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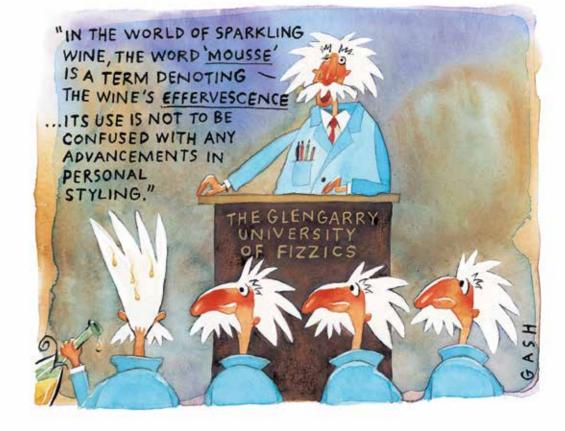
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Goodbye Winter. Can't say we're sorry to see the back of you, what with the wind and the rain and the flu; when all's said and done, there's only so much a warming glass of red wine will fix. However, we turn our gaze and our palates to the more benign months with a glowing shimmer of anticipation. It's reboot and refresh time, and what better way to kick things off than with a quick A-Z of things vinous for your general edification. From A for acidity to Z for Zinfandel, there's bound to be a little bit of something in there to intrigue and interest many of you.

What else? We feature Zephyr wines, the appropriately-named vehicle for the impressive winemaking skills of Ben Glover. A comprehensive list of beers from craft maestros, Bach Brewing, only three years old but already so weighted down with medals that we wonder how they can stay on their feet to brew their fantastic creations. An exciting new offering from Gisborne's Matawhero winery, the Irwin Chardonnay, is destined to become a New Zealand legend. Belvedere vodka – Polish know-how 600 years in the making. Finally! Wines for spring! The under-the-radar genius of Champagne Moutard. Our September Top10. And to round things off, a wonderful offering from Martinborough Vineyard: a limited edition case featuring a complete set of their superb Pinot Noir expressions from 2004 to 2010. Unmissable.

See you under the sun.



Jak Jakicevich

ALLAN SCOTT
CECILIA BRUT NV MAGNUM

\$59.00 17453

One of the very first, back in 1975, to put a spade into stony Marlborough soils and plant grapevines, Allan Scott has over decades forged a reputation for exacting quality and gone on to establish a strongly family-oriented enterprise. The Scotts boast an impressive portfolio of sparkling wines, and this is a fitting testament to the meticulous care they take with them. The Chardonnay fruit provides elegance, the Pinot Noir depth in a silky and subtle sparkler with a smartly tart palate and a creamy mouthfeel. 1.5 litres for the deck – it's gotta be good.





'If I had to choose just one Kiwi Sauvignon at the moment, it would be the harmonious, beautifully balanced Zephyr.' TIM ATKIN MW THE OBSERVER

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016**

\$19.99 19982

Fresh, ethereal, with classic varietal characters of gooseberry, nettle, capsicum enhanced by a taut savouriness. Classic Dillon's Point characters.

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2016

\$19.99



Tropically aromatic, medium-weighted, dry on the finish and beautifully balanced. A weighty, textural wine with an abundance of varietal character.

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH RIESLING 2016

\$19.99 14757



Elegant length and searching acidity, with a hint of ripe graininess to the pure, clean flavours and lime-edged finish. Good for another 10 years.

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH **GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2016**

\$19.99 ₁₄₇₅₉

A subtle and restrained Gewürztraminer, fresh and delightfully textural, with lovely floral characters and a fragrant nose of musk and spice.

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH **CHARDONNAY 2016**

\$27.99 ₁₄₇₆₁



The balance is impeccable, an astute mix of flint, acidity and barrel ferment. Channeling wild yeast and a hands-off approach, it's taut and uninhibited.

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2015

\$27.99 ₁₄₇₆₀

Fruit from the southern valleys of Marlborough. Bright red cherries, a velvet mid-palate, texture and intrigue with the tannins and a long, lively finish.

ZEPHYR MARLBOROUGH MKIII SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

\$29.99

A tribute to the classic Zephyr MKIII, of course. Whole bunch pressed, ancient oak barrels, feral ferment, no stirring, no sulphur. Complex fennel and melon flavours are accompanied by keen acid.

ZEPHYR

MARLBOROUGH'S BEST-KEPT SECRET



Zephyr takes its name from the prevailing winds that cast a healthy influence over Marlborough's unique ripening season. In 1985 Owen and Wendy Glover, the pair behind Zephyr, converted their farm at Dillons Point into a vineyard. Their initial plantings of Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Riesling remain largely unchanged. In the early 1990s, the exotic Gewürztraminer variety left a lasting impression on the Glovers, and as a result, Zephyr is these days known as an aromatic specialist. Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand-accredited, this is indeed a family-run operation.

