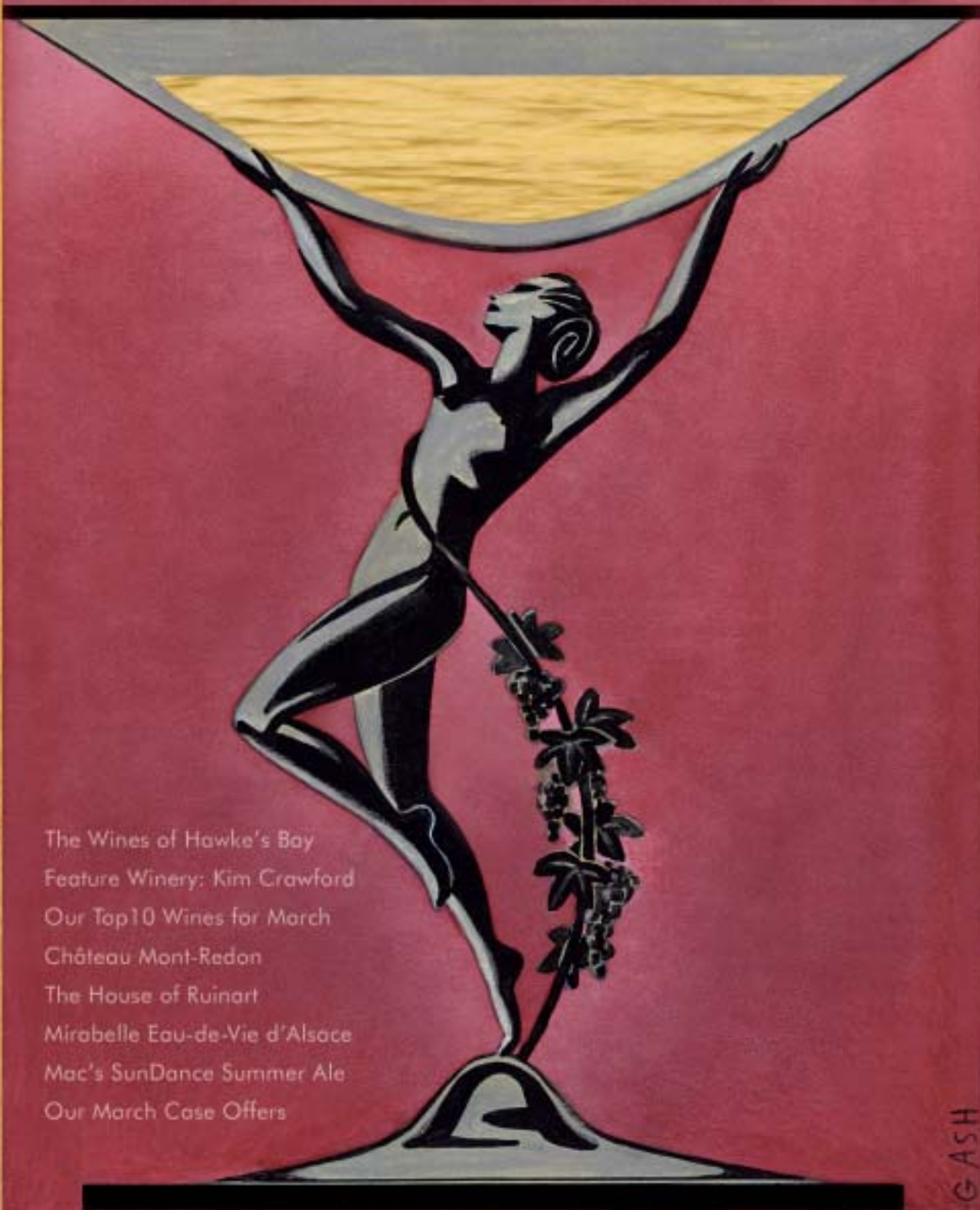


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Honorine Schivre, Assistant Manager at Glengarry Victoria Park

There is a breath of fresh air amongst the personnel at Glengarry Victoria Park, with some bright young faces smiling between the stacks of Sauvignon, not least in the form of Honorine Schivre. Having dabbled in the ways of retail at Glengarry Victoria Park when she first arrived, Honorine jumped at the chance to work at Glengarry Parnell when it arose last October, and this month she returns to Victoria Park to take up the position of Assistant Manager. She confesses to be loving it.

'I really enjoy our customers here,' she tells me in typically animated fashion. 'I think Kiwis are incredibly up on their wines and so interested. What's great, though, is that even the knowledgeable ones love to ask us for recommendations - I'm cooking this tonight, what would you suggest, or I want to give this person a gift, they like these styles, what would you recommend? And that becomes so infectious that it keeps us all excited.' Not that Honorine needs her enthusiasm stoked.

'I remember thinking when I was quite young: how can something that is just fruit produce these wines that smell of vanilla, and the same type of fruit produces something that smells of lychees? It's incredible. At home, from early on, we had wine with every meal. My father has a big cellar and he's just so interested, so he was always saying, oh if we're eating this we must have a glass of this.' Sounds a tad dangerous?

'No!' she laughs. 'That's the thing, though: it was only a glass. Quite often we'd cut that with water.' I collapse. 'No, it's true. Often we had to go back to work after lunch.' And with the family living in a small village barely an hour's drive from Alsace, there was plenty of delicious education to be had there, too, with weekend trips and frequent wine tours a common pastime.

Sounds idyllic, a sort of, 'why would you ever leave' environment; but she wanted to travel, to learn more about the world's wines, which took her from France to Canada, where she graduated from the International Sommeliers Guild, to Australia and now New Zealand.

So, having had virtually no exposure to New Zealand wines, what does she think of them? 'Well,' she hesitates diplomatically, 'they are very fruity.' Funnily enough, she is still struggling to get used to our Rieslings, and particularly our Gewürztraminers. 'I haven't been able to find one with that minerality, that wet stone component that you get in Alsace.'

But Honorine's not pining for home; she loves it here and thinks our wines, particularly Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, are remarkable. And anyway, having an almost religious belief in the values of terroir, she understands that our wines should taste like the land from whence they come.

'I can't believe how many wineries there are here. I thought, oh God, where do you start? But I'm lucky, Glengarry has given me a great opportunity to learn very quickly. By attending tastings and trying wines, it doesn't take long to get up to speed. And it's made me realise that in this country you don't have to pay a lot for a good glass of wine.'

