

## Champagne

It is highly likely that this most exhilarating of wines came into being almost by accident. Carbon Dioxide bubbles are a natural element of the fermentation process, and it seems likely that the origin of 'sparkling' wines was a result of an unfinished fermentation in the Champagne region's cold climate. Fermentation would have started after harvest and stopped before completion at the onset of winter, the 'caves' or cellars being too cold for the process to continue. As spring came about, the warmer temperatures would have seen the ferment start again, so producing a finished wine with noticeable residual 'fizz' eight months later. This is the legendary second fermentation that distinguishes sparkling wines from still. Only three grape varieties are permitted by law to be used in the production of Champagne: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Meunier, the proportions of which vary considerably depending on the style of wine and the company producing it.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
1999	Salon Vintage 99	Champagne	France		\$1416.00
	A single variety (Chardonnay), a single vintage, and a single cru vineyard. A unique expression; powerful, complex, intense and yet achingly different, with a finesse bordering on indescribable.				
NV	Krug Grand Cuvee Edition 163	Champagne	France		\$654.00
	Notes of toasted bread, hazelnut, nougat, barley sugar and jellied fruits may take you by surprise. You may even taste hints of apples still on the tree, flowers in bloom, ripe and dried fruit, almond				
NV	Taittinger Brut Res Fifa	Champagne	France	\$51.00	\$252.00
	Everything a champagne should be plus it comes in limited edition FIFA World Cup 2018 commemorative packaging.				
2003	Tarlant La Matinale Vintage	Champagne	France		\$230.00
	The final blend is predominantly Pinot Noir – 45%, with only a small 28% of Chardonnay and the balance Meunier.				
NV	Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	Champagne	France		\$223.00
	Plump, fleshy and opulent, the Charles NV is a triumph. Deeply golden with a complex and voluptuous nose, it dispenses sun-drenched fruits (mango, apricot, plum), notes of pistachio and almond and lay				
NV	Pol Roger Brut Reserve NV	Champagne	France	\$38.00	\$184.00
	Pol's impressive and aristocratic Brut Réserve NV delivers layer upon layer of exquisitely balanced flavour and texture, the richly lush fruit and toast defined by precise, refreshing citrus and acid.				
NV	Pommery Brut Royal	Champagne	France		\$174.00
	It's great to have Pommery back in store. Pommery is one of the great names in Champagne history. This their Non Vintage is delicate with a focused mid palate. A fresh fruity style that is great as an				
NV	Piper Essentiel Cuvee Brut	Champagne	France	\$33.00	\$158.00
	A blend of young and slowly matured wines, aged in the Piper cellars for four years. Best NV champagne at the 2017 Decanter Wine Awards.				
NV	Tarlant Zero Brut Nature	Champagne	France		\$152.00
	Tarlant's main style, made from equal portions of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay. No malolactic fermentation, no dosage. Despite being technically bone-dry, this is a rich and complex wine				

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NV	Henri Giraud L'Esprit Giraud use very little additional sulphur, and in future disgorgements we are likely to see these reduced further. All of their champagnes are sourced from Grand Cru vineyards.	Champagne	France	\$148.00
NV	J Lassalle Preference 1er cru Helmed by three generations of women, there's a definitive house style to the Lassalle wines, one of delicacy, freshness and unassailable quality. An elegant, fruit-driven expression.	Champagne	France	\$147.00
NV	Laherte Freres Blanc De Blanc The Grower champagne that piqued Liz, our GM, interest when she tried it a number of years back. It's 100% Chardonnay sourced from the villages of Chavot, Vaudancourt, Voipreux and Epernay.	Champagne	France	\$141.00
NV	Lilbert & Fils Brut A boutique champagne house that turns out wines of exceptional quality. White floral aromas with hints of honey, the palate clean and fresh with a pure line of acidity through the middle.	Champagne	France	\$141.00
NV	Piper Heidsieck Cuvee Brut Full of exuberant charm, Piper's NV is drinking particularly well these days. One of the best-priced champagnes for this level of quality.	Champagne	France	\$140.00
NV	Paul Bara Brut Reserve A Grand Cru Pinot Noir with plenty of power and drive, the high percentage of reserve wines providing impressive richness and complexity.	Champagne	France	\$132.00
NV	Andre Jacquart Experience 100% Chardonnay. An expressive nose leads to a creamy-textured palate with superb fruit and length	Champagne	France	\$26.00 \$125.00
NV	Serge Mathieu Tradition 100% Pinot Noir fruit and 8.6gm dosage, the nose is rich and fragrant. Intense red fruits, brilliant texture and weight. An approachable style that will appeal to a wide range of champagne lovers.	Champagne	France	\$124.00

## Methode Traditionnelle and Sparkling Wines

If a wine claims to be a 'Methode Traditionnelle' then it is produced by the same method as Champagne, the key differential being that it doesn't come from the Champagne region itself. The other methods available to Methode makers are:

Tank Fermentation: Here the second fermentation takes place in a large pressurised stainless steel tank, with yeast and sugar added. This is then filtered and bottled under pressure directly from the tank.

Carbonation: This is the cheapest method of all. The wine is brought to freezing point in large tanks and then injected with carbon dioxide and bottled under pressure. The French call this method la pompe bicyclette, or 'bike pump'!

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2011	Ca Del Bosco Zero Dosage 60% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Blanc and 17% Pinot Noir and lees aged for four years plus. A stone-dry (no dosage) vintage sparkling wine with a bouquet displaying hints of freshly-baked bread.		Italy		\$201.00
NV	Ca' del Bosco Franciacorta DOCG Italy's reigning prestige cuvée, a fusion of 75% Chardonnay, 15% Pinot Nero and 10% Pinot Bianco, using the finest fruit from 134 vineyards, vinified separately and blended.		Italy		\$132.00
NV	Kumeu River Kumeu Cremant Introducing Kumeu River Kumeu Crémant, a blend of 40% Pinot Noir and 60% Chardonnay sourced from Kumeu River vineyards.	Auckland	New Zealand		\$113.00
2009	Allan Scott Vintage Methode Sasa With three years of aging under its designer belt, the Sasa is rich, creamy, gorgeously textured and exquisitely crafted. So very good, then.	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$106.00
NV	No 1 Family Estate No.1 Originally from Epernay, Marlborough's Daniel le Brun only produces methode wines and nothing else. The mainstay of his range, the No.1 delivers citrus-edged richness on a toasty, weighty palate.	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$89.00
2012	Perelada Gran Claustro Perelada are Spain's leading cava producers, and this is their premium cava. Holds its own against all the top sparklers, champagne included.	Penedes	Spain		\$80.00
NV	Arras Elite Brut A Pinot Noir, Chardonnay blend with a bright, mineral-edged palate of lychee and stonefruit characters. The impeccable balance of sugar, acid and tannins places this in the elite echelon of methode.	Tasmania	Australia		\$79.00
NV	Quartz Reef Methode Following a delicate aromatic introduction comes a volley of Bollinger-like asides, a stylish robustness underpinning the exquisite flavours.	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$74.00
2016	Santa Margherita Prosecco DOCG An appealing bouquet of pipfruit, acacia and florals, an elegant palate enlivened by a crisp, lively mouthfeel.	Veneto	Italy		\$68.00
NV	Akarua Brut An elegant aperitif-style wine displaying complex characters and biscuity nuances. Creamy, textural and beautifully fresh, Akarua's methode brilliantly evokes Central Otago's unique characteristics.	Central Otago	New Zealand	\$14.00	\$66.00

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NV	Santa Margherita Prosecco Delicately aromatic and utterly charming, boasting an elegant mineral edge.	Veneto	Italy	\$12.00	\$57.00
2014	Perelada Cava Brut Vintage Part of the Stars range and similar to its stablemate above, but without the dosage, this is bone-dry. Crisp and pure, with an amazing length.	Penedes	Spain		\$54.00
2015	Perelada Stars Cava Perelada have long made brilliant sparkling wines. The Stars cava is a step up from their entry-level Brut Reserva, which is itself an excellent expression of Spanish flair.	Penedes	Spain	\$11.00	\$51.00
NV	Grant Burge Methode A sophisticated méthode combining ripe peach strawberry and citrus notes with nutty, biscuity nuances and a creamy, textural mouthfeel.	Barossa	Australia		\$51.00

## Sauvignon Blanc

The name of New Zealand's most famous grape export derives from the French word 'Sauvage' meaning 'wild', and its penetrating, almost aggressive character and racy acidity certainly ensure that the epithet is bang on. Herbaceous, gooseberry, pungent, asparagus, grassy - they've all been used, mainly when describing the Marlborough styles. The styles from the warmer regions, such as Hawke's Bay, tend to have a more tropical element to them. In the wines of Graves, in Bordeaux, the attack is more subdued and the fruit often offset by a mineral character.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2014	Chateau Olivier Bordeaux Blanc	Bordeaux	France		\$150.00
	Classic Bordeaux Blanc. A blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, wood aged and bursting with flavour. A mineral touch and persistence. A fine bottle from Pessac.				
2014	Chateau Couhins Bordeaux Blanc	Bordeaux	France		\$127.00
	An exotic rich style of Bordeaux Blanc. A classic blend of Sauvignon and Semillon, this is tropical and rich with a dash of vanillin spice from the oak.				
2011	Chateau Clos Floridene Bordeaux	Bordeaux	France		\$104.00
	From an exceptional year for Bordeaux Blanc. Attractive green fruit characters, with citrus and tropical fruit, with a touch of oak.				
2014	Pascal Jolivet Pouilly Fume	Loire	France		\$89.00
	On the opposite bank of the Loire to Sancerre is Pouilly-Fumé, also Sauvignon Blanc country, but with its own soils and climate. Elegantly flinty, with generous white peach characters.				
2015	Greywacke Wild Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$89.00
	An intriguingly intricate, textural, succulent mouthful of lemon curd and vanilla custard with a touch of dried herbs and a lingering grapefruit finish.				
2016	Pascal Jolivet Sancerre	Loire	France		\$89.00
	Elegantly restrained Sauvignon Blanc displaying the dry and flinty minerality one finds in the better French expressions, complemented by a vibrant citrus-edged finish. A masterful expression.				
2014	Rockburn Central Otago Fume	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$80.00
	Exceptional opulence and power. Delicate floral, herbal and mineral layers harmonise with toasty oak flavours and a mouth-filling texture.				
2016	Jules Taylor OTQ Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$79.00
	Against the backdrop of a solid vintage, some exceptional parcels of fruit from selected blocks make up this outstanding wine. Finesse? This is how it's done.				
2015	Pegasus Bay Sauvignon Semillon	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$77.00
	Aromas and flavours of citrus, passionfruit and greengage plum, with a hint of fresh thyme and a crisp, refreshing minerality on the finish.				
2016	Cape Mentelle Sauvignon Semillon	Barossa	Australia		\$71.00
	Soft and bright with abundant fruit including lime and white melon with subtle savoury, smokey characters leading to a fine, long and elegant finish.				