The driving force at Zephyr is Ben Glover, son of the above and one of the most talented and respected winemakers in the country. His stellar career includes senior winemaking roles for some massive Kiwi brands, as well as stints in California, Italy, Burgundy and Australia. He has over 15 years' experience as a national and international wine judge. These days, Ben is immersed in the family business. His passion is Marlborough and Pinot Noir, with Zephyr's single vineyard aromatic wines also taking a prominent role. About 85% of the Zephyr wines are exported to an enthusiastic and admiring global audience.





is for acidity



Acidity can play an important role in the vitality and general quality of a wine. The nature of the acidity can come from the growing location, though the level is generally from the variety itself, with some grapes naturally higher in acidity than others. Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Chenin Blanc are all high-acidity grape varieties. In the case of Riesling and Chenin Blanc, the acidity often interacts in an interesting way with the sweetness of the wine, the resulting tension and balance between the two elements part of the reason why these varieties age so well.

11517 JACKSON ESTATE HOMESTEAD DRY RIESLING 2015

11582 JULES TAYLOR SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

10656 MATAWHERO CHURCH HOUSE CHENIN BLANC 2016 \$21.99



is for balance

A wine is considered to be balanced when its fruit, alcoholic strength, acidity, residual sugars and tannins complement each other, with no single component dominating the palate, the best wines exhibiting a seamless sense of harmony between all of their constituent components. In the vineyard, the balance of the vines themselves plays an important role in the production of fine wines. Achieving the ideal balance is a fine art with any wine, of course. Pinot Noir is particularly challenging in this respect, and the three examples featured below are paragons of poise. When it comes to perfect balance, they've nailed it.



14706 BLACK ESTATE HOME PINOT NOIR 2015

14407 EON OF BENDIGO PINOT NOIR 2013

\$39.99

\$38.99

42837 DOMAINE BELLENE BEAUNE CLOS DU ROI 1ER CRU 2010 \$69.99



is for chardonnay

Chardonnay has always been a versatile variety, the French with centuries of fine-tuning under their belts a decided influence of late. Yep, Chardonnay is officially cool again, whether it's opulent, lean or in between.

TONY BISH HAWKES BAY SKEETFIELD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2016



\$59.99 18071

100% Mendoza Chardonnay off a historic dry-farmed vineyard that Tony Bish knows intimately, this is bold, buttery, beautiful Hawkes Bay Chardonnay at its best. While decidely overt in nature and displaying a lot of everything, with the Bish skills in play, nothing is overdone. Pop it in the cellar, it'll thank you for it.



\$19.99

\$20.99



is for dog

Low-cropped vines, hand-picked grapes and an organic regime hold sway at Dog Point Vineyard, where ex-Cloudy Bayers Ivan Sutherland and James Healy have produced their distinctive and highly rated collection of wines since 2004.

DOG POINT MARLBOROUGH **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016**



\$22.99 18390

The Dog Pointers 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 and tropical, beautifully brisk and textural.



13240 JACKSON ESTATE MARLBOROUGH SHELTER BELT CHARDONNAY 2014

12496 MAN O' WAR WAIHEKE ISLAND VALHALLA CHARDONNAY 2016

\$19.99

\$36.99

18508 DOG POINT MARLBOROUGH SECTION 94 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

18408 DOG POINT MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2014

\$36.99

\$44.99



is for egg



The ancient Greco-Roman process of fermenting and maturing wine in egg-shaped ceramic vessels has come and gone over time. Lately, though, there has been a rekindling of interest in the use of concrete eggs. Why the egg? For some, the ovoid shape provides no edges and keeps the fine lees of the wine in suspense, with the resulting texture markedly different. For others, the fine oxidative process from the inert property of the concrete egg 'breathes' in a similar fashion to oak without the unwanted addition of wood-induced flavours. Check out the three exponents below.

18074 TONY BISH GOLDEN EGG CHARDONNAY 2015

48330 TARLANT ZERO BRUT NATURE NV CHAMPAGNE \$69.99

48935 CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET PAUILLAC 2013



is for flor



Flor is a veil of indigenous yeasts that grows spontaneously on the surface of wine and is particularly important in southern Spain's Andalucía wine region for the production of Manzanilla and Fino sherry styles. It grows naturally under certain conditions and appears randomly in some barrels. After fermentation, the flor develops and floats to the surface of the wine, forming an opaque, creamy-coloured film that imparts subtle nuances and protects the wine from oxidation. The resulting bone-dry sherries are packed with superb flavours, balance, weight and freshness.

89855 LA GUITA JEREZ

MANZANILLA SHERRY 375ML \$14.99

89827 VALDESPINO JEREZ

INOCENTE SINGLE VINEYARD FINO DRY SHERRY 375ML \$17.99



is for gisselbrecht

The Gisselbrecht family have been producing wine in Alsace for over 300 hundred years. Traditions acquired over generations combine with cutting-edge tech to produce a stunning aromatic range held in high regard around the globe.



\$19.99 41221

CASE OF 12 \$17.99 A BOTTLE

Combines the crispness of Riesling, texture of Chardonnay and the fruity approach of a Pinot Gris. Clean apple aromas lead into a deliciously weighty palate that's taut and tart. A slight hint of sweetness to the pear and apple characters, some intriguing spice and mineral notes, but it's all about texture.



\$19.99

\$34.99

\$199.00



is for half

375ml half-bottles, that is. What's so good about them? Well, for starters, you're going to do away with a cupboard full of half-finished wines, aren't you. But no, seriously, when you're after just the one glass for you and a buddy, this is the way to go.

PEREGRINE

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2012

375ML \$29.99 17114

Championing the unique attributes of their Central Otago terroir, Peregrine's Pinot Noir is powerful and concentrated. Underpinned with a silky femininity, the exquisite fruit with charred cherry nuances is an opulent delight. Minimal intervention and judicious

use of oak allow Central's flavours to shine.