A handwritten signature in dark ink.

Jak Jakicevich

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Everyday Drinking

A quartet of smart wines that won't tax your wallet but will deliver a great mouthful

Mount Hurtle

Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2006

was \$16 now **\$12.90** 22138

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They're proving popular with the people, these South Australian Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvèdre blends, offering up a style that is lighter on its feet than a lot of those ungainly, stolid Barossa reds, while still delivering a jam-packed fruit palate and a good dose of spice to satiate the Shiraz nuts. Lots of white pepper and black fruits initially, then a surge of sexy savouriness brings on the intrigue, while the finish is a combo of all these. Brilliant value; grab a case while you can.

Ti Point

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 19030

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Tracy of Ti Point originally hails from the Bay, so this bright-eyed beastie is made from fruit that comes off her home block, whose idiosyncrasies of terroir Tracy knows intimately. 2007 was hallmarked by virtual drought conditions through to harvest, so the fruit is ripe, flavoursome and not in need of the usual winery enhancements that Chardonnay undergoes. A brush with some older oak is about as much action as the fruit sees, leaving us with a citrus-meets-stonefruit delight, creamily textured and dangerously drinkable.



Culley

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 12476

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He's a right clever-clogs is Neill Culley, making some of the best wines to come off Waiheke under his Cable Bay label, then coming up trumps with this eponymous brand of approachable, affordable Marlborough wines. She packs a pretty Pinot punch, this; a softly, softly nudge of luscious berry and spice flavours and aromas, licked into excellence by a slight gamey character and gentle but sound tannins. Lined up against its peers, this wine was head and shoulders above.

Montes Limited Selection

Cabernet Sauvignon Carménère 2006

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Once considered one of the six noble grapes of Bordeaux, these days you've got more chance of finding Lord Lucan in a French winery than the crimson beauty, Carménère. Thriving now in Chile, our Carm is proving capable of producing wines of substance, particularly when blended with Cabernet, as per this offering from Mr. Montes. Distinctively smoky, earthy and spicy, it lies back on Cabernet's supportive structure and, combined, they deliver a rich, ripe rustic red, and a softly plush, fully flavoured wine.



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Feature Winery

Kim Crawford Wines

It's not hard to spot Kim Crawford at a trade show; he's the tall chap wearing the interesting shirt, surrounded by a throng of eager wine aficionados. Kim and wife Erica formed Kim Crawford Wines in 1996, and the last decade has been stellar for them, with the international press heaping praise upon their range. The Company markets wines across a wide selection of varieties, styles and prices, and we feature here wines from three of the Crawford ranges.

The first wines released by Kim Crawford were regional varietal blends, and these are the backbone of the Company. The philosophy is to select varieties from the regions with the climatic and soil conditions that best suit them, and produce wines celebrating the distinctive characteristics of both region and variety.

Additionally, the company markets a range of Single Vineyard wines sourced from selected vineyards in regions around New Zealand. These wines are a pure expression of the variety and the place where they were grown. Stylistically, they are all quite individual and capture the essence of their terroir and vintage.

Each year the Crawford team scour vineyards for exceptional 'small parcels' of grapes, which are then hand harvested and handled separately in the winery. 'From these exceptional grapes we make, with a little luck and a lot of hard work and careful nurturing by the team, unique varietal wines that express viticultural and winemaking skills,' says Kim. 'We bottle the very best as our Small Parcel (SP) range of wines.' The SP range may be from a combination of vineyards and regions. Made in small quantities, they showcase the best of a vintage, a region or a style and are true boutique wines.



Kim Crawford

Kim Crawford **Single Vineyard** **Briant Vineyard** Gisborne Viognier 2007

\$25.90 11663

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Harvested in perfect condition from Peter and Robyn Briant's vineyard in the Patutahi district of Gisborne, an area with some of the variety's oldest vines. The wine was fermented in two batches; a portion in seasoned barrels (with malolactic) and the balance in stainless steel tanks. With a distinctive bouquet of spice, peach, and tropical fruit nicely dusted with unobtrusive oak, the palate is well weighted and concentrated, the delicious tropical flavours enhanced by a creamy texture and a lush finish.



Kim Crawford **Small Parcel** **Flowers** Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006

\$29.90 11725

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'Flowers' is Kim Crawford's Marlborough flagship Sauvignon. The fruit was carefully selected from two sites; the Comely Bank vineyard in the Lower Waihopai Valley and the Anderson vineyard in the centre of the Wairau Valley. After cool fermentation, the wines were assessed and the final blend assembled. It's upfront and stylish, the distinct tropical fruit aromas integrated with hints of celery and mineral. It has a wonderfully harmonious and juicy palate, with tiers of flavours balanced by a lively finish.



Kim Crawford **Single Vineyard** **Tietjen Vineyard** Gisborne Pinot Gris 2007

\$25.90 11662

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Paul and Jenny Tietjen's vineyard, on the Golden Slopes sub-region of Gisborne, enjoyed a superb 2007 vintage and produced an excellent crop of fully-ripened Pinot Gris. To retain optimum varietal flavours and freshness the wine was cool fermented in stainless steel tanks. Replete with stonefruit and pear aromas, it develops nuances with every sip. The delicate pipfruit flavours are coated by honeyed nuances and balanced by a touch of lemon. Absolutely delicious.



Kim Crawford **Small Parcel** **The Mistress** Waipara Riesling 2005

\$29.90 11791

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

Now it's had a decent spell in bottle, this is beginning to show its real potential. It is from the first cropping of Riesling, and sourced in small batches selected for their well-balanced condition; that is, nicely ripened but with a good acidity. It's a pale greenish wine with flashes of gold and a classic Riesling nose of wild flowers, green apple, honey and lime. Most elegantly structured, it boasts abundant fruit flavours and a persistent, slightly off-dry finish.



Kim Crawford

Gisborne Gewürztraminer 2007

was \$20.90 now **\$17.90** 11664

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$16.90 A BOTTLE

The first local Gewürztraminer to make any sort of impact was produced in Gisborne, but due to its temperamental growing habit, plantings seriously declined; in recent years, however, they have started to expand again. Gisborne, considered the best region for the variety, still plays host to the bulk of New Zealand's Gewürztraminer. This is a standout wine, with its exotically fragrant, floral, spicy bouquet and off-dry palate awash with concentrated papaya and lychee-like flavours. Satisfyingly rich and textural.



