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Everyday Drinking

G Cheviot Bridge Yarra Valley Cabernet Merlot 2003

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A superb Cab/Merlot blend, from one of Australia's premium viticultural regions, with all the detail and finesse that you'd expect from this slightly less-than-mainstream producer. It has overarching dark berry/cherry notes, a stream of warm chocolate and cassis flavours and a palate that runs like a river. Revered wino journo Huon Hook says in the Sydney Morning Herald: 'These wines just over-deliver at the price point.'

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G Goldwater Roseland Marlborough Chardonnay 2004

was \$19.95 now **\$15.95** 12982

Ooh but they're good, them Goldwaters? Huh? This is a treat, all cascading flavours and aromas of nectarines, peaches and rock melons, in descending order, of course. The oak doesn't dominate but it's no shrinking, er rose, either, mingling seductively with some malo creaminess to give up rich, butterscotch notes to support the fruit. A swig of figs and a taut, well-defined palate suggest drink now, cellar some, and enjoy greatly at this price.



G Hanging Rock Merlot 2004

was \$16.95 now **\$12.95** 21757

'And now we're solid, solid as a rock...' remember that pseudo-falsetto that stung the ears in the 80's? Anyway, this is indeed rock-solid, a spicy, soft, well-structured little guy that is ready to go from the get-go. So ripe and ready it'll give you veeeeertigooooo, which being from vineyards around Mt Jim Jim would seem to be bang on, surely? Cherries and plums, a shred of nutmeg, a tinge of oak, a tonne of flavour. A no-brainer, really: it's really good, and not very expensive. Do the math.



G Te Awa Farm Longlands Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2004

was \$21.95 now **\$16.95** 19066

The farmers at Te Awa have strung together an enviable career crafting superb, solid and great value wines from their rather fab bits of dirt down The Bay way. This offering from the highly productive '04 vintage is juicily appealing, with plenty of fresh stonefruit flavours and a clever minerality that says these guys know their terroir from their Torana. It doesn't sacrifice richness for freshness though, bursting forth with opulent, ultra-ripe pure fruit, a gentle nod in the oak direction and a clean, long and utterly smart finish.



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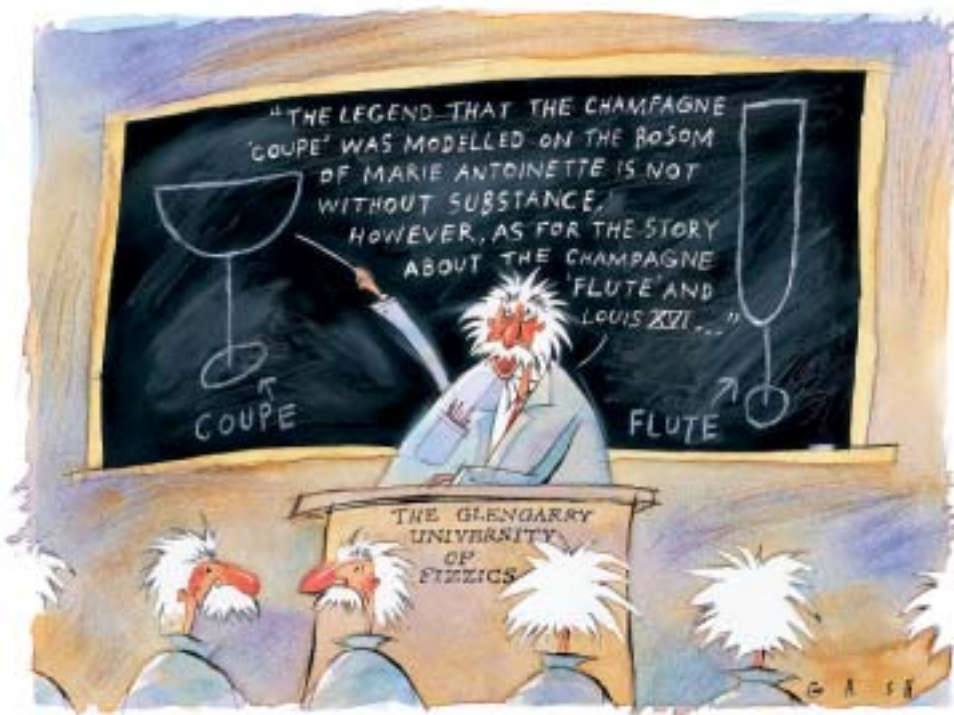


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French Champagne turning up on the shelves at your local dairy for \$5.99 is no reflection on the brand concerned. The Grand Marques do all they can to control who they sell their precious wine to, but they can do little about what happens from there on in. Whatever the case, someone along the line purchases a container or two of a famous brand and, due to the more relaxed importing regulations in NZ, brings it on in.

Now, as they are not the recognised distributor, they follow none of the rules and guidelines that a genuine importer must. Also, of course, they receive no marketing support, and as such compete solely on price.

No big deal so far, perhaps. But the biggest problem from acting independently from the mother ship is that a parallel importer ships, stores and sells the wines as, and when he/she pleases. For you the consumer, this means that there are no guarantees.