47028 GISSELBRECHT ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2016

19777 WOOING TREE CENTRAL OTAGO

ROSÉ 2016

18203 KUMEU RIVER KUMEU CHARDONNAY 2015

375ML \$15.00

2015 375ML \$18.99



is for ice wine

Made from grapes frozen on the vine, Canada's ice wine artform walks a delicate line: the temperature must drop to minus 8 degrees, the fruit harvested at night to avoid the sun. With the lower yields involved, only small quantities can be produced.

INNISKILLIN NIAGARA PENINSULAR SPARKLING ICEWINE 2015

375ML

\$74.00 36005

Something of a luxury item owing to its miserly but ultra-concentrated fruit return and complicated balancing act with the icy temperatures, Inniskillin's sparkling ice wine displays an intense nose of honeyed nectarines and apricots, the delicate, lively effervescence dancing a tango with the sweet, refreshing fruit characters and the balancing acidity.





is for jurançon

One of Frances original appellations, Jurançon is a wine region in the south-west of France, in the foothills of the Pyrenées, valued since the Middle Ages for its superb sweet white wines

DAGUENEAU JURANÇON LES JARDINS DE BABYLONE 2011

500ML \$199.00 42786

The Dagueneau name is one of France's most beloved and respected, thanks to the legendary, risk-taking Loire perfectionist, the late Didier Dagueneau. The white Petit Manseng grapes off 20-year-old vines deliver an extraordinary bouquet of honeyed apricot, peach, citrus and tropical notes. The opulent palate is sublimely elegant, with a delicate touch of balancing acidity.



16309 AKARUA CENTRAL OTAGO ALCHEMY ICE 2014

375ML \$49.99 12-PACK: \$47.99/BOTTLE



is for kidnapper

The Kidnapper Cliffs label is part of the Te Awa Collection, sourcing classic Hawkes Bay varieties from the best vineyards on the single estate to craft premium wines made specifically for cellaring.

KIDNAPPER CLIFFS

GIMBLETT GRAVELS SYRAH 2013

\$64.99 19088

CASE OF 6 \$62.99 A BOTTLE

A rich, full-bodied Syrah with attractive savoury notes and natural acidity enhancing the classic Hawkes Bay Syrah characters of dark berryfruit and black pepper. The underlying acidity and fine tannins keep the wine fresh, and ensure that it will age beautifully in the bottle for a further 8-10 years.





is for loire

The Loire Valley is a treasure trove of white expressions, from the smoky, mineral-tinged Sancerre and aromatic, steely-flavoured Pouilly-Fumé to the magnificent Chenin Blancs of Vouvray that range from austere to opulent.

BOURILLON-DORLÉANS LA COULÉE D'ARGENT VOUVRAY SEC 2015

\$24.99 40977

CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

Frédéric Bourillon's wines evoke elegance and finesse. Fashioned exclusively from Chenin Blanc, this is a great alternative to Chardonnay, the honeyed palate weighty, with nuances of chalk and lime and a mouthtingling texture, signed off with a stunningly long finish. Benchmark Chenin Blanc.



19069 KIDNAPPER CLIFFS HAWKES BAY

CHARDONNAY 2014

\$49.99 6-PACK: \$47.99/BOTTLE

19079 KIDNAPPER CLIFFS GIMBLETT GRAVELS CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2013 \$59.99 6-PACK: \$57.99/BOTTLE 40931 PASCAL JOLIVET SANCERRE 2015

42739 DAGUENEAU BLANC FUMÉ DE POUILLY 2013 \$36.99 12-PACK: \$34.99/BOTTLE

\$99.00 12-PACK: \$97.00/BOTTLE



is for malolactic



Malolactic fermentation is a form of secondary fermentation that follows the main alcoholic fermentation, a biochemical process that converts the hard malic acid (think Granny Smith apple) into the more subtle lactic acid found in milk and butter. In Macon, the rounded, bready, voluptuous character to the Chardonnay tends to come from malo and lees stirring rather than oak maturation. Te Koko demonstrates what happens to the acidity in Sauvignon Blanc when you put it through malo, while the Serge Mathieu is a traditional style of champagne that has undergone the process.



is for nautilus

This premium Marlborough brand combines small-scale with high-tech, and a great deal of accumulated experience, to produce a dazzling portfolio of wines off six different sites and two winemaking facilities.

NAUTILUS MARLBOROUGH CUVÉE MARLBOROUGH BRUT NV

\$36.99 15470

CASE OF 6 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

State-of-the-art New Zealand sparkling wine. Rich, creamy and refined, there is a champagne level of commitment evident, with 36 months on lees before disgorgement and up to 15% of the blend made up of reserve wines.



43745 DOMAINE ROMANIN MAÇON-VILLAGES BLANC 2015

12142 CLOUDY BAY TE KOKO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013 \$49.99

48350 SERGE MATHIEU TRADITION BRUT NV CHAMPAGNE \$54.99 15509 NAUTILUS MARLBOROUGH **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016**

15511 NAUTILUS MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2016

\$20.99 12-PACK: \$19.99/BOTTLE

\$29.99 12-PACK: \$28.99/BOTTLE



is for organic

Organic is the new black. Or is that green? increased awareness of eco-friendly winemaking practices is a good thing for all of us, and we embrace these initiatives with both hands. It is the way of the future.