Kim Crawford New Zealand Unoaked Chardonnay 2007

was \$20.90 now **\$17.90** 11684

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$16.90 A BOTTLE

Well conditioned grapes selected from two different vineyards in Gisborne. The juice was cold settled after pressing, racked and provided with selected yeasts. To add complexity and textural dimension, the wine underwent full malolactic fermentation. The bouquet displays stonefruit and buttery characters, while the fruit-driven palate is nicely concentrated, with an excellent depth of ripe peachy flavours enhanced by a lustrous texture and a dash of citrus.



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Hot OFF THE Press

New releases, the strangely exciting or new vintages of old favourites out this month

Brightwater

Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2007

\$19.90 10940

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While trophy-trumpeting can be a lazy and somewhat self-serving exercise (and really, what does it tell us about the wine inside?), this particular bottler does have a rather impressive set of testimonials, so to speak. Gold medals at both the Air New Zealands and the NZ International Wine Show, Five Stars from Michael Cooper, 91 points from Bob Campbell and a very smart tickle for four down fine leg. Inside, it's sassy and smart, all summer haze and hays, ripe citrus and a twining minerality.

Sleeping Giant Local Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

\$23.90 18427

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.90 A BOTTLE

Sleeping Giant are relative newcomers. They are named after Te Mata Hill in The Bay, their vineyards occupying the lower part of the slope. So we could criticise 'Hill Block' as being a touch unimaginative, but then again, Sleeping Giant is kinda cute. This is a well-structured, handmade wine, lush and concentrated with a veritable panoply of citrus flavours railroaded by the firm hand of sound acid. Deep and meaningful, slightly minerally and very smart.



Composite

Ara Pinot Noir 2006

\$27.90 12944

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$26.90 A BOTTLE



Ara, for those who were playing Pacman during NCEA Geography, is an ancient river terrace in Marlborough. We all know ancient river terraces are great ingredients for growing wine; just take a look in Hawkes Bay and see where all the Italianate winery buildings are situated. Not atop the hills, huh? 'Composite' is what other wineries mean when they say 'a collection of different parcels of fruit from premium vineyards.' A chewy, succulent wine, with plenty of depth and an appealing blend of fruit and spice.

Lake Hayes

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

\$29.90 15415

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Pure expression of Central Otago terroir, they say, and to our joy, the wine was a bit bigger than those half-dozen words. Sourced from three climatically-diverse vineyards within the region, this is deliberately made in a fresh, fruit-driven style, clearly distinguishing it from the more brooding, earthy styles favoured by some Central vignerons. So very approachable, and drinkable now. There's complexity, it just doesn't occlude the ripe, powerful cherries and berries, which in turn let the dusty tannins add a touch of finesse.



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Hawkes Bay

SYRAH

The Air New Zealand Champion Wine of the Show in 2007 was the Trinity Hill Homage Syrah 2006. Now this may be a one-off success for a one-off great wine, or it could be one of those events that mark a turning point, or at least prove prophetic. It was, if nothing else, payback time for all those in Hawke's Bay who, through much patience and a lot of research into finding the right sites, have started to produce a torrent of torrid, inky, concentrated reds that look the business and go the distance.

Part of the excitement is not just that we're having success with Syrah, but that the wines have a distinctively local flavour. Rather than trying to emulate France or Australia, our winemakers are letting the local terroir do the talking. Where stunning Syrah expressions once came with equally stunning price tags, there are now available absolutely lovely and flavoursome examples that you can enjoy without raiding your accounts in the Canary Islands.

While many wine writers are wittering that Syrah will be New Zealand's next success story à la Sauvignon Blanc, remember top-quality Syrah is not something that will ever be produced in great volume. Despite all the fuss, the amount of Syrah vine-bearing land is expected to be about 270ha in 2008, while Sauvignon Blanc-devoted hectares will probably surpass the 9,000 mark at around the same time.

Now that the caveats have been dealt with, it is still an exciting development, and the wines we feature represent a selection of what is happening on the Syrah front, as well as giving an indication of how promising the future is. And yes, more than any other variety, the excitement - and the future - is centred fairly and squarely on Hawke's Bay.

Coopers Creek Hawke's Bay Syrah 2005



was \$25.50 now **\$18.90** 11760

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.90 A BOTTLE



★★★ CUISINE

From a very steep (à la the Rhône) north-facing site, the fruit for this wine is the first crop from it. 2005 was a Hawke's Bay cracker, and the darkness of the colour, the ripeness of the fruit and the concentration of flavours all point to that fact. There's more spice than an episode of Californication and far fewer rude words. The fruit is black berries and similarly shaded cherries, the structure sound without being aggressive, the whole thing a flavoursome and sturdy yet approachable offering that delivers a lot more than you might expect.



Sacred Hill Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$21.90 now **\$19.90** 18365

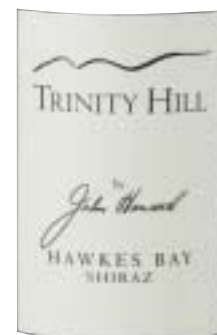
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This is a total blast, jam-packed with raspberry fruit smeared across a subtle oak component, while being shored up with a touch of earthiness and a dash of vanilla bean. It's stupendously smooth, a running river of ripe red fruits that sweeps across the palate and surges to a vibrant finish. For those who can find Syrah a little overbearing, this is the perfect introduction; a purely varietal expression, fully-flavoured, beautifully made and not too intimidating.

Trinity Hill Hawke's Bay Shiraz 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$19.90** 19266

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Labeled Shiraz for commercial reasons, be aware that this is an accession to market understanding only; the grape is Syrah, 100%. For those infidels who've said we couldn't produce good Syrah for under \$20, I present this wine in evidence. Everything about it is full, soft and ripe, the layers of fruit flavours harnessed to a sympathetic structure that helps deliver a solid, flavoursome, very drinkable Syrah.

Vidal Hawke's Bay Syrah 2005

was \$27 now **\$22.90** 19414

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Much acclaim has been heaped on Vidal's Reserve Syrah, and that success pays off here too, where for far fewer dollars you can still indulge yourself in a top-flight Hawke's Bay red. The fruit is 100% Gimblett Gravels, providing the intensity of plum and pepper that only top quality fruit can. The year in oak shows through as structurally supportive, while the seamless integration of its myriad facets says it is drinking magnificently now.