We ship the freshest Pol Roger, and other champagnes, direct from France, and should there be any problem with the wine, you can come straight back to us and we will replace it.

How long has that parallel imported stock been on the shelf? When was it bottled? How long did it take to get here? Wine is a living, breathing thing and needs

to be handled with care; champagne even more so. Your chances of a dodgy bottle climb markedly when buying PI stock.

Most of us don't drink Champagne every day; it is a special occasion wine. How special will that occasion be if you rip open the cage and ease the cork on the bottle that you saved maybe ten bucks on, only to find it flat, or oxidised or just not very nice? 'Buyer beware' has never been so important.

Still on a sparkling note, we have noted that many more of you have been purchasing champagne and with Christmas coming up, we figured we'd bring in even more variety than usual. Monique and Liz had the torturous task of sipping a few new wines while in the Champagne region and, to that end, we have arriving in early November Champagne Drappier, which we showcase in this wineletter along with your favourites. And if you think this lot is good (and they are), wait till next month: we confidently predict we will bring you the best deals on the greatest champagne range in New Zealand.

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Jak Jakicevich

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POL ROGER

Pol Roger glows as a unique star in the Champagne firmament. In a global environment of corporate mergers, aggressive acquisitions and the commoditising of every brand you care to think about, this renowned house remains one of the very few Grand Marques that remains in family hands. That doesn't mean that Champagne houses whose owners also oversee the production of, say, leather goods can't produce great wines; have a look at the wines we have on offer this month and that becomes very clear. But there is something indefinable about the fantastic wines from Pol Roger. Their consistency, their generosity, their finesse, all qualities that have been finely-honed and rigorously stuck to over years and years in the deep caves that run beneath the family estate.

And Christian Pol-Roger, who visits these shores frequently, embodies everything that his family's wines stand for. Elegant, unruffled, dignified yet cheekily playful, the man and the wine are so intertwined that each gives a unique snapshot of the other. And of the 1998 wines that we have just landed, Christian tells us that he considers them to be even finer than the '96's. Anyone who tasted the latter will know that's a huge claim for the former. Anyone, and there are a lot of you, who count Pol Roger as 'their champagne' will be as eager as we were to untwist the cages on the '98 and unleash the ecstasy.

And if you want an independent endorsement, try champagne aficionado Tom Stevenson: 'The three Pol Rogers (Brut Chardonnay, Brut Vintage, Brut Rosé) represent the best trio of 1998's I have tasted in Champagne.' High praise indeed.

Pol Roger Brut Réserve Non-Vintage

was ~~\$79.95~~ now **\$64.95** 48210

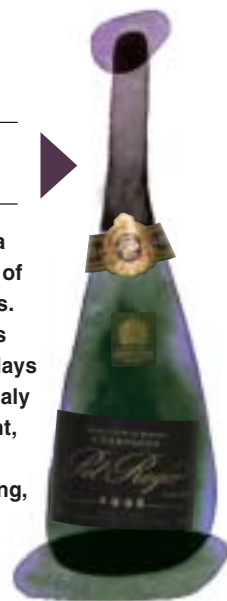
Pol Roger's NV is renowned for its consistent freshness, directly attributable to a blend consisting of equal portions of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, and the use of between 20 and 30 percent reserve wines. The first fermentation is cool fermented to retain fruit, and the second is conducted in their extensive underground cellars. The NV is matured and never sold until the youngest component is at least three years old. Complex and elegant, it is the complete wine, with a lively mousse, well defined fruit and lovely yeasty notes. Rated 92 by Wine Spectator.



Pol Roger Brut Vintage 1998

was ~~\$104.00~~ now **\$95.95** 48202

A beautiful, golden-coloured Champagne from a season that started slowly, but ended in a spell of fine weather that delivered well balanced grapes. It has a dense, persistent stream of tiny bubbles and a complex, multi-layered bouquet that displays raisin-like aromas intermingling with toasty, mealy characters. It is beautifully balanced and elegant, with ample fleshy fruit flavours enhanced by a mouthfilling mousse and supported by refreshing, lingering citrus notes. Classy.



Pol Roger Chardonnay Vintage 1998

was ~~\$118.00~~ now **\$105.95** 48199

A classic Blanc de Blanc produced entirely from Chardonnay selected from Grand Cru-rated Côte des Blancs vineyards. To retain the fruit character of the Chardonnay, Pol Roger used only first run juice, which was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Made only in small quantities, the wine was matured for seven years in the company's cellars before it was released. It has a vivacious mousse and a wonderfully-balanced nutty bouquet. The crisp, fruity palate is deliciously elegant and long flavoured. A superb aperitif.



Pol Roger Sir Winston Churchill Cuvée 1995

was ~~\$225.00~~ now **\$199.95** 48219

Created as a tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, this is exceptional value for a Prestige Cuvée, considering the hands-on effort that goes into its production. Unfortunately Sir Winston, who is reputed to have ordered 500 cases in his last ten years of life, died before the wine was launched in 1975; but he would have approved and probably ordered a pallet. Produced with fastidious attention to detail, it is exceptional, robust and full bodied. The blend is dominated by Pinot Noir drawn from the very best vineyards. Top of the line from a house possessing an abundance of superb wines.