MILLTON GISBORNE **RIVERPOINT VIOGNIER 2015**

\$26.99 14653

CASE OF 6 \$25.99 A BOTTLE

An exotic and aromatic wine from organic pioneers James and Annie Millton, displaying a spicy, mineral edge to the delicate pear flavours. The addition of Marsanne provides an element of depth and opulence, while a 2% touch of Muscat adds a fruity lift.



\$16.99

is for provence

Provence has been turning out the vino since at least 600 BC. Stretched along the Mediterranean coast, it is best known for its flagship rosé wines, but also produces spicy, flavoursome reds as well as small quantities of white wine.



CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2016

\$19.99 41383

CASE OF 12 \$17.99 A BOTTLE

At Château 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. Highly popular, it's our top-selling wine in this category.



19162 TE WHARE RA MARLBOROUGH

PINOT GRIS 2015

\$22.99

42764 CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE PROVENCE ROSÉ DE LÉOUBE 2016

\$23.99 6-PACK: \$21.99/BOTTLE

42765 CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE PROVENCE SECRET DE LÉOUBE ROSÉ 2016

\$36.99 6-PACK: \$34.99/BOTTLE



is for quartz

Quartz Reef is the vehicle for what Austrian ex-pat Rudi Bauer calls his search to make wines that exhibit 'a symphony of flavours that capture attention and entertain so that you forget everything else'. World class.

QUARTZ REEF CENTRAL OTAGO BENDIGO SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2015



\$39.99 18658

Old World techniques combine with New World terroir to create this accomplished single vineyard Pinot Noir. Biodynamic in approach and Burgundian in style, the Quartz Reef unleashes robust charm and generous flavours, displaying a captivating



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is for rockburn

Rockburn have long been noted for their superb wines, guided by chief winemaker Malcolm Rees-Francis, who employs a philosophy of minimal intervention to produce his award-winning, terroir-driven expressions.

ROCKBURN CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2015

\$36.99 15969

is for tannin

Rockburn's Pinot Noir wines have attained legendary status for their brilliant consistency and remarkable pedigree, and under Malcolm Rees-Francis the Rockburn has continued to grow its reputation. Smoky, aromatic, elegant and artfully balanced, it is, without a doubt, one of our finest.



17234 QUARTZ REEF CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2016

earthiness and an untamed quality.

17230 QUARTZ REEF CENTRAL OTAGO MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV \$26.99

\$29 99

14435 **ROCKBURN** CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2016

13806 ROCKBURN CENTRAL OTAGO
TIGERMOTH RIFSLING 2014

\$23.99

\$29.99



is for sweet

Sweet wines can attain their sweetness via extended time on the vine (late harvest) or by removal of water to concentrate the sugars, i.e. air-drying the grapes (Italian *passito* wines), freezing water out of the grapes (ice wine) or using botrytis to dessicate the grapes (Sauternes, Tokaji).



375ML

\$24.99 44420

CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

Castelnau de Suduiraut is the second wine of Sauternes sultans, Château Suduiraut. Rich aromatic notes of spicy mandarin, apricot and butterscotch herald an opulent, creamy palate that is artfully balanced by a deliciously subtle acidity. Treat yourself.





Tannin is derived from the skins, pips and stalks. During the long, slow maceration of red grapes, the fermenting juice is subjected to contact with the skins that leaches tannin and colour. A natural preservative, tannin is also extracted during barrel maturation, delivering structure and backbone and providing a vital component in red wines intended for aging. Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the world's most tannin-dominant varieties. The wines below exhibit different qualities to their tannins, based on whether the Cabernet has been blended and where it was grown; i.e. under the Australian sun or within Bordeaux' maritime influences.

62810 **TOSTI**ASTI DOCG NV

\$15.99 6-PACK: \$13.99/BOTTLE

90966 **DISZNÓKÖ** TOKAJI ASZÚ

5 PUTTONYOS 2008

500ML \$39.99 12-PACK: \$37.99/BOTTLE

23703 HOUGHTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

11484 BROOKFIELDS GOLD LABEL CABERNET MERLOT 2015

42529 ECHO DE LYNCH-BAGES PAUILLAC 2014

\$15.99

\$54.99

\$69.99



is for unoaked

To oak or not to oak is one of many choices the winemaker has to make in the pursuit of distinctive a flavour profile. Standardly fermented in stainless steel, the philosophy behind producing unoaked wine is to allow the fruit flavours to shine through unobscured by the influence of wood. Unoaked whites are characterised by bright aromatics, pure fruit flavours, and a mouthwatering crispness. Unoaked red wines, often blended, display fruit-driven flavours along with an enhanced, unobscured sense of origin. Unoaked wines are typically exuberant, lighter-bodied styles made to be enjoyed while still relatively young.



is for volcanic



Nestled into the slopes of Sicily's Mt Etna, Terrazze dell'Etna has a distinctive mineral aspect to its wines. The indigenous red variety is Nerello Mascalese, its wines generally light in colour with vibrant acidity. The terraces were established in the 1800s, with current owner, Nino Bevilacqua, purchasing the property in 2006. Everything is done by hand, with no irrigation other than what drains down off the mountain itself. Thanks to the harsh volcanic ground, the viticulturalist needs to cut the roots of the sometimes century-old vines to stop them growing sideways.