Esk Valley Hawke's Bay Syrah 2005

was \$34.50 now **\$26.90** 12815

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$26.50 A BOTTLE



Big, bold and beautiful, with the fruit so concentrated it's just blossomed with the wood contact (40% new oak for 18 long months) to produce a wine of deep colour and complexity. Oozing with vibrant dark fruit, its chewy cherry and spice one-two hit is a delight to the palate, while its aromatics will send you into orbit. Indeed the whole thing will blast you into overdrive, yet not, for a wine of such stature, into overdraft. That's a concept worth buying into.

Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$31 now **\$28.50** 19265

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John Hancock, owner of Trinity Hill, has spent some time in the Rhône, his passion for Syrah fuelled by such excursions. Indeed, he produced three Syrah wines from the 2006 vintage, the 'Homage,' the 'Shiraz' and this excellent expression. Where the 'Shiraz' rides a fruit wave, this has a sensual, earthy savouriness that echoes, perhaps, a good Côte-Rôtie. It'll stain your glass and lodge firmly in your memory, with a richness, power and abundance of flavour that belies its price. Superb.

Brookfields Hillside Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$40 now **\$36.90** 11261

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$35.90 A BOTTLE



This first came to light in 2000, winemaker Peter Robertson having spotted a heaven-sent site out by Bridge Pa. A few vintages in and the immense concentration remains a highlight. A bold style, enthusiastically heaping its innumerable riches on your palate, with flavours and aromas of peppercorns, rich, dark plums and savoury leather characters. There is so much that is exciting about this wine now, you'll be tempted to drink through it by the case load; but do save some, it'll reward richly for at least another eight years.

MERLOT

Merlot played the understudy role to Cabernet Sauvignon for a long time in New Zealand, probably due to the latter's dominance in the great clarets of the world. Châteaux Lafite, Latour and Margaux, for example, are all Cabernet-predominant wines, so it's no surprise that our fledgling industry attempted to emulate this style. However, Cabernet's inability to ripen consistently vintage to vintage, even in the sun-drenched Hawke's Bay, made for Russian Roulette winemaking, with a reliance on such inconsistency leading to economic and production nightmares.

Merlot, with its ability to ripen a few weeks earlier, began to be used to blend in with Cabernet with great success; not only did it provide an insurance back-up in the less ripe vintages, from a consumer point of view, its silky textures softened the more angular and austere Cabernet and made for a red wine style that was more approachable in its youth.

As vines and winemakers have aged, it's become clear that we can produce great 100% Merlots, especially from the Hawke's Bay where three-quarters of the country's Merlot vines are concentrated.

The charm of Merlot is that the wines tend to be slightly higher in alcohol than Cabernet, and so silkier and more accessible and, delightfully for those with a cellaring bent, the more concentrated wines will age beautifully in the cellar.

Among Claret-philes perhaps Merlot will always play the wee brother role to the strapping, manly Cabernet Sauvignon grape, and certainly both Hawke's Bay and Waiheke have shown that they can produce world-class, Cabernet-dominant wine. But Merlot shouldn't be dismissed as a 'good second' or 'worthy of merit.' After all, the world's most expensive red wine is Château Le Pin, closely followed by Château Pétrus. Dominant grape? You got it.

Esk Valley Hawke's Bay Merlot 2005

was \$25.50 now **\$18.90** 12844

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This is definitive Hawke's Bay Merlot, and because we've managed to secure some of the outstanding 2005 vintage, will give you an idea of what a little bottle age can do to Merlot's silken ways. With a vintage as hot and dry as this, the grape skins thicken up to deliver great colour and tannin. A black-hearted beast then, yet still possessing all the silky charm you'd expect. Black cherries, black plums and oak combine in a concentration akin to treacle.



Coopers Creek Hawke's Bay Merlot 2006

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 11777

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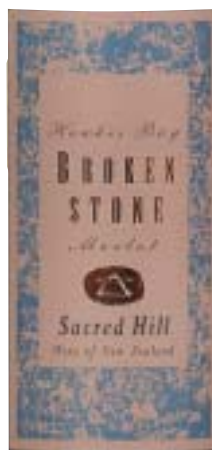


Coopers Creek's biggest-selling red is a New Zealand benchmark Merlot, showing exactly why the great Right Bank grape can be such a success down in these parts. Rich and ripe with a concentrated core of spicy dark fruits and a palate that redefines lush, this is an absolutely brilliant expression from a winery that have been doing it longer than most. Slip on in and snap up a case.

Sacred Hill Brokenstone Hawke's Bay Merlot 2005

was \$64.90 now **\$59.90** 18424

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$58.90 A BOTTLE



From Sacred Hill's top-tier 'Special Selection' series comes this immensely concentrated, arresting red, a scintillating example of the heights that can be achieved with Merlot in The Bay. Sourced from company vineyards in the Gimblett Gravels, it has a dizzying spectrum of flavours and aromas ranging from bright, sweet plums through to the truffle, earth-influenced characters that occur in great Bordeaux Merlots. Solid yet approachable, it shines with hearty food and, looking at how beautifully the earlier vintages have aged, it will positively sing in the cellar.

CHARDONNAY

Chardonnay is the most widely-planted grape in Hawke's Bay, which tells you how seriously it is taken down in those parts. Production/volume is led, ever so slightly, by Marlborough, yet Hawke's Bay would be considered by most wine enthusiasts to be the region that consistently produces New Zealand's finest expressions of the Great White Grape, having in fact done so for some years. In a winemaking nation as young as ours, consistency and longevity count.

Yes, Gisborne was New Zealand's Chardonnay capital back when an MX3 was a novelty, and some outstanding examples come out of there, and out of Auckland and elsewhere; but look in a wine enthusiast's cellar and tell me where the majority of their Chardonnays come from. And if that's a bit of a random basis upon which to hang the crown of 'New Zealand's Best Chardonnay Region,' a flick through the results of the major shows will back up such lofty claims.

The trophy Chardonnays from the 2007 Air New Zealand Awards were all Hawke's Bay wines; no other region featured in the Chardonnay category at this level. Sure, the golds were more evenly spread throughout the regions, which is actually a good sign, otherwise Hawke's Bay would have to start fighting off the criticism that they deliberately produce trophy or competition wines.

