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358 1333

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524 5789

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623 0811

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Charlotte Owen, Manager at Glengarry Newmarket



I arrive in the Wine Room at Glengarry Newmarket to have a quick chat with Charlotte Owen, who is just a month into her stint as store manager. The tables, littered with empty bottles and half-full glasses bear testament not to a wild bout of staff carousing, but to a well-attended and, I gather, very informative tasting of the Yealands range of wines the previous night.

'Good people, good numbers, good wines,' she tells me with her usual enthusiasm. This brilliant room, with its vineyard posters and brushed-suede couches, is a wonderful environment to taste and talk wine, something that Charlotte encourages once a month with her Newmarket Wine Club. The room is also available for corporate wine tastings, which are looking good as an alternative to the standard company/client Christmas lunch or dinner.

The themes and wines vary month to month, with the big hitter being the annual Champagne and sparkling wine tasting, scheduled for November 19. The flood of enquiries already received suggests it will sell quickly (email Charlotte at charlotte@glengarry.co.nz or ring the store on 524 5789).

'We do get people coming in here and buying three cases of Champagne at a time, so I guess the chance to taste some different labels has lots of appeal,' she says. Charlotte states that Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir are also the hot varieties that attract much attention from the clientele, and she relishes the opportunity to talk people through the new labels and styles constantly turning up at the shop.

Glengarry's Newmarket store is well set up to deal with specific corporate requirements, which begin to grow in volume at this time of the year. While the store already services one of New Zealand's biggest customer reward schemes, Charlotte says that the amount of other freight, and the number of gift packages heading off around the country have already started increasing sharply.

'Once people realise we can send wine anywhere in New Zealand, or do their corporate gifts for them, personalised, wrapped, packed and ready to go, we really start to see the orders come in. And we've got some really quirky little wines here, so we can find a gift for anyone.' She sounds like someone who's prepared. 'You have to be,' she says. 'Who knows what's going to walk through the door.'

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MANAGER'S PICK CHARLOTTE OWEN



Yealands Estate

Marlborough Pinot Gris 2007 10019

\$19.90 CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Was \$24.90

While all the Yealands wines are impressive, this has become a personal favourite. Talking to customers, they realise it's an easy choice to buy a brand so committed to sustainable production. This has amazing pear & peach aromas, while the palate's really round and it finishes with great length and full-on flavour. Fantastic.

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Fearless Buys

A monthly selection of delicious, dependable reds and whites where the palate, not the price tag, packs a punch

Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13576

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

I love the way this is put together. Seven vineyards across the Waihopai, Wairau and Awatere Valleys provide fruit of varying characteristics but unrelenting quality to ensure we get a multi-dimensional wine that at the same time is convincingly Marlborough. So there is classic gooseberry character, plus tropical passionfruit notes and a backbone of mineral steel for the fruit to lean upon with a cheeky insouciance. A regular winner of awards over the years, here's yet another contender. Go the Chalice.



Ti Point

TWO Merlot Cabernet Franc 2007

was \$20.90 now **\$16.90** 19031

I'm delighted to see some Cabernet Franc in this wine. The variety blends exquisitely with Merlot; moreover, it doesn't get enough exposure, I reckon. Cabernet Franc can be such a useful contributor, imparting its distinctive violet overtones and peppery spice, which lift this wine to a rather fetching level of loveliness. The Merlot is the lush, silky river on which the Franc boat floats, while top fruit and judicious winemaking have ensured it's a long, smooth sumptuous ride from beginning to end.



Devil's Staircase

Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$17.00** 12344

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

Made by the crew at Rockburn

It can only be a wine windfall for consumers when an outstanding winery like Rockburn has so much top quality fruit, due to the unprecedented size of the vintage at hand, that they bottle some first-class wine under a second-tier label, keeping the prices lean and the enthusiasts keen. This is superb Central Pinot Gris, awash with Nashi pears and tropical and citrus fruit characters, its delicate sweetness balanced by refreshing fruit acid on the long finish. It's slightly off-dry, making it spot on for lunch and a languid afternoon.