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2016	Te Mata Cape Crest Sauvignon Te Mata Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc is a tropical dream of passionfruit, guava and lime. Enticing layers of toasted almonds and freshly baked brioche with beautifully-integrated oak.	Hawkes Bay New Zealand		\$69.00
2017	Peregrine Sauvignon Blanc A fresh and bright Sauvignon Blanc with lemongrass, fennel seed and citrus flavours a beautiful crisp minerality with fine acidity and length.	Central Otago New Zealand		\$58.00
2017	Jules Taylor Sauvignon Blanc Intense notes of passionfruit and tropical citrus, an elegantly balanced palate, herbaceous nuances, a sublimely textural mouthfeel and a sighingly long finish. Year in, year out, a top-seller.	Marlborough New Zealand	\$12.00	\$54.00
2016	Zephyr Sauvignon Blanc Fresh, ethereal, with classic varietal characters of gooseberry, nettle, capsicum enhanced by a taut savouriness. Classic Dillon's Point characters.	Marlborough New Zealand		\$53.00
2017	Loveblock Marlborough Sauvignon Aromatics of peach, passionfruit and citrus accompany an elegant palate of white peach and tropical fruit characters balanced by precise acidity. Biogrow Organic Certified.	Marlborough New Zealand		\$53.00
2017	Jackson Estate Sauvignon Blanc A limited edition rosé made from a tiny parcel of Pinot Noir fruit, the Alayna is a graceful expression from an accomplished producer.	Marlborough New Zealand		\$53.00
2017	Craggy Range Avery Sauvignon A pale straw colour with a hint of green. Fresh notes of lime, white peach, jasmine and a hint of nettle mingle on the softly structured palate, with crisp acidity carrying through to the long finish.	Marlborough New Zealand		\$49.00
2017	Middle Earth Sauvignon Blanc Everything you want in a Sauvignon Blanc; racy lime, a splash of passionfruit, hints of zest paired with floral notes. An exceptionally well balanced and succulent wine.	Nelson New Zealand		\$45.00
2015	Nga Waka Sauvignon Blanc Nga Waka consistently produce a line of food-friendly Sauvignon Blanc wines, with the passionfruit and capsicum varietal characters enlivened by an underlying mineral presence.	Martinborough New Zealand		\$45.00

## Chardonnay

The world's most popular white grape, a variety that seems to adapt to wherever the whim of the winemaker plants it. Chardonnay 'untreated' can be quite insipid; it is the adding of barrel-ageing and malolactic fermentation that really sees it come into its own. Often quite nutty, with the fruit tending toward stone-fruit and apples in these parts, the texture runs from the medium-weighty to the oily and rich, depending on how it's vinified. Creamy vanilla and buttery characters develop with age, particularly with the more heavily-oaked versions.

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2016	Smith And Sheth Cru Howell	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$137.00
	A Clean and bright Pale Straw colour. Citrus, ripe grapefruit and tropical melon fruit flavours with toasty, nutty oak characters from the influence of barrels. Medium bodied yet intense				
2016	Kumeu River Coddington	Auckland	New Zealand		\$116.00
	The 2016 Coddington has a beautiful nose with the typical rich peach aromas and has impeccable balance, this being the distinct character of Coddington this year, everything in perfect harmony.				
2017	Man O' War Valhalla Chardonnay	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$112.00
	One of Man O' War's best Chardonnay vintages. Lush nectarine and lime aromas and flavours are embellished by fresh acidity, with the mealy characters enhanced by bold oak. An exceptional wine.				
2016	Cape Mentelle Chardonnay	West Australia	Australia		\$107.00
	Vibrant flavours of lemon curd, pears and citrus blossom persist and combine with a mealy, juicy, mineral acidity leading to a rich, long and complex finish.				
2017	Seguinot Bordet Chablis 1er Cru	Chablis	France		\$102.00
	Bright, luminous and limpid, the nose an explosion of white flowers and fresh brioche. On the palate its all power, opulence and elegance, in a perfect balance of finesse and mineral mellowness.				
2015	Cloudy Bay Chardonnay	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$101.00
	An elegantly styled wine offering peach, grapefruit, meal and mineral notes flowing seamlessly onto the palate. Superbly balanced and concentrated, with a voluptuous texture.				
2016	Rimu Grove Nelson Chardonnay	Nelson	New Zealand		\$100.00
	A complex array of smells and tastes showing yellow peach, roasted almond, cream and vanilla aromas, leading to a sumptuous palate that's filled with rich textures and delicious flavours.				
2016	Petaluma Piccadilly Chardonnay	South Australia	Australia		\$92.00
	A full flavoured, rich textured wine. Lemon and lime complement white peach and ripe nectarine with a lovely hint of gun flint and smoky oak.				
2016	Smith And Sheth Cru Heretaunga	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$91.00
	A rich and fleshy wine with great concentration. Notes of citrus, florals, grapefruit and melon, with an elegant oak influence providing texture and a subtle nutty quality.				
2014	Seguin-Manuel Vire Clesse	Burgundy	France		\$75.00
	Recognised 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.				

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2016	Bay of Fires Tasmania's unique climatic attributes have created a whole new palette for its winemakers. Rich flavours of stonefruit and citrus interweave seamlessly across an opulent palate.	Tasmania	Australia		\$74.00
2016	Zeyphr Chardonnay Flint, funk and lime; a coiled spring with richness and freaky talent.	Marlborough	New Zealand	\$15.00	\$71.00
2015	Escarpment Chardonnay Pinot Noir pioneer Larry McKenna also makes a fine Chardonnay, the rich stonefruit-citrus characters enhanced by a creamy, textural mouthfeel and fresh mineral notes.	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$69.00
2017	Seguinot Bordet Chablis Very pretty pale golden yellow in colour with light greenish glints. Bright, luminous and limpid.	Chablis	France	\$15.00	\$68.00
2017	Akarua Central Otago Chardonnay Complex nose of yellow nectarine flesh, lemon zest, kaffir lime leaf, clover honey and earthy minerality with exotic notes of papaya and jasmine.	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$63.00
2016	Chard Farm Chardonnay Central Otago vinous pioneers Chard Farm deliver fruity aromas of nectarine, peach and cream with complex earthy notes. Soft, round fruit flavours in the mouth, with a nutty-slate stone complexity.	Central Otago	New Zealand	\$13.00	\$62.00
2014	Pask Small Batch Sur Lie Medium bodied with a soft, yet filling mouthfeel. Nectarine, melon & other tropical fruits are present. Balanced acidity with deft oak use & a biscuit, mealy finish.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$61.00
2016	Pask Small Batch Wild Yeast Indigenous yeast and French oak, results in a complex wine with fine texture, balance and long fulfilling finish.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand	\$13.00	\$61.00
2016	Goldie Estate Waiheke Chardonnay Harvested with lower than usual sugars and acid, this chardonnay is elegant, fruit forward and beautifully balanced.	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$59.00
2016	Nga Waka Chardonnay Roger Parkinson does Chardonnay particularly well. Vivid stonefruit flavours are underpinned by subtle oak, malo and barrel fermentation characters. Weighty and textural, cellar nicely for 3-5 years.	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$58.00
2017	Matawhero Church House Uses a newly imported French clone and the finest fruit from the vintage; vibrant aromas of oak-edged melon and fig and a long, rich, full-bodied palate.	Gisborne	New Zealand		\$58.00
2015	Jackson Estate 'Shelter Belt' Aromas of grapefruit, peach and honeysuckle. The fresh fruit flavours are enriched with biscuity nuances and a sustained creamy finish.	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$53.00
2017	Lawsons Dry Hills Chardonnay Consistency and reliability are the hallmark of Lawson's. Their Chardonnay has had all the works (malo, lees stirring, etc.) with the result a creamy and balanced mouthful of stonefruit.	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$48.00



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2017	Vidal Reserve Chardonnay	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand	\$41.00
	A balanced and elegant expression that's showing plenty of depth and complexity. Excellent fruit purity combines with good palate length.			
2015	Houghton Margaret River	West Australia	Australia	\$38.00
	Intense aromatics of peach, lemon, cashew and vanilla. The mouthfilling palate of peach, citrus and melon characters extends spicy overtones and shows the influence of French oak.			

## Pinot Gris

'Pinot' is the first word of many a French grape, with the name presumably referring to the shape of the bunch in the form of a pine cone. Pinot Gris, then, is related to Pinot Blanc, Auxerrois, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Noir, and is also known as Pinot Grigio. It tends to make wines that are soft and gently perfumed, with more substance and colour than most white wines. The sweetness levels can vary remarkably. The grape is relatively new to New Zealand and while vine holdings have accelerated remarkably in the past decade, a distinctively New Zealand style is yet to emerge. Alsatian Pinot Gris (where it is traditionally and intriguingly known as Tokay) is globally renowned, the wines tending to be powerful, intensely concentrated and yet refreshingly dry.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2013	Gisselbrecht Pinot Gris Grand Cru	Alsace	France		\$98.00
	This is Grand Cru, off the famed Frankstein vineyard. It's a supremely rich and elegant wine with a smoky, exotic character and spicy, honeyed, floral-tinged flavours. Superb drinking.				
2017	Ata Rangī Lismore Pinot Gris	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$82.00
	Expressive fruit characters of pear and lychee melded with more nutty and creamy aromas of almond croissant. The palate is fine and delicate, with a pure pear-juice character and lingering finish.				
2012	Josmeyer Pinot Gris	Alsace	France	\$17.00	\$80.00
	Josmeyer operate at the highest level, delivering a purity others can only aspire to. Their superb Gris sets the benchmark with deliciously textural peach and honey characters and a mineral close.				
2014	Louis Sipp Pinot Gris	Alsace	France		\$70.00
	The highly regarded Louis Sipp travel the same organic route as Alsatian benchmark producers Josmeyer, the wines displaying a similar finesse, just a little more opulent and generous in nature.				
2017	Peregrine Pinot Gris	Central Otago	New Zealand	\$14.00	\$66.00
	Stonefruit and pear aromas are edged with mineral notes, while the off-dry palate explodes with tropical flavours edged with grapefruit and quietened slightly by firm acid.				
2017	Mount Edward Pinot Gris	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$63.00
	A drier style Pinot Gris, this elegant offering is all texture and flavour. Tropical aromatics precede pear, apple and spicy characters onto a soft and full palate.				
2017	Chard Farm Pinot Gris	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$61.00
	Chard Farm possess winemaking smarts that are beyond dispute. Bold characters of quince and pear along with a hint of flowers lead to a weighty, textural expression laced with mineral magic.				
2017	Kumeu River Pinot Gris	Auckland	New Zealand		\$61.00
	A cleverly crafted offering from Michael Brajkovich, rich, complex and wonderfully textural, with defined peach and floral aromas and long, clean fruit flavours supported by hints of spice and almond.				
2017	Soho Jagger Pinot Gris	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$53.00
	Waiheke superstars, Soho, head to Marlborough. A spicy, stonefruit-driven wine boasting gorgeous aromatics, the finish is off-dry, providing the ideal sign-off to this beautifully structured wine.				