Wine is however subjective, and Chardonnay as a grape is very much at the mercy of the winemaker, and therefore delivered to us in a huge range of styles. So to say 'who's best' is a difficult task, depending on if you're feeling peachy (Gisborne) or a touch minerally (Marlborough); but Hawke's Bay Chardonnay is renowned for its superb structure, its sturdiness, robustness and its ability to age well. The latter component, by anyone's reckoning, is a sure sign of excellence. So we'll leave it at that, shall we?

Hawke's Bay

Brookfields Bergman Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11253

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE



Peter Robertson has been making Chardonnay in The Bay for a few decades now, and his experience shows through clearly in this under-priced and over-delivering offering. Handpicked from the rose-flanked Bergman Vineyard, the fruit is whole bunch pressed (i.e. skins and all) and matured and fermented in oak for eight months. This is a vibrant, beautifully rounded wine, one that has, like Brookfields itself, shown the Bay off at its best for many vintages.



Delegat's Reserve Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$16.90** 12545

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

If anyone understands the strength of Hawke's Bay as a premium Chardonnay region, it is Delegat's. They started planting land in the area back in the late '70s and early '80s, and now own swathes of superb vineyard sites capable of producing top wines like this one. Reserve wine at \$17 is a head-scratcher, but give this a whirl and you will bathe in the love, brothers and sisters. Layered, textured, creamy and complex with good weight and balance, it has pedigree, class and your name on it.

Esk Valley Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$17.90** 12822

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE



The ole 'Black Label' is an artefact of wondrous value, and has been for many moons now. While a fifth of the 2006 saw some tank action, the remainder is barrel fermented, meaning you are getting a hell of a lot of wine for your dollar. With 40% being mellowed by malo, you get a soft, mouthfilling, grapefruit-meets-stonefruit drop, and we get, well, a big empty space on the floor where this wine once was at this price.

White Rock Wild Ferment Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$22 now **\$18** 11238

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For the record, 'Wild ferment' refers to the use of what are also known as 'ambient' or 'natural' yeasts in the fermentation process, rather than those syringed in by the scientists. The resultant wine arguably has greater character and this, a satellite winery in the Craggy Range galaxy, has character to spare. From a mixture of inland and coastal vineyard sites, this is a sexy combo of cashew-nuttiness underpinning burstily fresh tropical fruit.

Villa Maria Cellar Selection Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$23.50 now **\$18.90** 19553

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They do a Marlborough Cellar Selection as well, do the Villa-ites, which is perhaps a tad more fine-boned than this, if that's your thing. Being Bay-borne this is a rich, fleshy affair, a touch Roman Polanski, perhaps, with exceptionally bright, clean fruit driving the tractor and making the main impact upon your senses. Less oaky than the Esk, it's more about fruit; wondrous, varying flavours and aromas all melded seamlessly together to provide an unbridled example of superb Hawke's Bay chardonnay.

Te Awa Windmill Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 19089

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Like the Bergman, this gets a whirl in the wood for a solid eight months, only 5% of it being new. A pure wine, with a typical tropical Hawke's Bay bouquet of apricots and peaches, while a touch of nuttiness and spiciness from the oak conjures up a myriad of delights on the palate. The stonefruit flavours push on through right to the fresh, fabulous finish.

G Sacred Hill Riflemans Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$53.90 now **\$49.90** 18415

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Winner of the Champion Chardonnay Trophy at last year's Air New Zealand Wine Awards, this has won at least gold for every vintage since release. The normally restrained Michael Cooper calls it one of New Zealand's greatest Chardonnays. A wine of extraordinary intensity, it insinuates itself into your very core with its beautiful citrus blossom and stonefruit bouquet and its arresting layers of concentrated flavours. Its class indicates that it will boom in the cellar.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

We love you Marlborough, but now that we all have the recipe for asparagus/cat's pee/gooseberry bush, can you leave us alone? Yes, while there's no question it wasn't just Sauvignon Blanc, but in fact Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc that captured the world's attention, let's not forget that other regions make it too.

85% of New Zealand's vines reside in Marlborough, reflective of the world's love affair with the acidic, herbaceous, aggressive style that so dominates production. But, having just consumed two Dairy Milk thick 'n' chunky bars I can attest to the fact that one can have too much of a good thing, and indeed plenty of Sauvignon fans are starting to look for something other than the acid-edged fruit bombs produced south of Picton.

Those asparagus/gooseberry characters tend to emerge from grapes ripened in a cooler climate, so it is along the more tropical melon/stonefruit end of the continuum that the Hawke's Bay expressions tend to lie. Variety being the spice of life, this is indeed a good thing; it's always interesting to note regional variations, particularly in a country as small as ours.

The other notable difference is that the Bay offerings are less aggressive aromatically. While they are hardly wallflowers, the tropical flavours are more arresting than aggressive, punchy rather than pungent in a manner that, again, suits those who want a change from the Marlborough styles.

Marlborough did put us on the world viticultural map; we just figure that sometimes the Hawke's Bay interpretations of our national grape get lost in the headrush of Marlborough's fame, and would, by offering up some rather fantastic examples, remind everyone that there is Sauvignon life north of Blenheim.



Clifton Road

Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 18007

One of the great joys of Sauvignon Blanc, wherever you make it, is that as long as your basic viticultural disciplines are right the wine will kinda make itself. Meaning that no barrels, no malolactic, no long-winded process equals lower costs. So you can get this flavoursome, juicy, mouth-filling HB Savvy, bursting with ripe peaches and tinged with tangy lemons, all for the price of a lotto ticket. Go, as they say, figure.

Brookfields

Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11252

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE



The fruit is mostly sourced from the naturally hot Ohiti vineyard, so this was always going to lean toward the riper end of the spectrum. Certainly it has those fresh herbaceous characters that are hallmarks of the variety, but they present themselves in more muted tones than our southern friends might. Winemaker Peter Robertson describes the palate as 'tangy' which is bang on; it's tart, rather than acidic. The weight and length are reflective of a great vineyard site, and are typical of Hawke's Bay Sauvignon.

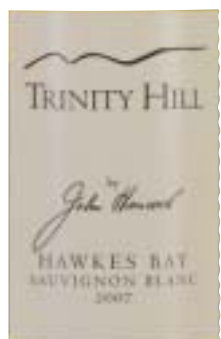
Trinity Hill

Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$16.90** 19237

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

A one-year-old Sauvignon is always going to be slightly rounder than a nought-year-old; this baby was picked on the 9th of March, so it is inching towards its first cake, and it is exactly what Hawke's Bay Sauvignon is about. Crisp, vigorous, and immediately charming, with fragrant and fresh aromas of melons and passionfruit. The palate has typical Sauvignon zing, while a miniscule amount of residual sugar balances the acidity, and a faintly mineral note had one panellist murmuring 'Sancerre' in her sleep.