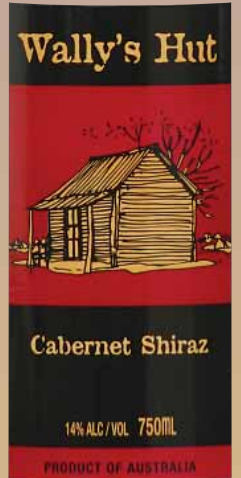


Wally's Hut

Cabernet Shiraz 2007

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28433

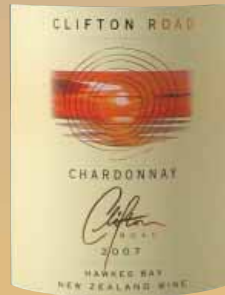
The Cookoothera vineyard now provides a landscape of neat rows of vines, but was once part of a massive stock station. Wally's Hut was the base camp for the horsemen who rode the boundary fence scaring away dingoes and the like. Anyway, any of you who have tasted the excellent Cookoothera wines will know their class and finesse; these elements come through in the Wally's Hut wines, even at under a tenner.



Clifton Road

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 18008



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$8.90 A BOTTLE

This deliciously drinkable Hawke's Bay Chardonnay has what wine scribes would call 'immediacy'. Loosely translated, that means its myriad flavours and aromas of peaches, nectarines and tropical tints come rushing down the path to eagerly greet your awaiting nose and palate. Vigorous and vibrant, with a buttery, creamy texture and the charm and substance of vinos three times the price. Drink it during Friday night's fish 'n' chips and round off the week perfectly.

Matua Valley

Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$18.00 now **\$15.00** 14074



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.50 A BOTTLE

For those who find young Marlborough Sauvignon a little bit too biff-bang-pow-zap, and so forth, a wine like this can hit the spot perfectly. With lifted green apple and tropical notes beckoning bouquet-wise, the palate is a rounded, zesty but not searingly acidic, tide of varietal flavour. While not ragingly high in alcohol it has good body, with firm acid steering the flavours to the refreshing finish.

Akarua

Central Otago Pinot Rosé 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$17.00** 10192



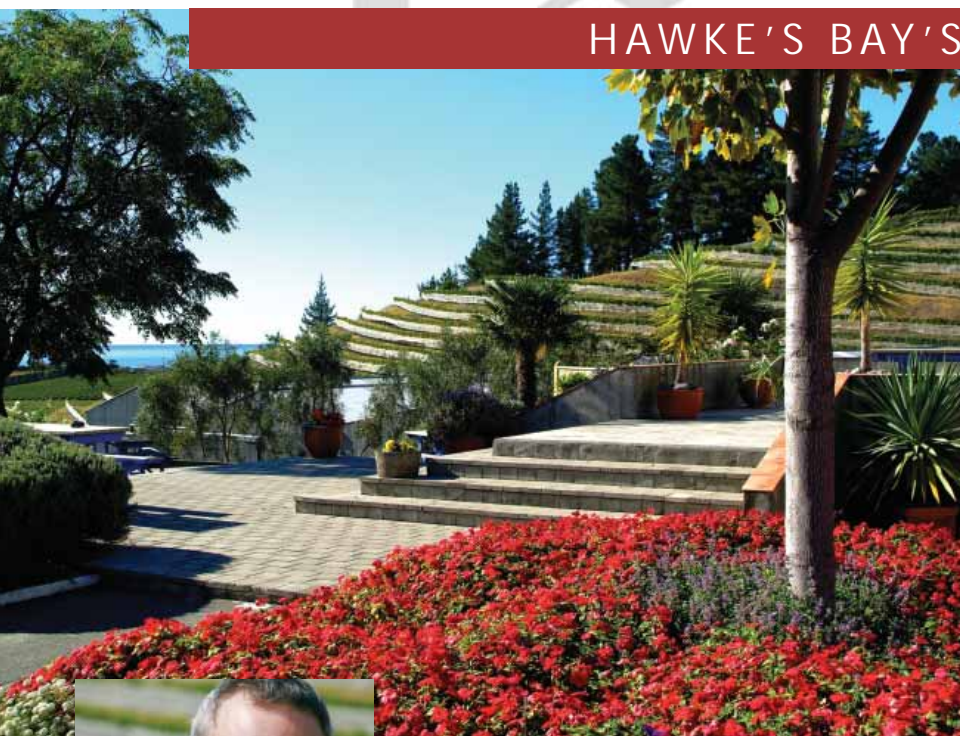
CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