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2017	Tim Adams Pinot Gris The Tim Adams Pinot Gris displays opulent pear, lychee and peach flavours nuanced with subtle citrus notes. There's a lovely rounded feel to the mouth, with fruit sweetness in the mid-palate.	Clare Valley	Australia	\$53.00
2017	Mud House 'Home Block' An opulently aromatic array of honeyed, spicy quince and pear notes, the succulent palate long, flavoursome and elegant, with a fresh, tingling mineral edge.	Waipara	New Zealand	\$53.00
2017	Matawhero Gisborne Pinot Gris On the fragrant and exotic nose floral and pear notes vie for ascendancy while hints of marzipan look on from the edges. Ripe. Sensual. Spicy.	Gisborne	New Zealand	\$53.00
2017	Rimu Grove 'Bronte' Riding atop fine Nelson fruit, a fragrant nose of almond and pear is entwined with spicy floral characters, the nicely weighted palate boasting gentle textures and a tasty touch of mineral.	Nelson	New Zealand	\$53.00
2015	La Boheme 'Act Three' Made from 90% Pinot Gris, 5% Gewürztraminer, 3% Pinot Blanc and 2% Riesling. Classic Pinot Gris characteristics of pear, orange blossom and honeysuckle on the nose. Refined and dry on the palate.	Victoria	Australia	\$49.00
2017	La La Land Pinot Gris The Italians sip Pinot Grigio, the French quaff Pinot Gris; But we say Drink La La Land - A fresh, light Pinot Gris, and taste the pear, white peach & citrus notes!		Australia	\$45.00

## Riesling

As a noble grape, Riesling seldom receives the acclaim that Chardonnay does, yet it is in a sense an even more aristocratic variety, and can make a far broader range of styles than its more popular counterpart. The tendency in the new world for anything vaguely medium in style to be called Riesling hasn't helped to distinguish it in local minds, but remember, it can make everything from the bone-dry, minerally wines of Alsace through to the heady, late-harvest styles of Australia and New Zealand. And everything in between.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2010	Louis Sipp Riesling Kirchberg	Alsace	France		\$137.00
	There's one word for this wine. Precise. From a Grand Cru vineyard, crafted by one of the regions best and now with bottle age.				
2013	Josmeyer Riesling Le Kottabe	Alsace	France		\$86.00
	Classic Josmeyer style, this is very very dry, with a flinty herbal character. Classic Alsace.				
2013	Tongue In Groove Riesling	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$82.00
	Channelling Waipara fruit left on the vine until optimum ripeness is achieved, this is gorgeous, rich, textured and lovely. Right now.				
2016	Rockburn Tigermoth Riesling	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$81.00
	Vibrant aromatics of apricot and mandarin, a delicious mineral-flinty intrigue underlining a palate of lively tangerine and lime flavours.				
2016	Schloss Vollrads Estate Kabinett	Rheingau	Germany		\$77.00
	Schloss Vollrads entry-level wine introduces itself with peachy aromatics and a sunny disposition. Charmingly fruity and graced with a nice mineral edge				
2016	Rippon Juenesse Riesling	Central Otago	New Zealand	\$16.00	\$73.00
	Young vine Riesling from the shores of Lake Wanaka. Fresh and fruity with an elegant mineral finish.				
2014	Rimu Grove Riesling	Nelson	New Zealand		\$66.00
	Harvested from Moutere clay gravels and Waimea plains vineyards, with the wine cool fermented in stainless steel to preserve varietal integrity. A flurry of racy acidity and citrus nuances.				
2011	Gisselbrecht Schifferberg Riesling	Alsace	France		\$64.00
	It is a wonderfully aromatic wine with foral and citrus notes. The palate is fresh and fruity, with a fleshy character and a slick, slightly honeyed texture.				
2017	Akarua Riesling	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$63.00
	A spectrum of flavours suggesting lychee, mandarin, lemon and lime. With a strong backbone of minerality and tangy acidity complementing and extending its off dry finish.				
2016	Black Estate Omihi Riesling	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$62.00
	Slightly off-dry, there is some mineral spine through the beautiful palate weight and length. Gorgeous flavours- marmalade, spice, stonefruit, while a very long thread of chalky lime notes.				
2014	Millton Opou Vineyard Riesling	Gisborne	New Zealand		\$60.00
	From low cropping, organically grown Riesling vines, with a beautifully scented bouquet of honeyed citrus and spice. The pure and succulent fruit flavours are artfully balanced by a smooth finish.				

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2017	Chard Farm Riesling Intense aromas of lime, citrus and slate precede a fresh and textural palate, the lime-tinged stonefruit flavours showing delicate acid and a light, balancing sweetness on the lingering, mineral-edged	Central Otago		New Zealand \$57.00
2017	Zephyr Riesling Sublime elegant length and searching acidity, with just a hint of ripe phenolic graininess and a kaffir lime leaf finish.	Marlborough		New Zealand \$53.00
2017	Palliser Riesling Bit of a young punk this, but with a starry smile rather than a sneer. It gives the tongue a swift wake-up then climbs all over your palate with zesty charm, enthusiasm and some fab citrus flavours.	Martinborough		New Zealand \$50.00
2012	Jackson Estate Riesling A very approachable off-dry wine packed with pip fruit, mandarin and honey. It's a zesty sweet fruited white with a textural mouthfeel and a fine lingering finish.	Marlborough		New Zealand \$47.00

## Gewurztraminer

Gewurz means spice in German, while Traminer is a small village in Switzerland which legend decrees to be the grape's original home. Spice is one of the grapes most apparent characteristics, especially in the Alsatian styles. Being naturally high in alcohol and low in acidity, the wines have a hot, oily texture, while the bouquet most commonly features characteristics such as lychees, rose water and Turkish Delight. The palate is broad and mouthfilling, with a hint of honey often gracing the better examples. New Zealand is the non-French success story for this wine, and is the source of some of the best non-European Gewurztraminers.

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2017	Johanneshof Gewurztraminer	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$70.00
	A decade or so ago, many of the Gewürztraminer wines produced in New Zealand were flabby and oversweet, and as a consequence, the variety lost popularity. Luckily some did their homework!				
2016	Chard Farm Gewurztraminer	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$57.00
	A complex bouquet of ginger and exotic spices, rose petal and a background of lycee fruitiness.				
2014	Loveblock Gewurztraminer	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$53.00
	An aroma that is distinctly Gewurztraminer with exotic musk melon and lychee notes. The palate explodes in the mouth with rich, sweet fruit reminiscent of Turkish Delight.				
2016	Zephyr Gewurztraminer	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$53.00
	Courtesy of the remarkable Ben Glover, a subtle and restrained Gewürztraminer expression, fresh tasting and delightfully textural, with lovely fl oral characters and a fragrant nose of musk and spice.				
2016	Lawsons Dry Hills Gewurztraminer	Marlborough	New Zealand	\$11.00	\$51.00
	This 2016 vintage displays the wonderful varietal characters of rose petals, lychee with delightful spice notes together with an off dry palate.				

## Chenin Blanc

Chenin can produce wines from bone-dry to unctuously sweet, the dry end of the spectrum being generally uncomplicated, with forward apple flavours and a medium Chardonnay-like body. Acidity is the key to this variety, lending structure and balance to the great whites of the Loire. Uniquely styled, these run the gamut from waxy and non-fruity through to wet straw and hints of honey in the off-dry versions. The late harvest styles are not as intensely sweet as other varieties, but tend to be more aromatic than the drier Chenin types.

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			Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Millton Chenin Blanc Te Arai Single vineyard, organically and biodynamically certified. Tropical and citrus notes precede the generously deep fruit flavours and lengthy, lively, citrus-edged after-taste.	Gisborne		New Zealand \$77.00
2016	Ken Forrester Reserve Chenin This Chenin Blanc is a great example of harmonious balance which can be achieved between fruit and delicate oak/vanilla flavours			South Africa \$76.00
2016	Aa Badenhorst Secateurs Chenin A Chenin Blanc from old bush vines planted on the granite slopes of Swartland, South Africa. Flinty aromas of honey, orange blossom and white stone fruit lead to a well balanced palate.			South Africa \$61.00
2014	Bourillon Vouvray Demi Sec An alluring bouquet of spicy and floral aromas with underlying notes of quince and honey. Medium-dry, the fruit flavours balanced by a swirl of mineral..	Loire		France \$60.00
2016	Matawhero 'Church House' Chenin An enticing bouquet of orange blossom, plum and honeysuckle. The lively, lime-accented stonefruit flavours linger through to a fresh and zesty finish.	Gisborne		New Zealand \$58.00

## Viognier

Usually deep yellow in colour and occasionally rose-tinged, Viognier has a heady apricot and crème-Fraiche bouquet, often touched by a musky note. The palate is invariably silky, luscious and rich, with high alcohol and moderate acidity, and warm and spicy on the finish with a hint of almonds.

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2008	Yves Cuilleron La Petit Cote	Rhone	France		\$208.00
	Pale gold. Cool, precise aromas of pear, Meyer lemon and violet. At once deep and vibrant, with penetrating acidity infusing the citrus and orchard flavours with good energy.				
2009	Pierre Gaillard Condrieu	Rhone	France		\$179.00
	Peach and apricot bask in a luxuriant honied richness, yet all is firm of structure and resplendent of purpose.				
2015	Millton Clos De Ste Anne Viognier	Gisborne	New Zealand		\$141.00
	A spectrum of aromas of caramel, baked pears, apple tart and sombre notes of starchy rice paper, warm leather, a hint of fennel, liquorice and aniseed. Think Umami.				