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Wally's Hut

Shiraz 2006

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28428

Now look, I don't want to be disrespectful, but those of you down the back paying good attention may have noticed that we feature the Wally's Hut wines quite frequently in this section. So much so, that I have come to the conclusion that a tasting note on this, the latest offering from the God of Small Habitats, is academic. The vast majority of you know what the wines taste like. Moreover, while they are exceptionally good, at \$9.90, am I really going to secure your attention with talk of bulbous plums and dropping cherries? Thought not. Great red, great price. Get into it.

Villa Maria

Riverstone Pinot Gris

was \$11.90 now **\$9.90** 19623

Meanwhile, down at the river, things are pretty peachy, thanks. Well, to be a little more accurate, the aroma of this active little offering is more green apples, hints of lemon and the classic Pinot Gris giveaway, pears. Palate-wise, it's a slightly more restrained wine than perhaps you're used to, mainly because the fruit actually comes from Italy, where the PG versions tend to be a little more subtle. There's a slight spiciness to the flush of fruit, while the crispness and acid balance ensure that you're left licking your lips and scouting the sideboard for the half empty bottle.



Saint-Meyland

French Methode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43010

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

By the look of the number of cases sold over summer, this has joined some of you on a few boats, hung out at a bach or two, filled out a picnic hamper... Yip, it's one of those wines that, if you'll pardon the atrocious double negative, no one doesn't like. It's Frenchness (minerality, complexity, subtlety) immediately stamps it with style, while that style (dry, foaming, flavour-some yet pure) is a combination that has wide appeal and leads to much satisfaction. Perfect.





March 2008

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Monday 17th March

The wines of Rasteau and Mont-Redon:
We taste the wines, match them with food prepared by Dida's Head Chef, Vincent Marshall, and meet Mont-Redon's Jean Abeille and Rasteau's Christophe Cardrona
7:30pm Dida's Food Store, 54 Jervois Rd, Herne Bay
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Tuesday 18th March

The wines of Rasteau and Mont-Redon:
Taste the wines and meet Mont-Redon's Jean Abeille and Rasteau's Christophe Cardrona
7:00pm Glengarry Newmarket Wine Club
22 Morrow Street
Cost: \$25 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 19th March

The wines of Rasteau and Mont-Redon:
Taste the wines and meet Mont-Redon's Jean Abeille and Rasteau's Christophe Cardrona
7:00pm Glengarry Devonport Wine Club
Cnr Clarence St & Wynyard St
Cost: \$25 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 26th March

Burgundy 2005: The Rest
Including Domaine Courcel and Michel Gros
6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay
Cost: \$55 per person. Bookings required

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Appleton Estate Rum Tasting
with Master Blender Joy Spence
7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, 118 Wellesley St West
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On the Hop

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Mac's

SunDance Summer Ale 330mL

6-Pack **\$11.50** 91262

Golly, but didn't the brewery giants get their panties in a bunch when this got released. 'We own the Summer Ale brand,' said one. 'It's not a brand,' said the judge, a man who confessed to having supped a few summer ales in his sixty or so summers. So Sun Dance is a Summer Ale, but really, for those who want to argue semiotics, there's a new Umberto Eco book out, so go get a library tan. The rest of us can neck a few of these with inordinate pleasure. It has a citrusy tang and a slight spice which not only refreshes in this, the mother of all summers, but also makes it a winning food partner to grilled fish, especially if it has lemongrass or citric-type accompaniments.





Champagne



Ruinart

It's puzzling why Ruinart, one of the most consistent, frequently brilliant grande marque champagne houses, has such a low profile. Founded in 1729 by Nicolas Ruinart, it was the first house dedicated exclusively to making sparkling wine from the Champagne region. Nicolas learned the secret of champagne-making from his brother, Benedictine monk Dom Thierry Ruinart, a colleague and friend of Dom Pérignon. The hallmark of Ruinart's approach is their insistence on selecting top-quality fruit, and the continued use of traditional methods. The bonus? Ruinart offer exceptional quality for the money.

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in fine Spirits

Louis Sipp
Mirabelle Eau-de-Vie d'Alsace 700mL

\$59.90 93946

Eau-de-Vie is, officially, colourless fruit brandy, the fruit usually being plums, which is fermented and double-distilled. And sorts you out after a meal in no uncertain fashion. This stunning version from top Alsace producer, Louis Sipp, is called 'Mirabelle' not, as perhaps would be the case with a New Zealand vineyard, because it's the name of Louis' cutesy-wutesy widdle puppy, but because the Mirabelle plums are the ones fermented to make this delicious, aromatic digestif. The plums are native, and grow best in the region of Lorraine which, neatly enough, borders Alsace where Monsieur Sipp distils it into this magical, exotically flavoured, beautifully aromatic and discreetly delicious Eau-de-Vie.



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Laroche

Chardonnay D'OC 2006

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Michel Laroche is a fifth-generation Chablis and White Burgundy winemaker who understands better than most how to get the best out of Chardonnay. From the south of France, this wine aptly displays his expertise and craftsmanship. A pale green-gold with a slightly scented, finely-honed bouquet of pear, tropical fruit and lime, the latter two coming through onto the palate as well. The mid-palate holds up very well, and develops to show good weight and a tingling freshness that extends well into the finish.



Champagne Delamotte

Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

was \$89 now **\$59.90** 42850

If you thought only Pinot-dominant Champagne could deliver richness and complexity, this rather sexily designed delight may have you rereading your notes. Being 100% Chardonnay is no barrier to depth, as it happens, so forget the notion that anything blonde is simple, lightweight and frivolous! Primary fruit notes on the nose are threaded with sultry smoky characters, while the palate is a solid surge of toast and citrus, the flavours culminating in a finish that takes you into the following morning. There is a hard core of Champagne fans who only drink Blanc de Blancs styles: a sip of this will help you understand and admire their singleness of purpose.