48200 **Pol Roger** Demi-Sec Non-Vintage

\$69.95

48208 **Pol Roger** Rosé Vintage 1998

\$99.95



FALLEN ANGEL

While Stonyridge Vineyards on Waiheke Island have gained a worldwide reputation over the last couple of decades for producing magnificent claret-styled reds, there is also quite a following for another commodity of theirs which, like the red, seems all too scarce, a notion augmented by the fact that as soon as you've had one, well, you kinda want another. Enter their 'Fallen Angel' parties, which have become rather legendary. So much so that when it came time to coin a name for the new range of wines produced by Stonyridge, well, 'FA' had the right ring to it.

These are classic wine styles from New Zealand's, and the world's, best regions, produced in co-operation with top viticulturists and winemakers, with the aim of passionately showing off the variety, its terroir and its regional characteristics. The creative whizzes at Stonyridge oversee all the crucial parts of the winemaking process, thus broadening their experience while providing us all with more available, happy sipping. Indeed, with the wait between drinks (of Larose) seeming unbearable even for the patient, this range of wines ensures that Stonyridge can keep you happy on a more frequent basis.

Fallen Angel Marlborough Riesling 2004

\$25.95 19181

A breathless trip through a blossom-filled orchard, with seductive intense aromas of white flowers, crisp citrus and warm, ripe stonefruit. The style is deliberately off-dry, the palate a rich and enticing exercise in acid/sweetness, the former tantalising the senses, the latter injecting a component described in better dictionaries as 'moreish.' As you'd expect from Stonyridge, the whole beautiful picture is framed with the utmost finesse, gorgeous fruit and floral characters delivered right to your door with an intensity and concentration that charms now but will deliver riches for the patient.



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| 19182 | Fallen Angel | Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$25.95 |
| 19183 | Fallen Angel | Marlborough Chardonnay 2004 | \$25.95 |
| 19184 | Fallen Angel | Hawkes Bay Cabernet Merlot 2000 | \$29.95 |
| 19185 | Fallen Angel | South Australian Viognier 2005 | \$29.95 |
| 19186 | Fallen Angel | South Australian Mourvèdre 2004 | \$34.95 |
| 19180 | Fallen Angel | Brut Non-Vintage | \$35.95 |
| 19188 | Fallen Angel | Te Kauwhata Sweet F.A. 375mL 2003 | \$35.95 |
| 19187 | Fallen Angel | Central Otago Pinot Noir 2003 | \$54.95 |



Hot Off the Press

Waipara Hills

Talk about an enterprise whose time has come. Golly! The Hills cleaned up at the 2005 Liquorland Wine Awards, and while they aren't strangers to endorsements, four golds, two trophies and Champion Wine of the Show lays out in no uncertain terms the rarefied atmosphere in which they now draw breath. Their wines continue to be what they have always been - exquisitely crafted, brilliantly executed, utterly wonderful to drink; it's just that everyone else has finally cottoned on to what we always knew. Don't miss out, now.

Waipara Hills Waipara Chardonnay 2004

\$26.95 10394



The fruit for this darling was grown by Lord Tom Clifford, natch, so no surprises that it has aristocratic leanings. A rich, nay opulent offering with a warm, unctuous, toasty creaminess from its twelve month stretch in French oak, while the fruit, old bean, is a dizzying array of peaches and orange-tinted lemons. You could say marmalade, which is the great aristocratic breakfast spread, so it's totally apropos. Pip, pip.

Waipara Hills Waipara Pinot Noir 2004

\$26.95 10395



Waipara Pinot has been nipping at the heels of the more high profile regions for some time now. Applying Alan McCorkindale's legendary skills and experience to top flight fruit was always going to make for a winner, and this is. Only seriously good fruit could survive, let alone prosper in new French oak for 14 months and, well, hasn't it just? Immensely concentrated, richly complex and beautifully crafted, this will continue to open up and delight for a good few years yet.

Waipara Hills Waipara Riesling 2005

\$22.95 10396



This is a beauty, with a heady 14% alcohol and a slickly seductive 7.1% residual sugar. So, no compromises then, with loads of luscious texture and weight, and a palate that gushes warmth, charm and flavour. More Euro than Marlbo-ro, the aromas are intensely floral and citric, the flavours likewise and while it gives up much satisfaction at this very moment, put it away and you will be richly rewarded by the Riesling gods.

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SAUVIGNON BLANC 2005 FRESH YOUNG THINGS

There are few experiences so uniquely scintillating as that first Sauvignon of the new vintage. And it's such a uniquely New Zealand experience, which just makes it all the more pleasurable. When the vintage has been as good as 2005 turned out to be, the joy is all the greater, for Sauvignon Blanc is a variety that, as any winemaker worth their woollen socks will tell you, is made in the vineyard. No wine has all its bits on display like a new Sauvignon; any imperfections will stand out like, well, you know the rest. And so we have a collection of the brightest young things from 2005, our geographical spatula pulling 'em in (mostly) from world-famous Marlborough. If you thought those waifs parading down the walks at Fashion Week had it all going on, wrap your laughing gear around these beauties. Seduction never tasted better.