## Orange Wines

Normally with white wine, the juice is immediately pressed from the grapes and the skins discarded. They can, though, be made in exactly the same way as red wines, keeping the juice in contact with the skins. This is how orange wines are made. Their origin lies in the classic wines of Georgia, and in Italy's Friuli region, where fermentation and extended maceration on the skins creates a unique character. Orange wines acquire a deep hue and have a phenolic grip to them, with additional tannins derived from the skin contact. They often exhibit a dry, austere nature, and tend to partner very well with food.

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Millton Libiamo Gewurztraminer Hand harvested and gently de-stemmed into wooden vessels, where it sits with nothing added. Eventually pressed to barrels, it is settled and bottled without filtration. Opulently aromatic.	Gisborne	New Zealand		\$106.00
2016	Pyramid Valley Orange Skins A slightly cloudy, orange/peach-hued wine with an exotic host of fruity flavours; peach, quince, guava, citrus, spice, it's all there, plus grainy textures and a dry, savoury finish.	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$83.00
NV	Greenhough Winegum The innovative Greenhough have been tending their mature Nelson vines organically for 25+ years. The aromatic nature and weighty midpalate of Gewürztraminer can produce an exceptional orange wine.	Nelson	New Zealand		\$76.00
2017	Agent Orange Wine Ben Glover's whole family gets involved in harvesting the Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Sauvignon from the parental vineyard. The wine spends 30 days on skins. Complex, textural and aromatic.	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$72.00
2017	Black Estate Circuit Pinot Gris Hand harvested organic fruit left in contact with its skins, no addition of sulphur. Aromas of pear, apricot and nectarine, a bright minerality adding invigorating length to the pure flavours and weight.	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$60.00

## Other White Grape Varieties

There are so many new Varieties that are emerging here in New Zealand and in wines from far off regions. Arneis from Northern Italy an aromatic spicy wine, Albarino from Northern Spain, Gruner Veltliner from Austria to name a few.

## Verdelho

A native grape of Portugal and, more particularly Madeira, this white variety is usually used in the making of fortified wines. As a straight varietal it is becoming more popular, especially in Australia, delivering excellent medium-sweet and rich, dry wine, ideal for lunch-time imbibing.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2012	Marques De Murrieta Capellania	Rioja	Spain		\$100.00
	91+/100   erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Luis Gutiérrez: [...]th low acidity. Young exuberant and perfumed, with aromas of lemon sherbet, magnolianne delivers a nutty, flowers and subtle, elegant spicy oak. [...]				
2016	Bruno Giacosa Arneis	Piedmont	Italy		\$90.00
	Harnessing the crisply floral white Italian variety, Arneis, this is intensely fragrant and spicy, the nose evoking nashi pear. With four months in stainless prior to bottling, the palate is fresh.				
2016	Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$79.00
	The Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Marsanne Viognier boasts distinct honeysuckle, citrus blossom and jasmine on the nose. The rich, full and slippery texture is the endearing feature of this blend.				
2015	Mount Edward Gruner Veltliner	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$70.00
	This Austrian white varietal has made itself at home in the Tyrol-like environment of Central Otago. Fresh pipfruit and blossom characters are enhanced by spicy nuances and a lush texture.				
2015	Dominio de Tares Godello	Bierzo	Spain		\$68.00
	Godello is an indigenous white variety. The viticulturists drop fruit by hand to deliver a low-yielding, concentrated expression displaying rich tropical fruit characters and nutty influences.				
2014	Terra Sancta Estate Mysterious	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$62.00
	Terra Sancta Estate's Mysterious White exudes individually the best attributes of each of the 4 varietals that make up this exotic and texturally complex wine.				
2017	Nautilus Albarino	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$62.00
	An intensely aromatic example of an Albarino, showing apricot, citrus and spice. Wonderfully textured wine with great length. .				
2015	Fontanafredda Arneis	Piedmont	Italy		\$60.00
	A basketful of fruit tinged with spice, a slight hint of honey and a long, lingering finish.				
2016	La Raia Gavi DOCG	Piedmont	Italy		\$60.00
	Italy's white Cortese grape, biodynamically grown and fashioned for early drinking. Softly textural, it's great paired with seafood or young cheeses.				
2017	Jules Taylor 'Gruner Veltliner'	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$53.00
	A significant Austrian white variety, this take from the inimitable Jules Taylor possessing a deliciously perfumed bouquet, the spicy stonefruit aromatics continuing through onto the off-dry palate.				

## Other Whites

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Castello Montauto Vernaccia DOCG Tuscany	Italy			\$51.00
	Fresh and lively, with a fragrant citrus bouquet, an uncomplicated but flavoursome palate and a zesty, generous finish.				
2014	Lusco Zios Albarino	Rias Baixas	Spain		\$50.00
	Nice fresh acidity, a viscosity akin to Alsatian Pinot Gris and a crisp, fresh finish.				
2016	Summerhouse Verdelho	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$46.00
	Long a perfumed white grape variety associated with fortified styles such a Madeira, Verdelho has found another calling as a serious table wine with an exotic demeanour.				
2014	Matawhero 'Church House' Albarino	Gisborne	New Zealand		\$46.00
	The white Albariño variety is in the aromatic camp, its mineral-tinged notes of citrus and peach flowing onto a vibrant palate of ripe Gisborne fruit.				
2013	Matawhero Gruner Veltliner	Gisborne	New Zealand	\$10.00	\$45.00
	Aromas of citrus, mandarin and apple, introduce a palate of citrus, apple and floral characters with a dry finish.				
2016	Beretta Brognoligo Soave	Veneto	Italy		\$43.00
	A stylish Soave from Cecilia Beretta's single vineyard, Brognoligo, boasting gorgeous aromatics and a toasty and complex palate displaying fresh apricot characters and wonderful length.				
2015	Cecchi Orvieto Classico DOC	Veneto	Italy		\$40.00
	This crisp and aromatic white displays a varietal fragrance and a structure and intensity that is quite delightful. It has proven highly popular over the summer months, but why wait for that long?				

## Rosé

Often not taken as seriously as a style as perhaps it should be, a good rosé is a great find and there are an increasing number of excellent local offerings available. It's forward fruit, racy acid and general lightness of body mean that, lightly chilled, rosé is the ultimate summer sipper, yet it works in any number of scenarios. Made, generally by allowing just a little skin contact from a red variety as the grapes are being processed, a good rosé walks the line between firmness and freshness, between being fully-flavoured but by no means heavy going. Whether made from Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, or Merlot grapes try a rosé as an aperitif, or with lighter seafood dishes. It's a welcome change and an utter delight.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Mira Luna Rose A full-bodied rosé with vibrant aromatics of raspberry, redcurrant and hints of white peach.	Provence	France		\$81.00
2017	Chateau Leoube Rose Straddling 4km of the Mediterranean coastline, Léoube is certified organic and follows biodynamic principles, producing wonderfully subtle and elegant expressions like this that demand your attention.	Provence	France		\$77.00
2016	Grava Pinot Noir Rose Grava's Rose is produced predominantly from a single Pinot Noir clone, picked early to ensure lively acidity to back up the fruit forward characters which represent a great Rose.	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$76.00
2017	Mount Edward Rose An accomplished Central Otago rosé made from organic Pinot Noir grapes. Aromas of strawberry and rose petal accompany a light, dry, refreshing palate of easy-drinking summer fruit flavours.	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$64.00
2017	Hewitson Belle Ville Rose A Provence-inspired rosé displaying pale salmon pink hues with a dusting of orange. Perfumed notes of strawberry and summer florals wash the lightly dry palate, enhanced by a crisp, refreshing acidity	Barossa	Australia		\$61.00
2016	Mont Redon Lirac Rose Located on the Rhône's west bank, Lirac is famous for producing some of France's finest rosés. A lively, refreshing Grenache-Cinsault blend evoking soft summer fruit characters balanced by a crisp min	Rhone	France		\$61.00
2017	Soho Pink Sheep Rose Off-dry in style, the vibrant aromas of raspberry, florals and watermelon and the pure fruit flavours augmented with, a juicy, mouth-watering acidity, silky tannins and a refreshingly dry finish.	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$56.00
2018	Matawhero Rose Flavours of Strawberries and cream with a floral note and a lovely dry finish.	Gisborne	New Zealand	\$12.00	\$53.00
2017	Black Barn Rose Boutique Hawkes Bay winery with a sizeable fanbase. Their rosé is clear and bright in the glass, and bursting with lively fruits.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$52.00

## Rose

			Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2017	Alpha Domus The Heroines Rose	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand	\$51.00
	It's fragrant with vibrant raspberry coupled with watermelon and pomegranate on the palate, a wonderful balance of fresh flavours and soft textural elements.			
2017	Chapel Hill Sangiovese Rose	Mclaren Vale	Australia	\$50.00
	100% Sangiovese Rose from McLaren Vale superstars Chapel Hill. Highly aromatic, with a nice touch of herbs and spice. Super well balanced			

## Pinot Noir

If it's Red Burgundy, it's Pinot Noir. And of course Pinot Noir has managed to establish itself with great success across the globe, with New Zealand proving to be possibly the most suitable region outside France for its cultivation. Ethereal, haunting, mysterious, the Pinot descriptors are wide ranging, yet nothing in language can really capture the essence of this noble grape. When youthful, its fruit character is reminiscent of raspberries, strawberries, cherries and plums, sweet and smooth in comparison to the more angular Cabernet Sauvignon. With age, the characters become more earthy; mushroom/truffle notes are common as is a slightly gamey/savoury character. Great Pinot is smooth, complex, layered, hedonistic, a knife-edge balance of elegance and power.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2011	William Downie Yarra Valley Pinot	South Australia	Australia		\$238.00
	Dark cherries, peach, pencil lead, charcuterie and flint. A little uptight at this stage and will need some time in bottle.				
2009	Alex Gambal Chambolle Musigny	Burgundy	France		\$236.00
	Spicy and ripe with floral notes. An elegant wine with medium-bodied flavours and a touch of minerality on the finish.				
2013	Domaine Parent Pommard Croix	Burgundy	France		\$225.00
	Intensely fruited and salty in the mouth but without any superficial sweetness.				
2011	Alex Gambal Bourgogne Rouge	Burgundy	France		\$220.00
	It has a light bouquet of red cherry and cranberry with hints of undergrowth developing in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy tannins, chunky red fruit.				
2015	Ceres Inlet Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$205.00
	Ceres' flagship single vineyard Pinot takes its fruit from their Inlet Vineyard in Bannockburn. Softly vibrant aromatics and a concentrated palate of dark cherry, thyme, plum and liquorice characters.				
2016	Rockburn 'The Art' Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$194.00
	Spicy and textural, with a fine minerality and brilliantly ripe flavours.				
2016	Matt Connell Wines Bendigo Single	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$164.00
	The wine has been selected from barrels Matt has identified as displaying the finest attributes of Bendigo Pinot Noir, fruit weight, structure and fine polished tannins.				
2015	Escarpment Pinot Noir	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$120.00
	Larry McKenna's house style, the Escarpment's opulent, earthy, savoury characters are beautifully balanced and textured. While it's drinking well right now, this will develop happily in your cellar.				
2015	Pegasus Bay Pinot Noir	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$119.00
	Consistently classy, aromatic, rich and mouthfilling, the soft, subtle raspberry and cherry characters paired with fine-grained tannins.				
2014	Tongue In Groove Cabal Pinot Noir	Waipara	New Zealand		\$113.00
	A vibrant bouquet of red fruits, cinnamon and spice, with earthy notes of rosehip and herbs. The palate is generously fruity, with its silky tannins displaying a nice grip. Classic Waipara Valley.				