Arrogant Frog

Ribet Red Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43961

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Jean-Claude Mas produced this wine from 26-year-old Cabernet vines and 31-year-old Merlot vines grown on the family's 64-hectare estate. The wine was vinified using a combination of traditional and New World methods, and aged in barrel prior to bottling. It is an elegantly proportioned red with complex layers of blackberry and plum aromas with hints of vanilla in the background. Adeptly balanced and seductively silky, it finishes on a long, bright note. Easy to enjoy and beautifully crafted, it delivers well above its price.



Château de Lugagnac

Bordeaux Supérieur 2005

was \$30 now **\$18.90** 42116

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.90 A BOTTLE

New World, single vineyard Bordeaux varietal blends command hefty price tags, making this Château-bottled wine exceptional value. It is a classic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot selectively harvested, bunch sorted, traditionally fermented and matured in both new and seasoned barrels. With a seductive bouquet of blackcurrant and cherry supported by cedary nuances, the layers of fruit, spice and oak on the palate are adeptly defined before the tannins kick in to provide structure and length.



Paul Jaboulet

Selection Côtes du Rhône 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$16.90** 45317

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Consistent winemaking coupled to a particularly good vintage has enabled Jaboulet to once again produce an exceptionally good value Côtes du Rhône. It is a blend of Syrah and Grenache, selected from vineyards that have a proven record for quality fruit. This concentrated, richly-coloured wine opens on a fragrant note of plum and blackberry with notable spicy, peppery nuances. It has ripe-tasting berryfruit flavours embellished by understated oak and backed by a svelte texture.



Gisselbrecht

Alsace Pinot Gris 2006

was \$29 now **\$24.90** 41246

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The Gisselbrecht family have been producing wines in Alsace since the 17th Century. The current Company was formed by Willy Gisselbrecht, who at the time was considered to be a visionary, being the first to bottle his own wine rather than selling it in bulk to merchants. This latest release is impressive, with a ripe glossy appearance and a bouquet exuding musk, spice and hints of hazelnut. The palate has the weight to complement the persistent pear, honeysuckle and spicy flavours. Fresh and beautifully balanced.



Italy

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Pasqua

Le Collezioni Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2006

was \$12.90 now **\$10.90** 62469

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Montepulciano is Italy's second most widely-planted red variety after Sangiovese, with which it is often confused. The best Montepulciano wines are made in the Abruzzi DOC zone on the eastern flank of central Italy. Montepulciano can be a bit rustic for its own good, but this wine from Pasqua is a richly flavoured, medium bodied red with a mellow, slightly voluptuous character. It has well integrated currant/cherry/plum aromas and flavours, with mellow tannins and a clean chocolate-like finish. Outstanding value.



Pasqua

Lapaccio Primitivo Salento IGT 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$15.90** 66023

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The sun-drenched region of Apulia, with its flat terrain framed by hundreds of kilometres of coastline, forms the heel of the Italian boot and is distinctly reminiscent of Croatia on the opposite shores of the Adriatic. Not surprisingly, the early ripening Primitivo variety, thought to have been imported from Croatia, is closely related to that country's Plavac Mali. Harvested in prime condition, this is a mouthful of pure pleasure, particularly at the price. Still youthful, it is firmly textured and loaded with floral, raspberry, plum and spice aromas and flavours, held in check by a firm structure and supple tannins.



Cecchi

Chianti DOCG 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 62431

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

From one of Tuscany's most consistent producers comes this beautifully styled, immediately appealing Chianti. It is ripe and rich, with powerful raspberry notes framed by chocolate and understated spicy oak aromas that lead effortlessly through to a lithely structured palate. The wine displays a fine balance that focuses the cherry, violet and spice flavours. Wrapped in a blanket of firmish tannins, the wine has a long, flavoursome aftertaste. A wine that delivers more than its price suggests and is particularly well matched to grilled meats and roasts.



Pasqua

Villa Borghetti Valpolicella Classico 2005

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 66056

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

In recent years Italy has witnessed the emergence of dozens of 'new age' wines that've largely abandoned native varieties and traditions in an effort to gain international recognition. It is therefore refreshing to come across a wine that proudly celebrates the unique quality that only Italy can offer to wine lovers. Native varieties Corvina, Rondinella and Corvinone provide a perfumed bouquet that hints at cherry. Maturation for seven months in barriques has given the lush, lengthy palate a degree of complexity that enhances the wine's juicy character. Ready to be enjoyed and great with risotto and summer dishes.



Cecilia Beretta

Grigio Luna Pinot Grigio 2006

was \$21 now **\$19** 60498

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Harvested from vineyards surrounding the town of Roveré della Luna in the Valdadige DOC, this Pinot Grigio was cool fermented in stainless steel tanks and minimally handled to preserve its varietal aromas and freshness. It is a pale, green-tinged straw-hued wine with floral, melon, almond and mineral aromas. The palate is fresh and lively, with nicely defined fruit flavours, a trace of mineral and a smear of honeysuckle. Well balanced and sharply focused, it finishes on a clean note.



Cecchi

Teuzzo Chianti Classico DOCG 2004

was \$37 now **\$29.90** 62418

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$29.00 A BOTTLE

This is a single vineyard wine blended primarily from Sangiovese harvested from the Teuzzo Estate, situated in the heart of the Chianti Classico zone of Tuscany. The wine was traditionally fermented and matured in oak barriques for 12 months, with a further period in bottle. With a rush of bright cherry and berry aromas shining through a frame of spicy oak, the cherry, plum and berry flavours sit evenly on the palate and are enhanced by supple tannins. It has the weight and body to continue to improve.



a taste of
Spain

Solar Viejo
Cosecha 2006

was \$20 now **\$16.90** 88005

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

A beautifully crafted Rioja produced entirely from Tempranillo and carefully matured in oak and bottle prior to release. It is a deep-coloured wine with an enticing bouquet displaying black cherry, soft fruit aromas and spicy nuances. The palate is dominated by ripe fruit flavours countered by supple tannins. A superb food wine.

Tapeña
Garnacha 2006

was \$19.50 now **\$16.90** 88040

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

From the region of Castilla, this young-looking wine with dashes of purple around the rim has blackberry and plum aromas underscored by spicy notes, while the palate opens on a fine fruit note that expands to display hints of mineral and herb. Seductively smooth and excellent value.

Ada
Minotauro Azul 2004

was \$21 now **\$18.90** 88022

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

Azul is a blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon harvested from vines averaging 50 years of age. A silver medal winner, the wine is packed with dark berry and spicy aromas, while the palate has a good depth of fruit, is seductively smooth and has a satisfyingly long, supple finish.