Goldwater Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$19.95 now **\$16.95** 12960

With summer almost on our doorstep, it's time to put away the comfort foods and start looking forward to lighter fare, and that needs a wine that has the verve to match the likes of shellfish and salads. Goldwater's 2005 Sauvignon fits the bill beautifully. Fresh and racy, it has an impressive aromatic profile that sings of passionfruit, gooseberry with hints of melon and lime. The palate opens with a pure blast of fruit flavours that gallop through to a bracingly clean, refreshing finish. Wonderful by itself, as an aperitif.

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| 10977 | Brookfields Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$14.95 |
| 11140 | Wild South Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$14.95 |
| 18266 | Sacred Hill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$16.95 |
| 11787 | Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$16.95 |
| 13232 | Jackson Estate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$16.95 |
| 18323 | Allan Scott Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$16.95 |
| 10102 | Alan McCorkindale Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$19.95 |
| 18046 | Gunn Estate Skipper's Pool Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$19.95 |
| 13391 | Lake Chalice The Raptor Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005 | \$24.95 |



Lake Chalice Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$18.95 now **\$15.95** 13314

A cool start to the 2005 Marlborough vintage resulted in lower-cropping yields, but good brix and flavour levels, and harvesting was, on average, two weeks later than normal. This wine is a blend from six selected Marlborough vineyards, including the company's own Falcon and Quarry vineyards. It is a fruit-driven, shimmering yellow-green wine, with upfront apple and gooseberry aromas and gentle herbaceous notes. Lively and vibrant, with distinctive, lifted, ripe fruit characters, a slight gun flint edge and a fresh, lingering finish.

Kim Crawford Beacon Hill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$29.95 now **\$22.95** 11782

The soil structure of Marlborough's Beacon Hill Vineyard has a higher clay component than is the norm for the region. This provides a full spectrum of Sauvignon Blanc flavours that range from the classic Marlborough herbaceous to passionfruit and tropical fruit. The wine was made in small parcels from grapes from Beacon Hill's first crop. It is a dramatically-styled wine, with bold celery and green pepper aromas. The palate is well focused and nicely balanced, with an abundance of varietal characters, a smooth mid-palate and a fresh finish.



Fairhall Downs Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$19.95 now **\$16.95** 12787

Ken and Jill Small planted their first 8ha hectare vineyard in 1982 in the Fairhall River Valley, but did not release their first Sauvignon Blanc until 1996. Their patience paid off, and since that first release, Fairhall's savvies have been consistent award winners. This is a classy, single estate wine made with consummate skill. The nose shows tropical fruit aromas underpinned by herbaceous, citrus characters. The palate is well balanced and generously flavoured, displaying lovely pineapple and melon flavours enhanced by mineral nuances and a limey freshness.

2004 WITH AGE COMES FINESSE

Oh yes, yes, yes, drink young, they say (about Sauvignon, of course) but, as they also say, the only rule is that there are no rules. The bigger, braver more complex styles actually benefit from a bit of bottle age, their acidic edge just softening up a bit with the passing of time, their myriad components becoming a more rounded whole as they lurk under your stairs/desk/where e'er your cellar may be. Try these wines against some of the '05's and, lo and behold, you'll be able to predict the future, getting the perfect clue as to why a little bit of lying around can be a good thing. Flavour development, seamless integration and balance are the rewards for your patience, along with the fact you can smugly announce to guests that the 04's are rapidly selling out, and only you had the nous to keep some. You star.

Ti Point Sauvignon Blanc 2004

was \$19.95 now **\$16.95** 19000

Additional bottle ageing has given this wine a new dimension. It still has that typical, bold Marlborough aromatic definition, but the herbaceous characters are more subdued, while the tropical fruit flavours are more dominant. The wine now shows greater palate weight and a mid-palate smoothness that complements the generous gooseberry, melon and pineapple flavours. Beautifully structured and nicely balanced, it still has plenty of verve and is extremely food-friendly.



Goldwater New Dog Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2004

was \$19.95 now **\$16.95** 12988

New Dog Sauvignon Blanc was sealed with a screw cap; to some, not as glamorous as ye olde corke, but as this wine so magnificently demonstrates, the seal has delivered everything that the manufacturer promised. The wine has developed very well, and it is as beautifully fresh as the day it was bottled. The lees stirring which gave the wine a hint of butteriness in its youth is fully integrated with ripe tropical fruit aromas and flavours. It is now a wine with greater depth and an elegant mouthfeel.

Nga Waka Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2004

was \$23.95 now **\$21.95** 15794

Successive vintages of this wine have been awarded 90-plus marks by leading magazines such as Wine & Spirits and Wine Spectator. A hallmark of Nga Waka's Sauvignon Blanc has been fruit concentration and intensity, attributes that allow the wine to develop in the bottle. This 2004 version is in that mould, and with bottle age it has developed more complex integrated aromas and flavours. It is a fresh wine, distinguished by a spectrum of tropical fruit aromas and flavours and a smooth mouthfeel, balanced by a lime-influenced finish.