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Matt Connell Wines Rendition Pinot	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$108.00
	The Rendition Pinot Noir is a blend of Central Otago vineyards and subregions. The quintessential Central Otago Pinot Noir. The 2016 Rendition Cuvee is blended from ultra premium fruit				
2012	Jackson Estate Somerset Pinot Noir	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$105.00
	Hand Harvested from Waihope Valley's Somerset Vineyard, an alluring Pinot Noir offering spicy cherry and floral aromas. The fruit flavours are enhanced by a supple tannin structure and a fine finish.				
2016	Jules Taylor Otq Pinot Noir	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$105.00
	Dark ruby red in colour, this Pinot Noir gives off potpourri of aromas - ripe dark fruit, cherry and plum are layered over subtle oaky notes. The palate is rich with intense fruit flavours.				
2015	Mount Edward Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$103.00
	Beautifully fragrant, the mineral-tinged fruit seamlessly threaded around a core of earth and oak and softening to a perfect round, finishing long, touched by intrigue.				
2016	Rockburn Central Otago Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand	\$21.00	\$99.00
	Brilliantly consistent, with a remarkable pedigree, Rockburn's famed Pinot Noir is smoky, aromatic and elegantly silky. One of our finest.				
2015	Black Estate Damsteep Pinot Noir	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$99.00
	Aromas of rose, damson plum and sweet ripe raspberry and cherry, mineral tones and soft fragrant wood spices. Youthful, dry, fruity, soft dried herb and loaded with mineral nuances.				
2016	The Boneline Waimanu Pinot Noir	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$98.00
	Notes of soft luscious fresh fruit overlaying spicy Rum & Raisin earthiness, with crème brûlée, sweet balsam, fresh fruit woven between lacy acidity & silky tannins. Autumnal loveliness.				
2014	Nga Waka 'Lease Block' Pinot Noir	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$94.00
	Single vineyard, unfiltered, 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.				
2016	Akarua Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$93.00
	The Akarua team successfully tame their rugged Central Otago terroir to forge an exemplary Pinot Noir. All of the essential elements are present, with fruit, spice, chocolate and toasty oak.				
2016	Stonier Pinot Noir	Victoria	Australia		\$89.00
	The 2016 release is a brooding and seductive wine, displaying supple, savoury tannins and an abundance of dark plum and cherry characters with earthy raspberry notes.				
2015	Domaine Parent Bourgogne Pinot	Burgundy	France		\$84.00
	A wine with brilliant fruit that is upfront and attractive. The cherry characters are fragrant and bright. A Gentled lush style that will be drinking well early on.				
2015	Chard Farm 'River Run' Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$83.00
	A blend of fruit from Chard Farm's Cromwell Basin and Gibbston vineyards, this is a classic, early-drinking Central Pinot style with the emphasis on ripe fruit flavours and supple tannins.				

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2014	Mud House 'Dambuster' Pinot Noir	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$79.00
	Vibrant with forward fruit that continues the length of the palate, structured by integrated juicy acidity, sweet savoury oak and fine silky tannins.				
2014	Jackson Estate Vintage Widow	Marlborough	New Zealand	\$17.00	\$79.00
	Wonderfully long and concentrated wine off Jackson's oldest vines. Rich cherry and plum characters are spiked with earthy savoury notes.				
2016	Nga Waka Pinot Noir	Martinborough	New Zealand	\$17.00	\$79.00
	Showcasing the beauty of Martinborough. The nose is cherry and spice, the generous palate showing a touch of earthiness.				
2015	De Bortoli 'Yarra Valley' Pinot Noir	Victoria	Australia		\$78.00
	Aromatic notes of liquorice and aniseed, with red and black fruits at the core overlaid with vibrant floral tones. On the palate there are fine-grained, velvet tannins with a firm structure.				
2015	Bay of Fires Pinot Noir	Tasmania	Australia		\$74.00
	Elegant and supple, this wine shows remarkable power, intensity and length on the flavoursome palate. Framed by ripe, moderate tannins, the sweet strawberry characters are complemented by spicy notes.				
2016	Rapaura Springs Limestone Pinot	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$74.00
	Balance is the essence of this top-tier Pinot Noir from Rapaura Springs, its skilful blend of vibrancy and restraint harnessing the finest attributes of a select parcel of fruit from the LT vineyard.				
2016	Zephyr Pinot Noir	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$71.00
	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.				
2014	Waipara Hills Equinox Pinot Noir	Canterbury	New Zealand		\$66.00
	Floral, slightly savoury and attractively gamey, the sweet fruit entry on the palate filtered through savoury characters and notes of chocolate.				
2017	Scott Base Central Otago Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand		\$65.00
	Classic aromas of Central Otago Pinot Noirs - ripe cherries, raspberries and a subtle touch of wild thyme. A soft palate initially, with fruit flavours accelerating.				
2015	Rimu Grove Bronte Pinot Noir	Nelson	New Zealand		\$58.00
	Fragrantly ripe and ultra-approachable, the cherry and berry flavours are supported by subtle hints of earth and spice enhanced by a silky texture.				
2017	Rua Pinot Noir	Central Otago	New Zealand	\$13.00	\$58.00
	Rua is a great drink now Pinot Noir. Soft, supple tannins and a balancing acidity lead to a long, fruit-driven finish.				
2016	Jackson Estate Homestead Pinot	Marlborough	New Zealand		\$53.00
	Great price for a Pinot that drinks this well. Fruit from the fantastic Gum Emperor vineyard combines here with classic vintage conditions.				



## Cabernet Sauvignon

Quite possibly the world's most famous grape variety, lauded as the basis for some of the world's greatest and longest-lived reds. Cabernet Sauvignon has a distinctive blackcurrant aroma, is dark purple in colour and due to its thick skin, it gives up plenty of tannin. The distinctive blackcurrant characters can come in the form of crushed blackcurrant leaves/ripe berries, while aromas of cigar box and cedar wood are common. Young, it delivers masses of fruit flavour and high acid, and it is with age that it comes into its own, its variegated characteristics blending with time into a seamless whole.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2009	Te Motu Cabernet Merlot Franc	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$288.00
	The 2009 Te Motu is an elegant wine with a nose of dark fruits and violets with some savoury notes of game, leather and cigar box.				
2014	Chateau Kirwan	Bordeaux	France		\$219.00
	Deep dark purple hues. A broody yet opulent wine featuring an attack of blackberries and cinnamon, with notes of yeast, cedar, tobacco and chocolate.				
2012	Osoyoos Larose		Canada		\$217.00
	Dense, yet not overly heavy, with firm tannins and bright acidity.				
2014	Cape Mentelle Cabernet Sauvignon	South Australia	Australia		\$203.00
	Rich and plush on the palate, intense and vibrant flavours of dark berries and wet slate combined with velvety tannins. Finishes long, cool, with minerals and persistency.				
2014	Chateau Echo De Lynch Bages	Bordeaux	France		\$195.00
	Their second wine is an outstanding find; with its blocky Pauillac tannins, the Echo is firm and boldly structured with a pure Cabernet precision. Fresh, vibrant, lively and ultra-fine.				
2014	Chateau Bourgneuf	Bordeaux	France		\$167.00
	Sold by the Moueix family, who also assist the winery technically. The 2014 is fragrant and forward, with a lovely rustic quality. Classic Bourgneuf.				
2013	Kidnapper Cliff Cab Sauv Merlot	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$148.00
	Classic Cabernet Sauvignon characters of cassis, tobacco and cedar with underlying black plum and perfume from the Merlot and Cabernet Franc respectively. Red and dark fruit flavours and supple tannin				
2016	Chapel Hill Gorge Block Cab Sauv	Mclaren Vale	Australia		\$143.00
	The Gorge Cabernet Sauvignon Block is one of the jewels of the Chapel Hill estate. Aged for 20 months in French oak and six months in bottle, with no fining or filtering, this is complex.				
2015	Brookfields 'Gold Label' Cabernet	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$141.00
	The 'Gold Label' Cabernet Merlot is a rich and dynamic wine. Both on the nose and on the palate this wine is packed with blackberry, spice, cigar box and vanilla all enveloped by new French oak.				
2014	Chateau Sarget De Gruaud Larose	Bordeaux	France		\$140.00
	Château Gruaud-Larose is consistently one of Saint-Julien's best. Its second wine is intense but charming, luxuriant aromatics of preserved plums and bold cassis across a deliciously smooth palate.				