Huerta de Albalá
Vino de la Tierra de Cadiz Taberner 2005

was \$43 now **\$39** 88030

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

This wine has had great raps from Robert Parker (92/100) and Jancis Robinson (17-5/20). It is a Syrah from the warm region of Cádiz in Andalucía, where it was traditionally fermented and matured. It has a perfumed, spicy bouquet and layers of pervasive fleshy fruit flavours. Concentrated, almost opulent, it is velvety smooth and superb drinking.



A look at less well-known, new and intriguing winemakers



Again, we highlight one of the smaller producers we deal with, this time swivelling the lens onto Mont-Redon in the southern Rhône. Liz Wheadon, our Product Manager, had the chance to visit owners Jean Abeille and Didier Fabre last year, and so we are delighted to be able to return the favour; this month we are hosting the very affable Jean. We have a schedule of tastings and visits lined up, so if you're a fan of Châteauneuf-du-Pape or Côtes du Rhône, be sure to come along and try their fantastic wines.

A 30,000-case annual production of Châteauneuf and close to 14,000 of Cotes du Rhône may suggest we've forgotten what 'small producer' actually means, but of course in the scheme of things in France, this still qualifies as boutique. What certifies these charming men as boutique producers is their personal attention to detail, and the individual character of their superb wines.

Thoroughly modern though they may be, classic, long-established vinification methods are used. The result is that the wines are superbly structured and tannic when young, thus capable of ageing, in some cases, over decades. Châteauneuf at its best is a rustic, earthy, brooding beast, as these wines are, but they also have rich layers of sweet fruit, lovely exotic spices and an unaccountable charm, if you just play with them a little bit.

So have a look at what's on offer, and don't ignore the white Châteauneuf-du-Pape; Mont Redon's is considered one of the region's greatest. Make sure you catch up with Jean - there's nothing like going direct to the source, and this is a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of not just his wines, but of these magnificent appellations themselves.



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| 41418 | Mont-Redon Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2005 | \$55.00 |
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the GLENGARRY Top 10

march

Each month, from the hundreds of wines submitted to us, the Glengarry Tasting Panel selects our top ten wines

1 Geoff Merrill **The Prodigal Son**
McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Viognier **2004**

was \$23 now **\$18** 22140

A McLaren Vale blend with red fruit aromas and flavours enhanced by spicy nuances, a silky texture and a lingering fruity aftertaste. A great value, food friendly wine.



2  Allan Scott **Blanc de Blancs**
Marlborough Brut **NV**

was \$26.50 now **\$22.50** 17421

Top-notch Champenoise produced entirely from estate grown Chardonnay. Beautifully balanced and elegant, it has a creamy mousse, palate-tingling freshness and a vivacious finish.



3 The Lackey
South Australia Shiraz **2006**

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 22330

This Australian Shiraz has plenty of oomph. It opens on a wave of ripe berry, plum and spice aromas that lead effortlessly onto the palate. Polished, velvety and moreish, it's great value.




4 Akarua
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc **2007**

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 10188

Sourced from Marlborough, this is a smartly integrated wine with an upfront bouquet of gooseberry and herbaceous notes. It's stacked with flavour and a refreshing, lingering finish.



5  Kilikanoon **Killerman's Run**
Shiraz **2006**

was \$29 now **\$24.90** 22329

A downright delicious South Australian Shiraz with a core of ripe berry and plum fruit flavours supported by notes of spice, a smooth, velvety texture and a firm, lengthy finish.



6 Cloudy Bay
Marlborough Riesling **2004**

was \$34 now **\$29.90** 12119

This is a truly beautiful Riesling with a slightly honeyed bouquet that leaps out of the glass. The palate has zesty peach flavours balanced by lime notes and enhanced by a long finish.



7 Nga Waka
Martinborough Pinot Noir **2006**

was \$44.90 now **\$39.90** 15813

A rich, succulent wine reflecting its unique Martinborough terroir. The dark berry and spice flavours are underpinned by silky tannins and subtle, refined oak.



8 Camshorn
Classic Riesling **2007**

was \$29 now **\$23.50** 18964

Camshorn Vineyard is located in Waipara on the free-draining Glasnevin Gravels, the source of this bright, rich wine with spice-edged stone fruit flavours and a clean, fresh finish.



9 Morton Estate **White Label**
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay **2006**

was \$23 now **\$16.90** 15410

Rich, complex, barrique fermented Chardonnay with tropical fruit flavours supported by spicy oak nuances and enhanced by a buttery texture and a fine finish.



10 Culley
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc **2007**

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 12475

A classy, beautifully crafted Sauvignon wash with Marlborough vibrancy and lifted by a streak of elegance. Fruit-driven, neatly balanced and zesty, it's great with food or on its own.



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LAWSON'S DRY HILLS



The Company's aim is to produce exceptional wines that reflect their unique climate and environment. Over the years, they have optimized the viticulture for each vineyard block, and in the winery seek to highlight the best qualities each parcel of fruit provides. This means close attention to detail at each stage of the winemaking process, from crushing and fermentation through to bottling. At the foot of Marlborough's dry Wither Hills, the Lawson's and Woodward vineyards consistently produce the profoundly flavoured Gewürztraminer grapes that have resulted in a procession of trophies and gold medals.

13384	Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007	\$19.90
13387	Marlborough Pinot Gris 2007	\$22.90
13385	Marlborough Gewürztraminer 2007	\$22.90
13382	Marlborough Riesling 2006	\$19.90



Winemakers Russell Wiggins and Kate Radburn

CJ PASK



GIMBLETT ROAD
HAWKES BAY
NEW ZEALAND

The first company to plant grapes in the world-renowned Gimblett Road region, C J Pask have gone from strength to strength, producing intensely flavoured wines that have earned them both domestic and international accolades. The winery owns almost 100 hectares of established vineyards, the majority located within the unique Hawke's Bay sub-region that has become known as Gimblett Gravels. The light, stoney soils of the Gimblett Road vineyard have consistently produced premium quality wines and won international recognition for Hawke's Bay.

11091	Gimblett Road Chardonnay 2006	\$19.90
11135	Gimblett Road Syrah 2006	\$19.90
11090	Gimblett Road Cabernet Merlot Malbec 2005	\$19.90
11089	Gimblett Road Merlot 2005	\$19.90