Considering how well they do with both their Pinot Noirs, it is not surprising that Akarua know exactly how to use it as a basis for a great rosé. Slinky, never sluggish, this is an energetic little wine that with its crisp, warm flavours proves to be an instant relaxant on a summer's day.



Feature Winery

HAWKE'S BAY'S ESK VALLEY ESTATE



Gordon Russell, Winemaker at Esk Valley

The development of Esk Valley mirrors the evolution that has occurred in the New Zealand Wine Industry over the last couple of decades. The original winery was established by Robert Bird in 1933. Under the management of two successive

generations, it grew steadily to become, by the 1970's, a major player.

In 1987 the Villa Maria Group came on board, and immediately began to transform Esk Valley into a quality-driven, boutique winery operation. Some of the original features were retained; the concrete buildings were well constructed and remain today, but the entire complex was completely and substantially upgraded and modernised. One feature that has stayed is the traditional, open-top fermentation vats used for red wine.

Although part of the Villa Maria Group, Esk Valley is run independently, with its own vineyard and winemaking team led by Gordon Russell, named Winemaker of the Year at the 2007 Royal Easter Show Wine Awards. Gordon joined Villa Maria in 1988 as a cellarhand, graduated to cellar foreman and joined Esk Valley as assistant winemaker in 1990.

In 1993, he was appointed winemaker, and his passionate approach to the job has placed the wines of Esk Valley at the very top. 'Most of our wines are blends from selected Hawke's Bay vineyards. We aim to produce hand-crafted wines that are elegant, sophisticated and reflect the character of their origins,' states Gordon. He achieves this by making small, separate batches of the various grape parcels, thus providing the winemaking team with multiple blending options.

The company produces three tiers; 'The Terraces' is Esk Valley's super premium, single vineyard wine, grown on terraces carved out of the north facing hill adjacent to the winery. It is one of the country's most sought after Bordeaux blends, and only released in limited quantities. The Reserve Range is hand-crafted and produced from top-rated vineyards only when vintage conditions are ideal.

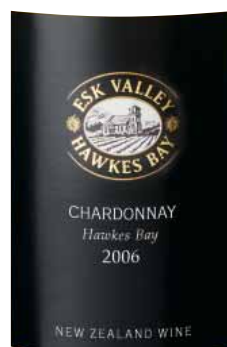
The Black Label range comes off selected Hawke's Bay vineyards, using traditional techniques such as hand plunging and small batch fermentation. The wines are excellent value and made to be enjoyed with food.

Esk Valley Black Label Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$24.00 now **\$18.00** 12831

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

This smart Sauvignon has a fresh, appetizing mouthfeel and a bouquet of ripe pineapple and passionfruit aromas, with a fine edge of celery-like nuances. The palate is quite full bodied, with the emphasis on ripe tropical fruit flavours. There is an underlying herbaceousness typical of the variety, the flicker of lime at the finish giving it a refreshing lift.



Esk Valley Black Label Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$22.00 now **\$18.00** 12822

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

A barrel fermented and matured Chardonnay, with a lovely golden glow and some distinctive peach & melon aromas embellished by spicy oak nuances. It is a richly flavoured and well weighted wine, with upfront tropical fruit flavours interwoven around a buttery texture, complemented by understated oak and balanced by a swirl of citrus. Ready to enjoy now, this is exceptional value.