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2013	Goldie Estate Reserve Cab Merlot	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$119.00
	This wine displays intense aromas of cassis, dark plum, dried herb and subtle oak characters on the nose.				
2010	Pask 'Declaration' Cab Merlot	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$113.00
	Plummy, spicy flavours that point to a stronger influence of Merlot and perhaps Malbec than the dominant partner, Cabernet Sauvignon. Attractive, ripe and slightly rustic with character and classy oak				
2012	Chateau Musar Hochar		Lebanon		\$109.00
	Hochar Pere et Fils Red is sometimes mistakenly referred to as the 'second wine' of Chateau Musar but this is not an accurate description.				
2012	Man O' War Ironclad	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$107.00
	Predominantly Merlot, with Cabernets Franc and Sauvignon and a dash of Petit Verdot. Aromatic notes of red berries and cassis, a hint of florals and cedar. Rich, ripe and textural with fine, supple ta				
2015	Ata Rangī Celebre	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$101.00
	Celebre has always had its own distinctive style as a bright, high-energy red with real concentration and a rich, mouth-filling texture.				
2015	Mills Reef Bespoke Cabernets	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$90.00
	The Bespoke range involves tailored expressions from small-parcel lots, here a blend of Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc from premium fruit, showing lovely floral notes and lingering spicy nuances.				
2016	Te Mata Awatea Cab Merlot	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$89.00
	Ripe berry flavours and a rich mouthfeel unfold on the palate, while the supple tannins provide a fine finish. Refined, elegant and powerful.				
2012	Chateau Rauzan Gassies	Bordeaux	France		\$86.00
	First outing for this label by high-flying classified growth, Rauzan-Gassies, showing lovely develop- ment on the nose. With 2012 an earlier drinking vintage, it's ideal for this coming Christmas.				
2012	Chateau Les Allees De Cantemerle	Bordeaux	France		\$81.00
	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.				
2013	Grant Burge 'Corryton' Cabernet	Barossa	Australia		\$79.00
	The full bodied palate is succulent and complex with layers of cassis, plums and winter fruit all beautifully supported with elegant supple tannins.				
2011	Geoff Merrill Cabernet Sauvignon	Mclaren Vale	Australia		\$71.00
	This Cabernet Sauvignon, aged in American & French oak casks for 22 months, displays black olive, menthol, some plum and hints of violets with velvety tannins and fresh acidity.				
2014	Pask Small Batch Watercourse	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$68.00
	It shows aromas of black cherry and plum with cigar box nuances, and an impressively structured palate, the layers of ripe, pervasive, dark fruit flavours integrated with spicy oak and supple tannins.				

## Cabernet Sauvignon

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2014	Yalumba The Cigar An intense Cabernet with a bouquet of cassis, mocha and spicy oak. The medium-weighted palate is supported by oak and silky tannins.	Coonawarra	Australia	\$15.00	\$68.00
2015	Craggy Range Te Kahu Superb single vineyard red blend. Aromas of cassis, ripe plum, rosemary and cedar entice, while the richness of the Gimblett Gravels fruit warms the palate.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand	\$14.00	\$63.00
2013	Atlas Peak 'Napa' Cabernet	Napa Valley	United States		\$56.00
2016	Chapel Hill The Parson Cabernet Generous fruit flavours are enhanced by a dusting of oak and savoury nuances interwoven around a fine tannin structure. Warm, aromatic and seductive.	Mclaren Vale	Australia		\$53.00
2013	Helderberg Cabernet South Africa's benchmark wine region. Ripe and complex fruit flavours with subtle cedar nuances, with an elegantly silky finish.		South Africa		\$53.00
2014	Chateau Haut Couloumey Earthy on the nose with plum, currant, and a touch of cinnamon and oak on the palate. An elegant and fresh Medoc.	Bordeaux	France		\$47.00

## Merlot

Merlot has a slightly thinner skin than Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine with which it is most often blended. Merlot ripens earlier and tends to produce wines that are more alcoholic than other red varietals, and are thus often smoother and more up-front in their youth. It has similar blackberry fruit characters to Cabernet, and can give off gamey, burnt bacon aromas and flavours, among others. Texture is the key, with Merlot often delivering a smooth and velvety palate that is fulsome and lower in tannin than Shiraz or Cabernet. Chocolate and black cherry are common characters, and all its traits remain apparent even when blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, or Cabernet Franc.

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2012	Chateau Plince The Chateau Plince shows off its credentials to good effect with a bit of age under its belt, the Pomerol-inspired, Merlot-dominated tones radiating a smooth, harmonious presence.	Bordeaux	France		\$160.00
2015	Brookfields Highland Merlot Brookfields' strong reputation for red varietals began way back with the 1989 Gold Label Cab Merlot, and this beauty continues that long tradition.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$98.00
2016	Soho Revolver Merlot Blend A light, fruit-driven expression with plummy, juicy notes riding a gentle, supple palate.	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$82.00
2014	Pask Trilliant Merlot Cabernet Smoky, cedary and seamless, the Trilliant's plush Merlot provides a generous base to blend in bright seams of spicy Malbec and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$79.00
2015	Obsidian Vitreous Merlot Cabernet Fragrant complex aromas of cassis, black cherry, herbs and cedar. This is a medium bodied wine with ripe warm flavours of black fruit and spice.	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$73.00
2014	Alpha Domus The Navigator Merlot This classic blend of the famous Bordeaux varieties shows rich, ripe plum and blackberry flavours with hints of spice and fine oak.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$71.00
2014	Chateau Saint Paul Merlot-dominant, with a good core of concentrated, juicy red fruit and a tight yet generous nature to the leathery tannins. The length is persistently intense right to the finish.	Bordeaux	France		\$67.00
2014	Woodside Hill Emile Merlot Franc Woodside's second-tier offering, a smooth and easy-drinking union of berry, plum and spice that'll have you coming back for another.	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$66.00
2014	Chateau Grand Village Made by Pomerol's prestigious Château Lafleur from grapes grown in the Fronsac region. 85% Merlot, with generous, plummy, succulent fruit and amazing concentration for a wine at this price level.	Bordeaux	France		\$62.00
2017	Matawhero Merlot A smooth, fruit-driven style with aromas of blackberry, mulberry and plum nuanced by toasty notes. The palate displays good concentration of flavours with well-integrated oak and firm tannins.	Gisborne	New Zealand		\$53.00

## Merlot

			Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Grant Burge 'Hillcot' Merlot	Barossa	Australia	\$51.00
	Burge was a pioneer of Merlot in the Barossa. Smooth, rich, soft and supple, the refined and generous flavours are enhanced by fine-grained tannins and notes of spice, mocha and vanilla.			

## Malbec, Carmenere, Carignan, Zinfandel and Gamay

### Malbec

While it was once hugely popular in Bordeaux, Malbec is now more readily associated with Argentina and Chile, and Cahors in south-western France. The wine has a luscious, gamey concentration and ages well, providing the wine world with an intriguing alternative to Merlot, with which it is often blended.

### Carmenere

Now Chile's signature grape, Carmenere's origin traces back to France where for many years it was part of the blend in Bordeaux. A dark skinned grape variety which translates to rich deep colour, berry fruit and spice characters, the tannins are well rounded and smooth.

### Carignan

Carignan is referred to by many other names including Mazuelo, a variety that loves the heat and is widely found along the Mediterranean with excellent examples from both Spain and France. A meaty, earthy and savoury grape variety, it is particularly well suited to Priorat.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2014	Alvaro Palacios Gratallops	Priorat	Spain		\$186.00
	Black purple-red, very rich and pure black fruits on the nose, only the fleshiness recalling the southern Rhone's Grenache with Samsó adding spice and grip.				
2012	Tinto Pesquera Reserva	Ribera Del	Spain		\$145.00
	Made from tempranillo, the grapes are sourced from Pesquera del Duero and were planted in 1991. Aged in American oak barrels.				
2011	Dominio De Tares Cepas Viejas	Bierzo	Spain		\$100.00
	A healthy, intense, deeply coloured wine with a powerful bouquet of raspberry, cherry and integrated toasty oak.				
2014	Man O' War Death Valley Malbec	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$87.00
	The Death Valley Malbec comes from a small, breathtakingly steep, north facing single vineyard, on the warm clay hillside of Eastern Waiheke Island.				
2015	Kaapzicht Pinotage		South Africa	\$17.00	\$80.00
	South Africa's signature grape, Pinotage. Complex with notes of sour cherry, cola, green olives and smoke.				
2016	Terrazas De Los Andes Reserva		Argentina		\$72.00
	A classic Argentine Malbec, darkly elegant with intense notes of blackberry, cherry and plum, and an appealing smooth delicacy.				
2015	Chakana Black Label Malbec	Mendoza	Argentina	\$14.00	\$66.00
	A sweetly perfumed succulent, supple, peppery wine with a seamless structure and a refreshing finish.				
2016	Montes 'Alpha' Carmenere	Curico Valley	Chile	\$14.00	\$63.00
	Ripe, spicy, warm and earthy, with rich, mellow tannins and silky-smooth textures.				
2014	Rivera Triusco Primitivo Puglia	Puglia	Italy		\$59.00
	A vibrant bouquet of dark berries and cocoa accompanies the balanced, elegant, full-bodied palate. Long, complex and smoothly textural.				
2017	Brookfields Sun Dried Malbec	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$58.00
	Hand-harvested grapes sun-dried on racks to concentrate the flavours and enhance the aromatics. Dense, velvety, spicy and boldly styled.				

## Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Carmenere

			Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2016	Matawhero 'Church House' Malbec Grapes are off Gisborne's famed Tietjen vineyard. Aromatic notes of plum, dark fruits and herbs. The palate is big and fruity with a ripe tannic finish.	Gisborne		New Zealand \$58.00
2015	Baltos Mencia Old-vine Mencia grapes deliver generous warmth and vibrancy. Aged four months in French and American oak and a further six in bottle, aromas of blackberry and cranberry are tinged with liquorice.	Bierzo	\$11.00	Spain \$51.00
2015	A Mano Primitivo Puglia IGT With Primitivo genetically similar to California's Zinfandel, A-Mano's Shannon, is right at home. A fragrant nose, vibrant flavours, lovely concentration and length.	Puglia		Italy \$37.00

## Syrah/Shiraz

Shiraz tends to be the new world name for this peppery, amenable variety, while the French refer to it as Syrah. Either way, it is a small, thick-skinned berry that produces a wine with plenty of alcohol, tannin and acidity, a variety that merges well with other Rhône varieties, and in Australia has been married to Cabernet Sauvignon with huge success. When young, the typical Shiraz nose is all pepper and spice, often chocolatey with surges of wild berries generally evident. Shiraz softens with age, becomes more velvety and starts to deliver gamey, savoury characters, while the sweet fruit melds but never fades in the final picture.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2010	Les Vins De Vienne St Joseph	Rhone	France		\$222.00
	Intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry and boysenberry, with vibrant minerality adding energy.				
2009	Pierre Gaillard Cornas	Rhone	France		\$165.00
	The Cornas appellation is one of the Rhône's smallest. 100% Syrah, it was harvested from 70-year-old vines on a tiny, one-hectare vineyard. Glorious, vanillin-tinged nose and a ripe, balanced palate.				
2014	Smith And Sheth Cru Omahu Syrah	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$137.00
	The wine is rich and powerful with a long finish and fine-grained tannins that coat the mouth. Still showing the elegance and freshness of great Hawke's Bay Syrah				
2013	Passage Rock Reserve Syrah	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$133.00
	From grapes grown on the oldest Syrah vines on Waiheke Island. Dense, ripe and weighty with dark chocolate, cracked pepper, berry, plum and nutty oak flavours.				
2015	Man O' War Dreadnought Syrah	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$126.00
	Off Man O' War's steep hillside Syrah vineyards, the Dreadnought is a vibrant blend of power and elegance with its rich palate of spiced, earthy black and blue fruits, and a streak of acidity.				
2014	Pask 'Declaration' Syrah	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$113.00
	Lovely floral fruit fragrances of pepper, blueberry and nutmeg and a palate with real presence showing hints of cassis, liquorice and spice wound around a core of supple tannins.				
2014	Martinborough Vineyards Syrah	Martinborough	New Zealand		\$110.00
	Plush dark fruits are paired with delightful aromas of dried violets and white pepper imparted from the Viognier. On the palate, a lovely fruity core is supported by soft tannins.				
2010	The Hay Paddock Syrah	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$108.00
	Taster beware, those aromas are just the tip of the iceberg of flavours and textures this wine produces.				
2015	Brookfields 'Hillside' Syrah	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand		\$106.00
	Vibrantly sweet and spicy, the intensely flavoured fruit exuding herbtinged notes of pepper, liquorice, vanilla and coffee on a toasty bed.				
2015	Goldie Estate Syrah	Waiheke	New Zealand		\$88.00
	This wine displays rich notes of plums, blackberries, pepper and exotic spice with subtle oak integration.				