Stony Batter Road Works Waiheke Island Sauvignon Blanc 2004

was \$26.95 now **\$24.95** 13517

The vineyards of Waiheke Island have quite different soil types, and enjoy a warmer climate than those of the southern regions. These two factors play a very important role in the style and flavour of its Sauvignon Blancs. While they have that undeniable tangy character, they are less pungently herbaceous. This wine has really benefited from another year in bottle. The colour is more golden and the distinctive peach, melon and pineapple aromas, flavours and lees influences have integrated significantly. Smooth and well-balanced, it will continue to develop.



Ata Rangi Walnut Ridge Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2004

was \$15.95 now **\$12.95** 10570

Walnut Ridge is made by Ata Rangi, who established their reputation with a succession of opulent, award-winning Pinot Noirs. But the company also produces very classy Sauvignon Blancs, as illustrated by this 2004 release, an elegant, understated style that develops nuances with each sip. The emphasis is on ripe gooseberry and passionfruit aromas and flavours. The palate is fresh and lively, and has a lovely juicy quality, enhanced by a finely-judged lime influence that balances the fruit and gives length to the finish.



SAUVIGNON BLANC OAKED STYLES

Remember Fume Blanc? Well, OK pip squeak, some of us have been around longer than the time it takes to fry an egg. Oak-aged Sauvignon was a big thing locally in the late eighties when, being a decade of extremes, it seemed every man and his Kubota was whacking perfectly good savvy into wood and churning it out for the restaurant trade. These days the oak use is far more judicious, the fruit selected for barrel ageing done on the basis that it will benefit from oak contact (rather than the whimsical 'we oak aged it because we could'), and the result is far and beyond the 'sauvignon for chardonnay drinkers' epithet that sometimes gets thrown at these wines. While they do usually require food to show them at their finest, they are distinctively, varietally Sauvignon Blanc. Just a different expression thereof, and a rather exciting one at that. Try it on for size.

Pegasus Bay Waipara Sauvignon Semillon 2004

was \$27.95 now **\$22.95** 16800

An interesting blend of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon, with both varieties fermented on wild yeasts. The Sauvignon was cool fermented in tank, the Semillon in seasoned oak barriques, and matured on lees to develop weight and complexity prior to blending. It is a straw-tinged wine, with the Sauvignon providing refined tropical fruit and spicy aromas and the Semillon expressive lime notes. Nicely weighted and well integrated, it is complemented by subtle oak. An excellent food wine that's drinking well now, but will develop further.



Seresin Marama Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2004

was \$37.95 now **\$32.95** 18601

Seresin has followed a different path to the majority of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc producers. This was made from hand-harvested grapes, whole bunch pressed, fermented on indigenous yeasts, initially in tanks, finished in French oak barrels and lees matured for 14 months. It has layers of fig, melon and lime aromas and flavours, supported by spicy oak and nutty nuances. Terrifically structured and balanced, it has a buttery edge and a great, full flavoured finish. Drinking well now, this food-friendly wine will continue to develop further.



Stony Batter Gravestone Waiheke Sauvignon Blanc 2003

was \$39.95 now **\$35.95** 13518

A good example of the 'horses for courses' theory: that grape varieties perform and need to be treated differently to fully express their terroir. Stony Batter, instead making a pungent (Marlborough style) Sauvignon, have produced a barrel fermented wine that has not only benefited from the extra dimension of oak, but has also evolved gracefully with bottle age. Yellow in colour, it has an aromatic, oak-tinged bouquet that hints at peach, guava, and papaya. A beautifully balanced, long, even wine with a supple texture and slight smoky character.



INTERNATIONAL

In Aus, it is really only the cooler climate regions that come anywhere near giving us a run for our money, and even then if you shut your eyes, it could be Marlborough and not the Murray river. The French have a different take, of course ('we started it!' they are wont to cry), with Sancerre tending to be a minerally and more subdued expression than we are used to. The exception to that expression is Didier Dagueneau, who combines Marlborough aggression with French finesse and comes out with possibly the world's most exciting Sauvignon Blanc this side of the Alps. But we still do it better, huh.

Pascal Jolivet Exception Sancerre Blanc 2002

was \$89.95 now **\$79.95** 41088

This wine compels one to reassess the popular view that Sauvignon should be consumed young. Wine Spectator magazine awarded Exception 92 marks, which means that their tasting panel believed it is 'outstanding, wine of superior character and style.' High praise and truly deserved, because this is a benchmark wine. It is big hearted, with rich layers of integrated gooseberry, mineral, lychee, lemongrass and smoke that develop suppleness and harmony with every sip. It has a sustained, discreet freshness and a finely-balanced, citrus-edged finish.



41090 **Pascal Jolivet** Attitude Sauvignon Blanc 2004

\$19.95

41663 **Château Brown** Bordeaux Blanc 2002

\$49.95



Deakin Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$12.95 now **\$9.95** 20732

This is great summer drinking, and at the price affordable every night of the week; well, maybe a couple of times for the sake of variety, and we do have plenty of other wines that will fit the bill admirably. The Deakin estate-harvested grapes were cool fermented to retain varietal definition. It is a green-tinged wine, with lime-accented apple, pear and scented fruit aromas. It is light bodied, with a vibrant, juicy, fresh palate and deep-seated fruit flavours, balanced by a smart, clean finish.

