$21.99 CASE OF 6 \$19.99 A BOTTLE
- 19162 SV 5182 PINOT GRIS 2014
\$22.99 CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE
- 19163 SV 5182 DRY RIESLING 2014
\$22.99 CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE
- 19149 SV 5182 MEDIUM RIESLING 2015
\$22.99 CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE
- 15578 SV 5182 CHARDONNAY 2015
\$29.99 CASE OF 6 \$27.99 A BOTTLE
- 19167 PINOT NOIR 2014
\$39.99 CASE OF 6 \$37.99 A BOTTLE