## Shiraz

			Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2015	Yves Cuilleron Crozes Hermitage A pleasant red fruit nose with fine floral notes, while crispy and well-balanced on the palate.	Rhone France		\$86.00
2016	Fromm La Strada Syrah Fromm are very hands-off in their approach. Complex spicy-peppery plum and floral aromas and flavours are enhanced by understated oak. Ripe fruit, refined tannins and refreshing acidity.	Marlborough New Zealand	\$17.00	\$82.00
2016	Torbreck 'Woodcutters' Shiraz Great example of the new generation of Barossa vineyards: succulent, rich, combining gorgeous fruit purity with texture and complexity.	South Australia Australia		\$80.00
2015	Grant Burge Filsell Shiraz Classic Filsell vineyard aromatics of floral-tinged chocolate, liquorice and raspberry. Intense palate of ripe fruit flavours seamlessly melded with sweet spice notes, silky tannins and balancing acid	Barossa Australia		\$79.00
2015	Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Shiraz Showcases the Vale's brooding savoury tendencies which, when enhanced by the region's plush, dark fruit presence, transports Shiraz to an ethereal level.	McLaren Vale Australia		\$77.00
2012	Geoff Merrill Jackos Shiraz A seamless expression with a quintessential McLaren Vale nose of spice, liquorice, berryfruits and savoury woodsmoke. Eighteen months in oak supports ripe blackberry, pepper and anise characters.	McLaren Vale Australia	\$15.00	\$71.00
2016	Hacienda Araucana Humo Blanco Made without the addition of sulphur, this is a cooler climate style of Syrah, and not your stereotypical Chilean Syrah.	Chile		\$70.00
2016	Domaine Le Colombier Vacqueyras A blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, this is classic Vacqueyras. Bright red in colour, fragrant, instantly appealing, the Tradition is a youthful wine made for early enjoyment.	Rhone France	\$14.00	\$65.00
2015	Montes Alpha Syrah The Alpha wines are impeccably made and, at the price, Montes' best-kept secret; intensely floral, elegant and polished, this will reward you generously with careful cellaring for 5-10 years.	Curico Valley Chile		\$63.00
2015	Knappstein Shiraz The fruit comes primarily from Knappstein's highly-rated, elevated, low-yield Yertabulti Vineyard. Vibrant flavours, supple tannins, understated oak and a fine savoury aftertaste.	Barossa Australia		\$53.00

## Grenache, GSM Blends and Mencia

Or Garnacha Tinto, to refer to this fruity grape by its Spanish name. Its distinguishing characteristics are high alcohol and a sweet, jammy fruit character that shines on its own and lends itself to blending, particularly with its more robust varietal sisters from the Southern Rhône, such as Mourvedre and Syrah. With hints of aniseed and licorice being common in Grenache, and a persistent pepperiness often making itself felt, it can never be called dull. The great Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines invariably contain a Grenache component, where its sweetness adds vitality to the earthiness of the Mourvedre and the spice of Syrah. In these world-renowned GSM blends, the Shiraz component will offer the spice and lift, while the Mourvedre (or Mataro, as it can be known) will give tannin and backbone, all of which support the sweet fruit attack of the Grenache.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2007	Alvaro Palacios Dofi	Priorat	Spain		\$280.00
	Robert Parker, 93/100: "Expansive aromas of black cherry and blueberry are backed by hints of tobacco, liquorice and cedar."				
2015	The Prisoner Saldo Zinfandel		United States		\$99.00
	One hundred percent Zinfandel, it displays briary, peppery, meaty notes, some Provençal herbs, black cherry and black currant fruit. It also offers some underlying, meaty earthiness.				
2012	Casa Gran Del Siurana Cruor	Priorat	Spain		\$88.00
	A magnificent property, where Garnacha and Carignan love the slaty mineral soils. A blend of Garnacha, Samsó and Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 12 months in French oak.				
2013	Grant Burge Holy Trinity GSM	Barossa	Australia		\$80.00
	Fragrant aromatics of black cherry, cassis and violets. Elegant and balanced, the fleshy, dark fruit flavours are supported by subtle oak, supple tannins and an attractive savoury aftertaste.				
2016	Alvaro Palacios Camins Del Priorat	Priorat	Spain		\$76.00
	Aromatic notes of spice and pepper. The ripe fruit flavours, oak and tannins are beautifully integrated and enhanced by a silky, savoury texture. Alvaro's entry-level in his Priorat range.				
2016	Chapel Hill Bush Vine Grenache	Mclaren Vale	Australia		\$75.00
	Unfined and unfiltered, the old, low-yielding Grenache vines deliver generous bright fruit flavours with a lovely savoury, dried-herb rusticity.				
2015	Torbreck Old Vines GSM	Barossa	Australia		\$61.00
	The Rhône Valley meets old-vine Barossa, in a place where power combines beautifully with finesse. An elegant, finely-judged blend.				
2014	Kaesler Stonehorse Grenache	Barossa	Australia		\$61.00
	The Grenache contributes vibrant fruit and softness; the Shiraz provides palate depth and aromatic spice.				
2011	Pagos De Araiz Crianza Araiz	Navarra	Spain		\$52.00
	Bright red fruits on a poised and silky palate, nuanced with French and American oak.				

## Sangiovese, Petit Verdot, Durif and other red varieties

### Sangiovese

The grape variety responsible for Chianti, Italy's internationally consumed red. Chianti comes in just about every weight, colour and flavour possible, reflecting the variety in quality and temperament of Sangiovese itself. When yields are kept low and the fruit handled sympathetically, Sangiovese can produce star-bright reds with good structure and warm fruit; in the Montalcino region the wines can be as robust, sturdy and serious as a top Barolo. While these wines are long-lived, Sangiovese gives up its most defining characteristics - licorice, tobacco, cherry fruit and dry tea - in the first few years of its life.

### Petit Verdot

The least known and least grown of the Bordeaux varieties, largely due to it being a very late-ripening grape, meaning in Bordeaux it will ripen generally only one vintage in three. There has been some success with the variety in the warmer climates, in particular Australia; the best known exponent in New Zealand would be Stonyridge, where it invariably forms a small proportion of the final blend of their world-famous Larose. When ripe, it produces well-concentrated, dark wines with a fragrant nose, rich flavours and soft tannins.

### Durif

Much ink has been spilled over the genesis of this sturdy red varietal, although it is generally acknowledged that it is named after the grower who established the variety in the late 19th century. Planted widely in California, where it is known as Petit Syrah, wines made from Durif tend to have high levels of tannin and suit extended cellaring. Spice and plum notes are common in the more fruit-driven style; its relative lack of star status ensures the wines are often extremely good value.

				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2010	Pasqua Mai Dire Mai Amarone	Veneto	Italy		\$376.00
	In a slightly cooler year, the superb terroir still delivered an amazing wine. Pre-dried for four months, with 24 months in new oak, barrique and tonneau. Spicy, raisiny, intensely concentrated.				
2012	Ca Del Baio Barbaresco Pora Docg	Piedmont	Italy		\$158.00
	Located near to Asili. Pora has 1 year more ageing than the standard - three years instead of 2. The aromas are gentle and hide the power and structure beneath. This is a rustic, early, bold style.				
2011	Cecchi Brunello Di Montalcino	Tuscany	Italy		\$158.00
	Brunello di Montalcino is ruby red in colour with garnet overtones, the bold, raisened nose introducing clean, fruit-driven flavours and firm tannins, with waves of black cherry, violet and earth.				
2012	Gagliardo Gianni Gagliardo Barolo	Piedmont	Italy		\$158.00
	2012 is the polar opposite of the 2011 it's all about power and strength, whereas the 2011 is about fruit concentration. A vintage that has produced classical Barolo.				
2013	Damilano Lecinquevigne Barolo	Piedmont	Italy		\$158.00
	A solid, balanced barolo from a great vintage.				
2012	Tenuta Cucco Barolo Serralunga	Piedmont	Italy		\$131.00
	Fruit-forward and fragrant, displaying Serralunga's characteristic boldness, red fruit and herbal notes and a delightful spicy warmth.				
2013	Pasqua Villa Borghetti Amarone	Veneto	Italy		\$129.00
	Ruby red in colour, with lovely fresh aromas of currants and wild cherries and hints of spices and vanilla. On the palate it is well balanced with a long, persistent finish.				