Pascal Jolivet Sancerre Blanc 2004

was \$38.95 now **\$36.95** 41092

Pascal Jolivet is a relatively new wine company, at the cutting edge of the Loire, that has led a revival in the wines of Sancerre and Pouilly-sur-Loire. Jolivet wines have gained international recognition for their outstanding quality, and in France, it is a favourite of Michelin-starred restaurants. That is the clue to this wine; it has great affinity with food, in particular Asian and grilled or baked seafood. Medium-bodied, with trademark gooseberry, hints of mineral, a splash of black currant leaves and lovely clean acidity.



Fearless Bays

Wally's Hut SE Australian Shiraz 2004

was \$11.95 now **\$9.95** 28422

It's always a bit of a conundrum, really. What wine goes with your favourite take out? This is an issue we have addressed in previous issues, but to cut to the chase and the cashews, this outstanding red from our reliable mate Wal goes screamingly well with Chinese food. You bet. Especially anything that's been near a black bean sauce, or anything with a bit of soy kicking it along. Yip, a plastic pack of dinner, and a bottle of Wal's finest. The best night in since the invention of television.



Villa Maria Riverstone Vintage Selection Chardonnay Chenin Blanc

was \$12.95 now **\$9.95** 19622

Rather clever, those Villa Marionettes. See, they have done this cheeky little blend for like, ever, and it's as if no one else has noticed how well the two varieties mix. I mean, these kids really get on. There's a gorgeous melon aroma upon unleashing the wee beast, and this follows through to the palate whereupon it gets fresh with some zesty lemon notes. The palate is soft, and smarty-pants use of oak and a touch of malolactic fermentation add enough creaminess to coat a pav. Fantastic.



Angas Brut Premium Cuvée NV

was 12.95 now **\$9.95** 29840

Gourmet Traveller pronounced Angas Brut 'a terrific aperitif-style sparkler for the approaching warmer weather.' Now the cynics amongst you would say, well it might be hotting up in Oz but we don't get summer until February. Oh come on, summer's coming. I've seen it on the streets, dangerously dressed and looking for a boat. And anyway, this delivers such a delight of strawberries and summer apples that you'll be basking in such rapture, nothing will overcast your day.

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Didier Dagueneau Pur Sang 2003

was \$91.95 now **\$89.95** 42720

The '03 Pur Sang (French for thoroughbred) was awarded 92 marks by Wine Spectator, and Robert Parker considers Dagueneau's wines are the best he's ever tasted from Pouilly. Regarded as a renegade, Dagueneau tills his vineyards by horse and has reduced yields by half. This barrel-fermented Sauvignon has a complex bouquet, with honeyed peach and tropical fruit aromas enhanced by mineral and smoky oak nuances. Magnificently structured and balanced, it's packed with delicious fruit flavours that linger on in the refreshing finish.

Gift Selections

Back in Black Freixenet Pack

\$29.95 65407

This combination of the world's biggest-selling sparkler in both satchel and handbag-size bottles has been a popular item over the last few years. Dressed up in a smart black box, with some Cuba Dublio chocolates to flesh it all out, this is what the ad agencies call 'affordable luxury'.



Dynamic Duo

\$34.95 65406

Brookfields Ohiti Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Kim Crawford Te Awanga Vineyard Chardonnay

Two wonderful expressions from Master Winemakers; both are rich, ripe, unashamedly bold Hawke's Bay styles of their respective type. Presented in a smart wooden box.

In Fine Spirits

Margarita Emergency Pack

\$99.95 65408

There's nothing like getting margaritas bang on, and this nicely stocked pack will ensure that all the recipient need add is a mule or two for authenticity.



On the Hop

Martinborough Beer & Ales Martin's Lager 330mL

6 Pack **\$19.95** 91232-6

This brewery produces a number of finely-crafted ales (four, to be precise), and the man with his hand on the pump and his leg on the keg is Ben Middlemass, whose fine elixirs have slaked many a city thirst at Auckland's Galbraith's and Cock and Bull pubs respectively. Ben has made Martin a euro-style pilsener, with some appealing fruit and spice notes, a surging palate that neatly balances malt and hop and a shiny golden colour that had one of our party doing Gollum impersonations. (No, me neither). It goes great with a curry, even a hot one. Just try it.





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NOVEMBER

tuesday 15

Glengarry's Non-Vintage Champagne Tasting

Our festive Champagne tastings have become a famous annual event at Glengarry, so popular in fact, that we have decided to split the tasting into two themed events reflecting the depth of our Champagne offering. The Tuesday 15 tasting focuses on the pillars of any champagne house, their non-vintage wines. We'll take a look at non-vintage champagnes including Pol Roger, Veuve Clicquot, Drappier, Moët, Delamotte, Bollinger, Ayala and Courbet. Your ticket includes a Riedel Vinum Champagne Flute, valued at \$45.00, to take away. Its our Christmas treat to you!