11419 BROOKFIELDS UNOAKED CHARDONNAY 2013

\$14.99

40474 DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET PETIT CHABLIS 2015

\$21.99

\$24.99

19813 BLACK BARN UNWOODED CHARDONNAY 2017

62952 TERRAZZE DELL'ETNA CRATERE SICILIA IGT 2011

62951 TERRAZZE DELL'ETNA CARUSU ETNA DOC 2013

62950 TERRAZZE DELL'ETNA CIRNECO ETNA DOC 2010



is for washington

Washington State in the Pacific northwest is home to Charles Smith Wines. Their focus: most wine is consumed immediately upon purchase. Their intent: to create drink-now wines that remain true to both varietal and vineyard.



WASHINGTON STATE RIESLING 2015



\$18.99 36503

Exuding vibrant aromatic notes of mineraledged citrus blossom and lime, the Kung Fu Girl Riesling is medium-dry in style with a lively acidity and a crisp, pure palate of pear and apricot characters. Finishes long with a refreshing, lime-accented finish. A shining star of the Charles Smith wine stable.





is for ximénez

Pedro Ximénez is a white Spanish wine grape used to produce the famous sweet dessert sherry. Upon harvest, the grapes are laid out on mats to dry in the hot southern sun, concentrating the flavours and sweetness levels prior to being aged in a solera.

VALDESPINO JEREZ EL CANDADO PEDRO XIMÉNEZ SHERRY

375ML

\$19.99 89826

Valdespino have been involved with sherry production since 1430. That's a long time. Dried under the hot Jerez sun for two-plus weeks, the sugar levels sky-rocket and the raisin and molasses characters intensify incredibly. Brilliant when chilled, over ice cream, over peaches, in a veal stew or just by itself. Like you're drinking Christmas cake.



\$32.99

\$32.99

\$44.99

36502 CHARLES SMITH WASHINGTON STATE

EVE CHARDONNAY 2015

\$18.99

36504 CHARLES SMITH WASHINGTON STATE

BOOM BOOM SYRAH 2015

\$18.99

VALDESPINO TASTING 6:30PM THURSDAY SEPT 14 **GLENGARRY HERNE BAY 54 JERVOIS RD**

Valdespino have been involved with sherry since 1430. Learn from the source as we sample the amazing range due in later this year

FOR MORE INFO GO TO WWW.GLENGARRY.CO.NZ/TASTINGS



is for yarra

Located in the state of Victoria, the Yarra Valley is recognised for its cool climate wines. Marginally warmer than Burgundy but cooler than Bordeaux, it contributes a unique style of expression to the Australian wine pantheon.

DE BORTOLI YARRA VALLEY REGIONAL RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2016

\$14.99 20965

The well-regarded De Bortoli produce some of Australia's best, and best value, wines. They deliver a regional blend of Pinot Noir parcels that drinks like a \$30-dollar wine, and this is astonishingly priced. Graced with a fragrant, gently elegant and balanced palate, at this price you'll consume your glass and be back for a case.



20967 **DE BORTOLI** YARRA VALLEY **VILLAGES PINOT NOIR 2016**

\$19.99

20969 **DE BORTOLI** YARRA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN PINOT NOIR 2014

\$29.99



is for zinfandel

This robust red variety inhabits 11% of California's vineyards and is linked to Italy's Primitivo grape. In the U.S. it's used to make everything from rosés (White Zinfandel) to lighter Beaujolais-style reds to big, bold, hearty expressions.

RAVENSWOOD CALIFORNIA **VINTNERS BLEND ZINFANDEL 2014**

\$15.99 36582

Northern California's Ravenswood was founded by Joel Peterson, considered by many to be the godfather of Zinfandel. Unashamedly big and bold, hearty cascades of blackberry, raspberry, boysenberry and cherry are given a spicy nudge with pepper, cloves, anise and a touch of herbs. Replete with richness, yet still manages to charm.



36581 RAVENSWOOD CALIFORNIA

SONOMA COUNTY OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2013

\$21.99

THE PRISONER WINE CO CALIFORNIA

SALDO ZINFANDEL 2015

\$36.99

BACH BREWING

COASTING TO GLORY

The caravan on the beach. The tractor pulling a dingy. It all just makes you want to pop one open and dig your feet in the sand. Bach Brewing was born of a combined love of quality beer and the New Zealand coastline. Owner Craig Cooper had bought shares in the Limburg Brewery and created some recognized brews, but ultimately put the project on ice until 2013, when he returned to New Zealand with his family to bring Bach Brewing out of hibernation. Since then, Cooper and crew have been consistently turning out a bunch of great beers. Within no more than a few years, Bach has gone on to establish itself as a top-quality brewing enterprise.

From the refreshing levity of the Beachstone Pilsner to the brooding depth of the Crayporter, there's a little something for everyone. Some of the Bach beers are good hearted, true to style brews, while others get crafty with hop-loaded or specialty styles. Summer is coming... eventually; so now's as good a time as any to get familiar with the range. It might not be tog-time yet, but that doesn't mean you can't have a Bach.