## Sangiovese, Petit Verdot, Durif

		Glass (150ml)		Bottle
2010	Jacopo Biondi Santi Sassoalloro Tuscany Italy Referred to by Biondi Santi as a baby Brunello. 100% Sangiovese grosso, the tannins are chewy and give a gorgeous texture to the wine. Lively and spicy, with opulently concentrated flavours.			\$120.00
2014	Ca Del Baio Barbaresco Asili Docg Piedmont Italy heady mix of power and charm, with incredible aromatic poise and a refined nature. Matured in Slovenian and French barrels, it's modern in style. Spectacularly underpriced.			\$119.00
2013	Villa Cerna Chianti Reserva Tuscany Italy Cecchi's home estate, its superior wines providing their flagship range. Only produced in the best years, the deep floral aromatics and rich, elegant flavours are augmented by nicely understated oak.			\$106.00
2014	Gagliardo Da Batie Langhe Piedmont Italy A lighter red filled to the brim with soft tannins, high acidity, strawberry, plum, cherry, and rhubarb notes.			\$84.00
2011	Terrazze Dell Etna Cratere Rosso Italy 80% Nerello Mascalese, 20% Petit Verdot, this was developed to provide a more expressive style of Nerello for the international market, a vibrantly plummy and succulent wine dripping with violets.	\$17.00		\$78.00
2013	Terrazza Dell Etna Carusu Italy From the the slopes of Mt Etna, an indigenous red blend with a fragrant nose and high acidity.			\$78.00
2012	Jacopo Biondi Santi Bracciale Rosso Tuscany Italy 5th-generation Jacopo takes his family's profound traditions and builds on them, blending the famous Brunello clone developed by his ancestor with the smooth rotundity of Merlot.	\$16.00		\$76.00
2014	Damilano Langhe Nebbiolo Doc Piedmont Italy The red variety behind Piemonte's famed Barolo, this is floral, beautifully perfumed and gentle in style, but with a decent backbone. Good to go.			\$72.00
2014	Santa Margherita Chianti Classico Tuscany Italy No one-trick Grigio ponies, those Margheritas; this is a very smart Chianti. Sangiovese's luscious red fruit, the palate grippy and impeccably structured, with a chalky nature to the fine tannins.			\$57.00
2014	Deen De Bortoli Durif New South Australia This is such a cool wine. They're still arguing as to Durif's genealogy; let them debate while you slide a case into the car. Shiraz-like in its peppery madness, with typical ripe, dark Aussie fruit.			\$39.00

## Tempranillo

Tempranillo is a black grape variety widely grown to make full-bodied red wines in its native Spain. Its name is the diminutive of the Spanish temprano, a reference to the fact that it ripens several weeks earlier than most Spanish reds.

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				Glass (150ml)	Bottle
2005	Marques De Caceres MC Jammy dark berry and candied plum on the nose, with subtle tobacco and pungent herbal qualities adding complexity.	Rioja	Spain		\$195.00
2014	Aalto Ribera Del Deuro Made by former winemaker at Vega Sicilia. 100% Tempranillo, showing bold red fruit flavours with hints of violet and liquorice. Seductive, magical and astoundingly concentrated.	Ribera Del	Spain		\$130.00
2010	Lan Gran Reserva Garnet with ruby hues. Aromas of ripe red fruits combined with spicy notes from the aging in oak (vanilla, cinnamon, fennel, liquorice root) and tertiary aromas (leather, cigar box).	Rioja	Spain		\$108.00
2010	Finca Allende Rioja This is traditional Rioja and a Reserva to boot. With eight years now on the clock there's a ton of dried fruits and spice on the nose, leading to an opulently warm palate.	Rioja	Spain		\$90.00
2013	Solar Viejo Reserva An aristocratic Rioja, wondrous in its clean, precise fruit flavours and its complexity. Bottle-aged Tempranillo and Graciano fruit, boasting floral-edged notes of black fruit, peach, coffee and spice	Rioja	Spain		\$69.00
2013	Cepa 21 Hito A very modern style of Tempranillo from the Moro family. Fruit driven and silky, with an elegant finish.	Ribera Del	Spain	\$11.00	\$50.00

## Sweet Wines

Sweet white wines are those with unfermented or residual sugar still remaining in them. The level of sweetness can vary from a few grams per litre, wines known as off-dry or medium-dry, to the intensely sweet wines such as German Berenauslese, French Sauternes or some of the Late Harvest styles of the New World. Arguably the finest sweet wines are made from grapes that are botrytised, the name coming from the naturally-occurring fungus *Botrytis Cinerea* which grows on the skins of certain grapes under specific weather conditions. This is known as 'noble rot' because it can turn ordinary fruit into precursors of great dessert wine. Late-harvest wines are dessert or full-bodied table wines produced from 'overripe' grapes, grapes that are allowed to stay on the vine when the weather conditions are conducive to later ripening than usual. There are fortified dessert wines available too, such as Tokay, Muscadel, Muscat Beaumes de Venise and Madeira, where the fermentation is stopped with alcohol; and for the mavericks, there are sweet red dessert styles and Doux, sweet sparkling wines.

				Glass (90ml)	Bottle
2002	Chateau Guiraud (375ml) Dried honey and marmalade. The palate is medium-bodied with a viscous entry, crisp acidity, touches of beeswax and almond defining the harmonious waxy textured finish.	Bordeaux	France	\$37.00	\$149.00
2010	Schloss Vollrads Auslese (375ml) The botrytis kicks in, manifesting all sweet and sour, a characteristic typical of Auslese wines. Despite the high sugar level, the finish is balanced and relatively dry.	Rheingau	Germany	\$29.00	\$117.00
2011	Jackson Estate Botrytis Riesling Sumptuous layers of peach, tropical and honey notes are balanced by a refreshing squeeze of citrus in this deliciously opulent sweet wine.	Marlborough	New Zealand	\$26.00	\$105.00
2013	Chateau Coutet (375ml) On the nose, lychee, mango and pineapple, followed by aromas of quince, toasted almonds and acaia flowers. Mouthfilling flavours of almond cream, ginger, honey and apricot. Great botrytis character.	Bordeaux	France	\$26.00	\$104.00
2010	Cookoothama Bot Semillon (375ml) Those of you that have even the slightest sweet tooth - I encourage you open and share a bottle of this 'Cookoothama 'Botrytis' Semillon' with someone special and enjoy it with your favourite grilled.	Nsw	Australia	\$18.00	\$69.00
2014	Tupari LH Riesling (375ml) Delicious marmalade, honey, violet and orange peel aromas. Luscious apricot, honey and floral notes on the palate with a long and elegant finish.	Marlborough	New Zealand	\$17.00	\$66.00
2014	Chateau Filhot (375ml) This sweet dessert wine is rich and luscious, its flavours of honey, peach and apricot coat the palate and this is followed by a hint of spice.	Bordeaux	France	\$17.00	\$66.00
2011	Castelnau De Suduiraut (375ml) Rich aromatic notes of spicy mandarin, apricot and butterscotch, a creamy, opulent palate artfully balanced by subtle acidity. Don't forget to brush your teeth.	Bordeaux	France	\$14.00	\$56.00
2016	Brookfields Late Harvest Viognier 'Late Harvest' Viognier has an extravaganza of flavours, namely honey, apricot, melon, and mineral. The natural acidity is seamless, hence there is no cloying sensation.	Hawkes Bay	New Zealand	\$13.00	\$48.00

## Ports and Fortified Wines

The term 'fortification' refers to the addition of alcohol, usually in the form of neutral grape brandy, to part fermented or fully fermented wines. When this spirit is added to partly fermented wines, it is done so to halt the fermentation and preserve natural sweetness, as exhibited by Port or sweet Madeira. Adding alcohol to fully fermented wine is traditionally done to make them more robust and to prevent spoilage during ageing, the obvious example of this kind of wine being sherry. Sherries start life as dry white wines of between 11 and 14% alc; once fermented they fall broadly into two main categories: Fino and Oloroso. Fino are lighter, pale coloured wines that served chilled, make for a wonderful aperitif. When aged they are known as Amontillado. Oloroso wines are heavier and darker coloured, and also known as brown or cream sherries. Port styles vary according to three main criteria: whether the wine is dated or not (i.e. Vintage Port); whether the wine matures in cask or bottle or both (most Ports are wood-aged, with Vintage styles generally being the only ones matured solely in the bottle); whether the wine is made from fruit from a single harvest or is a blend of various years. Most ports are the latter, with only Vintage, Late Bottled and those with a harvest date coming from a single vintage.

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				Glass (90ml)	Bottle
2003	Sandeman Vintage Port Deep and inky, rich and intense - think opulent desserts and creamy cheeses.	Douro Valley	Portugal	\$40.00	\$327.00
NV	Noval 10 Year Old Tawny Port A deliciously crisp and nutty style with a subtle nose and intense flavours, this has acquired the classical attributes of an old tawny port, while at the same time retaining much of the freshness.	Douro Valley	Portugal	\$18.00	\$141.00
NV	Barros Tawny Port 10 Year Old It's like cake! Spicy, vanillin-touched and richly rewarding. With no calorie issues.	Douro Valley	Portugal	\$14.00	\$112.00
2011	Sandeman LBV Port Opaque ruby colour with concentrated aromas and flavours of cassis, raspberry, plums and figs; full-bodied, sweet yet fresh.	Douro Valley	Portugal	\$14.00	\$108.00
NV	Valdespino Oloroso Solera 1842 Dark chocolates, fruit liqueur and roasted almonds arise to greet you, intense concentrated and complex of raisins, figs and oaky characters.		Spain	\$25.00	\$100.00
NV	Sandeman Founders Reserve One of Sandeman's better ports. The finest fruit from each vintage is aged for five years, the intense, clean flavours evoking rich fruit characters.		Portugal	\$12.00	\$92.00
NV	Yalumba Museum Muscat Reserve Wine Spectator, 91/100: "Sweet, bordering on syrupy, but nicely held in check by sufficient acidity, allowing the coffee, sassafras, vanilla and clotted cream flavors to glide effortlessly..."		Australia	\$23.00	\$90.00
NV	Noval Tawny Port Quinta do Noval's tawny range is something else, with this the first step on an impressive ladder. Impeccably balanced, rich and complex.	Douro Valley	Portugal	\$10.00	\$79.00

## Port and fortified styles

			Glass (90ml)	Bottle
NV	Valdespino Pedro Ximenez (375ml) Cadiz	Spain	\$14.00	\$53.00
	Valdespino have been involved with sherry production since 1430. Brilliant when chilled, over ice cream, over peaches, in a veal stew or just by itself. Like you're drinking Christmas cake.			
NV	Valdespino Real Tesoro Fino Seco	Spain	\$7.00	\$53.00
	A beautifully fresh and delicately poised dry sherry with a complex character that develops with each sip.			
NV	Valdespino Fino Inocente (375ml)	Spain	\$12.00	\$47.00
	Pronounced yeast and rock salt notes on the nose. Stone-dry, but packed with flavour, it's beautifully balanced, quite weighty and remarkably fresh.			
NV	Hijos De Rainera La Guita (375ml)	Spain	\$11.00	\$43.00
	The most renowned Manzanilla in the world, fresh, medium-weight, dry and slightly tangy, with salty nuances and nutty, mineral notes. Drink it chilled.			