7:00pm, Glengarry Victoria Park, Cnr Wellesley & Sales St

6:00pm, Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

Cost: \$49.00 Booking Required

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Glengarry's Prestige Champagne Tasting

Part two of our famous annual event brings us together to taste the best of the best: prestige champagnes. Prestige champagne is the term given to the top wine a champagne house produces. The wines will include Pol Roger Sir Winston Churchill 1995, Pol Roger Vintage 1998, Pol Roger Chardonnay Vintage 1998, Salon 1995, Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame 1998, Drappier Grande Sèndrée 1998, Dom Pérignon 1998, Bollinger Grande Année 1996, and we throw in Krug's Grande Cuvée. Sound good enough to get you down here? Your ticket includes a Riedel Vinum Prestige Champagne Flute, valued at \$45.00, to take away; our Christmas treat to you.

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Veuve Clicquot

Veuve Clicquot Brut Non-Vintage

was \$95.95 now **\$69.95** 49810

While 'the widow' has a relatively high proportion of Pinot Noir (usually around 50-55%) don't for a second let this lead you to expect to be overwhelmed with weight; this is a wine that elicits that hallmark of great Champagne, balance. It walks a gorgeous line between finesse and force, between fruit (raisins, white peaches) and flowers, between a typical champagne yeastiness and a heavenly bake-off of brioche and fresh loaves. These elements, which, in less assured hands could produce the taste equivalent of a cacophony, meld seamlessly, and seemingly effortlessly to produce an integrated, charming, beautifully crafted wine.





Fine Wines

What is so special about Champagne? Champagne just is, you know? Yes, sure it is wine, made from varieties we all know and love when they're still, but something happens in those chalky cellars beneath the ground in cold old France that transmits a magic into this style of wine that truly is, men and women of words that we are, still indescribable. Being on the downhill sled to the festive season, we thought we'd take time out to fill you in on a few of the big house brands and, well, feeling prematurely festive as we are, we've drastically reduced the prices as well.



Bollinger Special Cuvée Non-Vintage

was \$105.95 now **\$79.95** 40820

What can you say about Bollinger? Quite a bit, since you asked, but we'll curb our words and enthusiasm, as the infectious nature of this powerful and seductive wine is known and enjoyed by many. With the first fermentation taking place in small oak barrels, Bollinger immediately marks itself out as a Marque apart from the rest. While this signifies a dedication to detail that hallmarks this house, it also lends the blend its distinctive power. It's a white charger, voluptuous, muscular and beautifully structured with undeniable finesse and balance.

Ayala Brut Non-Vintage

was \$75.95 now **\$58.95** 40392

Like Pol Roger, Ayala are a fiercely independent family-owned house, and tradition drives the style of this fine offering from Ay. It's a powerful brut(e), its controlled strength coming from a good proportion of Pinot Noir, while the chardonnay offers finesse and style in equal measure. A refined wine, the style is a noble and aristocratic one, restrained, dignified yet generous, particularly by the second glass. And with a stock of three million bottles under the 'house', there is no chance of our desire for more not being satisfied.



Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial Non-Vintage

was \$86.95 now **\$59.95** 47211

A harmonious blend of 50% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier and 30% Chardonnay and reserve wines, this is a terrific non-vintage that's well-balanced and fresh. It is a pale, straw colour, and possesses a persistent and lively sparkle. The bouquet is classic champagne, with its aromas of freshly-baked bread and spicy pear. It is soft, light and stylish, with a well-focused palate that displays a fresh maturity, consistency of flavour and a supple textural character leading to an elegant, citrus finish.



Drappier Carte Blanche Brut Non-Vintage

was \$52.95 now **\$39.95** 43500

When you can claim that your vineyards were first planted by the Romans in (gulp) 1 AD, you've got history on your side if nothing else. OK, so Drappier, The House, officially dates from 1908, but even that is nearly 100 years of producing some of the most distinctive wines the region has to offer. This is a carefully controlled, exquisitely detailed wine, crafted with the respect of tradition that you'd expect the weight of history to command. Invitingly fresh, with gorgeous floral/blossom aromas, the flavours dance delicately across the palate, finishing with great length and finesse.



Charles Courbet Spéciale Cuvée Non-Vintage

\$29.95 41526

A smart little wine with the pedigree that's required to use the 'Champagne' word. It indeed calls that wintry region home, and the fruit comes off some of the best cru vineyards in the hallowed region. Has all the aromas, flavours, freshness and attractive notes you'd expect; it's balanced, harmonious and vigorous, with a fine bead, creamy mousse and an elliptical, suave finish. Crisply refreshing, as crisp as those notes you hand over the counter - two fifties? Uh-uh. Two twenties? No way, Renee. A bluey and a greenie and I get change? You betcha. What a wine, what a price.