92003 BREAKABAY SPARKLING CREAM ALE

91222 DRIFTWOOD SESSION PALE ALE

91989 WITSUNDAY BLONDE IPA

91908 DUSKRIDER RED IPA

91914 KINGTIDE PACIFIC IPA

91916 CRAYPORTER COASTAL PORTER

92002 BILLFISH APA

92005 HOPSMACKER DOUBLE IPA

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A NEW KIWI ICON: THE IRWIN CHARDONNAY

Steeped in the historic legacy of the pioneering Bill Irwin and his son Denis, Matawhero have just released a superb tribute to them in the form of this limited release, barrel fermented Chardonnay, destined to be made only from the finest vintages. The premium, perfectly ripened fruit is from the famed Tietjen vineyard. Indigenous yeasts from the vineyard are utilised and fermentation is in a combination of American and Hungarian oak barriques. A full malolactic and 10 months sur lie prior to careful fining and bottling complete the process. A complex medley of peach and melon characters are overlaid with toasty oak in this vibrantly ripe, opulent and textural future classic.

10770 MATAWHERO IRWIN CHARDONNAY 2016





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From their home base in the Waipara Valley, Waipara Hills operate three sustainably managed vineyards: The Home Block, The Deans and The Mound, source of fruit for their superb flagship, limited edition Equinox range. With in excess of 500 awards now up their sleeves for their premium-quality output, these guys are well and truly worth checking out, so get to it.

WAIPARA HILLS EQUINOX

14159 EQUINOX SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015 **\$24.99** 18662 EQUINOX CHARDONNAY 2015 \$24.99 10435 EQUINOX RIESLING 2014 \$24.99 10476 EQUINOX PINOT NOIR 2014 \$24.99

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POLISH VODKA

'Luxury vodka' is, apparently, what one calls this. From Poland, too, handcrafted in the way Polish vodka has been created for over 600 years. Dankowskie Gold Rye is used, the pure artesian water is drawn from Belvedere's own wells and the vodka is distilled four times in the unrelenting pursuit of purity and character. Zero additives, gluten free, smoothly fabulous.

BELVEDERE

92884 VODKA	700ML \$59.99
92237 RED SPECIAL EDITION VODKA	700ML \$59.99
92234 PINK GRAPEFRUIT VODKA	700ML \$59.99
92231 SPECTRE LIMITED EDITION VODKA	700ML \$59.99
92232 CITRUS VODKA	700ML \$59.99
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92229 MARTINI & GLASS PACK \$64.99





19429 VIDAL MARLBOROUGH ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017 \$12.99

Juicy, succulent fruit makes its presence felt on a palate that's vibrant and threaded with fine lines of acid, guava, gooseberries and a sweet seam of peach. Attractively priced.

18215 **KUMEU VILLAGE** KUMEU PINOT GRIS 2015

\$14.99

Michael Brajkovich works his magic on the Pinot Gris grape via this off-dry offering. Stonefruit, pear and floral characters are accompanied by a nicely weighted textural presence. Eminently drinkable.

TRINITY HILL HAWKES BAY
CHARDONNAY 2015
\$15.99

Barrel fermented on indigenous yeasts, put through malolactic and matured in French oak for 12 months, this is a rich, creamy-textured expression with citrus characters, notes of marzipan and a balancing mineral presence.

17624 **LEFT FIELD** GISBORNE
HARVEST DUEL ALBARIÑO 2016
\$14.99

An exotic, elegantly styled Albariño awash with floral and stonefruit aromas mingling with subtle mineral and earthy nuances. The palate is dominated by a core of ripe fruit flavours and a bright, clean mouthfeel.

RAPAURA SPRINGS MARLBOROUGH
RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017
\$14.99

Winner of the IWSC trophy for 2015 NZ Wine Producer of the Year. Clean, fresh citrus and ripe tropical fruit flavours cruise atop crisp acidity and herbal notes, with the beautifully weighted fruit underscored by an attractive minerality.

SAINT CLAIR MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 \$15.99

Marlborough's Saint Clair are Sauvignon experts; they seem to make a zillion versions, so we're guessing it might be their fave. On the palate rich notes of passionfruit, grapefruit and blackcurrant shimmer with a salty minerality.

VAVASOUR MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 \$18.99

Longtime Marlborough experts that know their turf; their expertly-crafted Sauvignon is fresh and vibrant, with the mouth-tingling minerality the Awatere region is noted for floating its presence beneath punchy tropical fruit.

15333 **RUA** CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2017

Seamless scents of pear and lychee across the nose with an added touch of orange blossom. The slightly off-dry palate extends bright stonefruit flavours, while a tingling hint of ginger and swirl of citrus wait at the edges.

THE NEST ROSÉ 2016 \$12.99

An accomplished rosé from this supremely experienced Marlborough crew. Aromatic notes of ripe strawberry with a hint of mandarin zest accompany a focused palate of fresh fruit flavours.

12827 **ESK VALLEY** HAWKES BAY
MERLOT MALBEC ROSÉ 2017
\$15.99

A previous trophy and gold medal winner, the Esk Valley rosé has been consistently delivering its brand of high-quality goodness since the early 1990s. Dry in style, with a vibrant palate that's fresh and fruitily spiced.