46415 **Laurent-Perrier** Brut L-P Non-Vintage

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Waipara Chardonnay 2004

Cellar for 4 years

was \$33.95 now **\$29.95** 15450

From one of the Waipara's most consistent producers, this is a single vineyard Chardonnay hand-harvested from the company's vineyard. The wine was barrel fermented on indigenous yeasts, put through a full malolactic conversion and held on lees for 11 months. A complex, polished wine with stonefruit and citrus aromas supported by nutty cashew and spicy oak. Beautifully balanced, it displays a swirl of enticing fruit flavours framed in a silky butter-scotch-like coat, ending with a hint of spice.



Hewitson The Mad Hatter

McLaren Vale Shiraz 2003

Cellar for 6-8 years

was \$52.95 now **\$49.95** 21776

Since his school-days, winemaker Dean Hewitson has been known to his closest friends as The Mad Hatter, with no connection, apparently, to Lewis Carroll's tea-drinking character. This Shiraz comes from a 45-year-old vineyard in McLaren Vale. It is an inky, densely-concentrated and complex wine, with spice-laced black cherry and currant aromas supported by toasty oak. Terrifically structured and powerfully built, with tiers of plum, cherry, chocolate and coffee beautifully woven together.



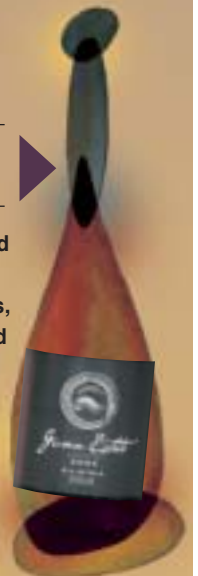
Gunn Estate

Silistria Hawkes Bay Syrah 2004

Cellar for 5 years

was \$29.95 now **\$26.95** 18045

The excellent Hawke's Bay 2004 season delivered superbly ripened, well conditioned grapes that were hand harvested, fermented in small batches, put through a malolactic conversion and matured in French oak barriques for twelve months. Spicy plum/pepper aromas are supported by cedar nuances, while the palate is quite fleshy and complex, with blackberry/cassis flavours and hints of anise mingling harmoniously, all enhanced by a smooth texture and spicy finish. Drinking well, but a while to go before at its best.



1 **Fallen Angel** Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc **2005**

\$25.95¹⁹¹⁸²

According to the back label, this is heaven-sent wine for the angels amongst us; but why wait for canonization to enjoy a rich, zesty, mouthfilling wine replete with passionfruit & peach flavours.



2 **Chapel Hill** McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon **2001**

was \$29.95 now **\$24.95**²¹²³²

A seamless wine with well defined, ripe blackberry and plum flavours, and hints of chocolate, mint and spicy integrated oak. Firmly structured, velvety smooth and long in flavour.



3 **Geoff Merrill** McLaren Vale Merlot **2001**

was \$22.95 now **\$18.95**²²⁰⁹⁷

A beautifully structured and approachable red with an abundance of ripe berry and plum flavours supported by toasty oak nuances. Balanced and smooth, with spicy, lingering flavours.



4 **Hewitson** Miss Harry Barossa Valley GSM **2004**

was \$23.95 now **\$19.95**²¹⁷⁷⁷

A well focused, richly flavoured wine blended from 44% Grenache, 43% Shiraz and 13% Mourvèdre. It has ripe, spice-edged berry and plum aromas and flavours enhanced by well integrated oak.



5 **Cecchi** Bonizio Sangiovese **2003**

was \$16.95 now **\$14.95**⁶²⁴¹¹

This powerfully built Italian beauty possesses a rich bounty of fruit. It exhibits violet, black cherry and forest floor characters and razor-sharp berry flavours.



6 **Torbreck** Woodcutter's Barossa Valley Shiraz **2004**

was \$31.95 now **\$26.95**²¹⁰²⁸

A ripe, generous and supple Shiraz bursting with black pepper, blackberry and cherry flavours and showing a touch of gaminess. Integrated and silky, it finishes on a firm note.



7 **Lake Chalice** Flight 42 Unoaked Chardonnay **2005**

was \$18.95 now **\$14.95**¹³³⁹²

A fruit-driven, stylish Chardonnay with ripe stone-fruit aromas and creamy nuances that spill onto the palate. Well focused and harmonious, with a hint of butterscotch balanced by a citrus finish.



8 **Central Otago Wine Co.** Central Otago Pinot Noir **2003**

was \$28.95 now **\$22.95**¹¹²³⁰

A very approachable Pinot Noir now coming into its own. It has a fragrant bouquet displaying strawberry and cherry aromas and flavours that persist right through the palate and finish.



9 **Matahiwi** Unoaked Nelson Chardonnay **2004**

was \$21.95 now **\$18.95**¹⁶⁰¹⁸

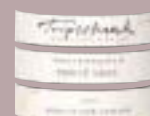
An aromatic Chardonnay, with lovely ripe melon, pineapple and white peach aromas, and hint of mealy characters. The upfront fruit flavours are balanced by a mineral-edged citrus finish.



10 **Triplebank** Marlborough Pinot Gris **2005**

was \$22.95 now **\$18.95**¹⁸³⁴⁹

Produced from Awatere Valley grapes, this is a well-balanced wine with pear, melon and a hint of mineral on the nose, and an excellent depth of flavour on the fresh, spicy palate.





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