PINOT ROSÉ 2017 \$15.99

A classic bouquet of summer berries with a dash of spice. The well-weighted and vibrant palate is dominated by a mouthful of ripe, soft berryfruit flavours enhanced by a creamy texture and a bright, vivacious finish.

MUD HOUSE MARLBOROUGH
BURLEIGH PINOT ROSÉ 2016
\$16.99

A fresh, elegant rosé from Marlborough's Burleigh sub-region, soft summer fruit aromas underscored by spice and herbal notes. A well-balanced palate, the strawberry and floral characters enlivened by a clean, lively finish.





10768 GROWERS MARK MARLBOROUGH GALE FORCE PINOT ROSÉ 2017 \$16.99

A single vineyard Pinot Noir rosé with lifted aromas of strawberry, raspberry, and pomegranate enriched by hints of spice. Weighty and substantial on the palate, the well-defined fruit lingering through to an invigorating finish.

JACKSON ESTATE MARLBOROUGH ALAYNA PINOT ROSÉ 2017 \$19.99

A limited edition rosé made from a tiny parcel of Pinot Noir fruit, the Alayna is part of the Jackson Estate Small Lot Collection. A graceful expression from an accomplished producer, this is an A-list rosé, no question.

RABBIT RANCH CENTRAL OTAGO ROSÉ 2017 \$20.99

A nose replete with fresh, floral candied notes from the lightly pressed Pinot Noir grapes. The refreshingly dry palate allows the delicate fruit and classic cool climate mineral acidity to shine through. Fabulous bottle, too.

MAN O' WAR WAIHEKE ISLAND PINQUE ROSÉ 2017 \$22.99

An elegant Provençal-style rosé from Waiheke Island, the delicate aromas and flavours of strawberry and watermelon nuanced with tangy mineral notes. The crisp and creamy palate finishes clean and dry.

29879 YALUMBA SOUTH AUSTRALIA THE Y SERIES SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2015 \$13.99 CASE OF 6 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

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

26390 **GRANT BURGE** BAROSSA VALLEY FIFTH GENERATION SHIRAZ 2015 **\$14.99**

Aromas of ripe plum, dark chocolate, and red berryfruit. The palate is full and silky, with rich layers of black fruits and blackberry overlaid with subtle notes of black pepper. Great value drinking from an A-lister Australian producer.

19820 GRAHAM NORTON'S OWN SOUTH AUSTRALIA SHIRAZ 2015 \$15.99

Graham Norton's first foray into red wine is a South Australian Shiraz. Soft and smoothly supple, fruit from the Barossa, Langhorne Creek, Riverlands and Limestone Coast are combined to create a great-drinking wine.

14365 MUD HOUSE MARLBOROUGH THE NARROWS PINOT NOIR 2016 \$16.99

From Marlborough sub-region, The Narrows, a good-value sub-\$20 Pinot Noir displaying cranberry and cherry aromatics overlaid with spicy, earthy notes. Supple and textural, with forward fruit flavours and a fresh, lingering finish.

SYRAH 2015 \$16.99 CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

A glossy and seductive Syrah replete with ripe cherry, plum and violet notes lifted by spicy, peppery nuances. The plush palate of ripe fruit is enhanced by silky tannins and a long finish.

90141 CHAKANA ARGENTINA - NUNA ESTATE ORGANIC MALBEC 201



Within Argentina the inky and intense Malbec is the unopposed monarch with its deeply hued colour, concentrated flavours and velvet-lined tannins. Tightly woven aromatics and savoury and coffee notes infuse the rich palate.

ARA MARLBOROUGH SINGLE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2015 \$21.99

Past vintages have accumulated a wealth of gold. A fusion of fruit from across Ara's single estate, it consistently delivers lush, textural grapefruit and gooseberry characters and a refined mineral presence.

11353 CRAGGY RANGE HAWKES BAY GIMBLETT GRAVELS VINEYARD MERLOT 2015 \$28.99

The Gimblett Gravels vineyard generates moderate warmth, stone and sandy alluvial soils, all ideal conditions for producing the premium Merlot fruit for this. Dusty tannins, a lush textural presence, lovely freshness and structure.



CHAMPAGNE







The Moutard-Diligent family can trace their history of viticulture as far back as 1642, but it was not until the 1920s that they began producing champagne under their own name. Today, under the stewardship of François, Veronique and Agnes Moutard, the estate consists of 22.5 hectares of vines in the Côte des Bar region of southern Champagne.

The origins of the vineyard go back to Gallo-Roman times. Along with Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay, the family is one of the few to still nurture the permitted Arbane, Petit Meslier and Pinot Blanc grapes, instilling these almost forgotten varieties with a new lease of life. Moutard produce a full range of champagnes, including the unique Cuvée des 6 Cépages, made from six different varieties, the only one of its kind. The non-vintage wines are all aged for at least three years, the vintage and prestige champagnes for ten to fifteen.

Both Moutard's rosé and Grande Cuvée non-vintage bottlings are produced from 100% Pinot Noir, with additional complexity achieved through the use of older reserve stocks. The Grande Cuvée is a standout wine, its seductive bouquet of peaches and pears underpinned by touches of almond and brioche. Wonderfully fresh, with creamy textures and an elegant sign-off, it's an ideal aperitif, but has the weight for food as well. Soaked on its skins, the rosé is a benchmark of the genre, the nose complex, the rich and creamy flavours of strawberry and blackcurrant overlaid with a superb smoky, textural quality.

While Moutard may lack the fame of some of the other marques, their softly-textured wines are nonetheless very impressive, and flying somewhat under the radar, they offer exceptional value.









ARMAND DE CHAMBRAY BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV

\$9.99 47153

Great value French sparkler with a fresh floral nose and a clean, crisp taste. A lemon sorbet character fills the mid-palate, while the bright citrus notes at the end leave you happy ever after.





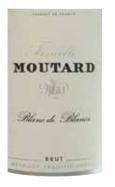
SAINT-MEYLAND MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV

\$16.99 43010



CASE OF 12 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

A smart French méthode, the rich yeastiness and toastiness declaring it a slick charmer with irresistibly authentic credentials. One of our top sellers.



FAMILLE MOUTARD BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV

\$21.99 41518



Champagne experts Moutard move just outside the Champagne region to make this excellent méthode. 100% Chardonnay, elegant, generously flavoured.



DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLÉANS VOUVRAY PREMIUM BRUT NV

\$24.99 40974



CASE OF 6 \$19.99 A BOTTLE

Sparkling Vouvray that's 100% Chenin Blanc fruit. Flinty apple nose, rich and full bodied in the mouth. Ripe fruit flavours lead to a long, dry, chalky finish.

CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD

41505 MINI MOUTARD BRUT NV

200ML \$12.99

41514 MINI MOUTARD ROSÉ NV

200ML \$12.99

41508 GRANDE CUVÉE BRUT NV

\$34.99

41509 CUVÉE DES 6 CÉPAGES BRUT 2008 \$89.00





TUPARI MARLBOROUGH MEDIUM SWEET BIESLING 2016



\$22.99

A new style from Tupari that's fragrant and artfully executed. Intense aromatics of citrus and honeysuckle jump from the glass, while the generous mouthful of sweet fruit is balanced by a crisp and refreshing lemon and lime finish. We love it.



NGA WAKA MARTINBOROUGH LEASE BLOCK PINOT NOIR 2014

\$39.99

CASE OF 6 \$37.99 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard, unfined, unfiltered, matured for twelve months in French oak. With no shortage of depth, richness, complexity and textural presence, this will reward five or more years of cellaring.



KAESLER BAROSSA STONEHORSE SHIRAZ 2014

\$26.99 ₂₂₁₇₈

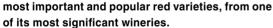
A Kaesler classic, the cherry and cassis aromas embellished by hints of spice and understated oak. The palate is weighty and rounded, the ripe berry flavours nuanced with mocha and spice. Supple tannins and a long, fine finish sign out in style.



MONTES VALLE DE COLCHAGUA LIMITED SELECTION CARMENÈRE 2014

\$17.99 90623

Full of warm earthiness and generous sensuality, this is ripe, spicy and welcoming, the rich tannins and silky mouthfeel sealing the deal. One of Chile's



AKARUA CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2016

\$34.99 16041

The Akarua team are more than up to the challenge of taming their Central Otago terroir and forging an exemplary Pinot Noir. All of the necessary subtleties are present, with fruit, spice, chocolate and toasty oak crafted into a joyous whole.



STONEHORSE

AKARUA

PINOT NOIN



DANIEL LE BRUN MARLBOROUGH BRUT NV

\$21.99

A balanced and understated Marlborough méthode

where 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.



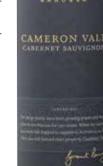




GRANT BURGE BAROSSA CAMERON VALE CABERNET 2014

\$19.99

From a Barossa legend, this comes with an outstanding reputation for quality and consistency, previous vintages bagging a heap of trophies. A rich, ripe wine with notes of cherry and cassis, hints of spice and fine, grainy tannins.



FINCA NUEVA RIOJA RESERVA 2009

\$24.99

CASE OF 6 \$22.99 A BOTTLE

The younger sibling of Rioja's legendary Allende winery. The Reserva is the jewel in the Finca Nueva crown; soft cherry and plum characters touched with vanillan nuances, and a velvet-lined finish.



SERESIN MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2015



\$22.99 18622

Full malolactic, warm ferments and plenty of barrel action align exquisitely with the cool Marlborough fruit to unleash a wine of superb style, grace and complexity. One of our great Chardonnays, from a longtime A-list producer.



SOHO WAIHEKE ISLAND WESTWOOD ROSÉ 2017

\$22.99

This fresh and vibrant. Merlot-dominant blend from the increasingly iconic Waiheke Island has a deft touch of Malbec and Syrah to round things out. Packed with juicy, soft summer fruit characters balanced by a mouthwatering, tangy minerality.





With their Limited Edition Pinot Noir Cellar Release, Martinborough Vineyard gift you the opportunity to sample successive vintages of their superb Pinot Noir (2004-2009) and experience the effect of progressive time in the cellar on their hallmark wine. To sweeten the deal, they have added in six bottles of the excellent 2010 vintage as well, enabling you to crack open a bottle to experience its more youthful exuberance, and then put the rest away for whatever time you deem appropriate.

A RARE OFFERING FROM NEW ZEALAND'S PINOT NOIR ACES

A 12-bottle case containing six bottles of the Martinborough Vineyard Pinot Noir 2010 plus one bottle each of the 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004 vintages