Esk Valley Black Label Hawke's Bay Rosé 2008

was \$24.00 now **\$18.00** 12827

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

There's an incredible pedigree behind this smart wine; consecutive vintages from 2005 onwards have taken gold medals and trophies. The 2008 version has a fragrant nose of spice-edged, crushed strawberry and floral notes. A full bodied Rosé with excellent depth of fruit, a vibrant mouthfeel and a clean, fresh finish.



Esk Valley Black Label Hawke's Bay Merlot 2007

was \$25.50 now **\$20.00** 12842

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

From selected parcels of grapes grown in the Gimblett Gravels that were traditionally fermented in Esk Valley's open fermenters and matured in oak barriques for eleven months. The bouquet is alive with blackberry and plum aromas supported by subtle oak, while the full bodied palate boasts lovely flavours of berryfruit, with hints of coffee and spicy oak in the background.

12836	Esk Valley Black Label Hawkes Bay Chenin Blanc 2007	\$18.00
12812	Esk Valley Black Label Hawkes Bay Riesling 2007	\$18.00
12817	Esk Valley Black Label Hawkes Bay Verdelho 2008	\$18.00
12826	Esk Valley Black Label Hawkes Bay Pinot Gris 2007	\$18.00
12795	Esk Valley Black Label Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec 2006	\$22.00
12815	Esk Valley Black Label Hawkes Bay Syrah 2005	\$28.00



SPARKLING

A celebration of sparkling wines from across the globe to make every day a festive occasion

Philipponnat

Royale Réserve Brut NV

was \$88.00 now **\$64.00** 43510

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$60.00 A BOTTLE
New stocks just arrived

One of the Champagne houses to have maintained a high level of family involvement; they have owned land in Ay since 1522. The fruit for Philipponnat is picked slightly later than most, and so the wine is rounder, with less acid and more flavour intensity than you might expect. Pinot dominant, there is still an invigorating freshness, thanks to the Chardonnay component, with the apples and baked bread aromas leading to a palate that is creamy, elegant and artfully balanced.



Pol Roger

Brut Réserve NV

was \$89.90 now **\$74.90** 48210

Gold Medal & Trophy Winner

In an age of increasingly homogeneous product, it's a delight to see a globally renowned company exercise traditional, hand-crafted techniques. Pol Roger NV is aged longer than is legally required, the bottles still hand-turned deep beneath the Champagne soil, by old men who would not look out of place adjudicating on a cricket field; the company itself is still family-owned. The wine is fresh, exciting, elegant, and yet plump and vigorous, its weight able to sit comfortably with food, while its vibrancy and irrepressible spirit ensure that it works wonderfully as an aperitif.



Veuve Clicquot

Rosé NV

was \$122.00 now **\$89.90** 49828

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$89.40 A BOTTLE

You know the tide is finally turning when you discover Madonna and friends were recently slugging top-end Rosé at her 50th bash. The seal of cool may have been a long time coming, but anyone who knows an iota about Champagne already knows that a House's Rosé can often be their most exciting wine. This, with its high proportion of Reserve wines and its 12% still red wine from the house estate at Bouzy (great name!), is exquisite. Rich, generous and exotic, it is a wine that blossoms with finesse and finery.



Freixenet

Brut Rosé NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.90** 85016

Buy 2 bottles for \$20

Garnacha, known in these parts as Grenache, the ole Spanish workhorse, is 30% of the blend, the other being Trepat. You guys knew that. Trepat? It's so floral you'll feel like donning linen and running through the streets. The palate kicks in with a deliciously dextrous display of strawberries and raspberries, subtle hints of flowers and a ticklish, tantalising mousse. It is spring-like charm, summer rain and frivolity.



Seppelt

Original Sparkling Shiraz 2005

was \$22.90 now **\$18.00** 27225

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Wines such as this are a little new to us over here, but in Aussie they're massive. If it's new to you, start with the best, I reckon; and according to James Halliday, Seppelt are 'the best producer of Australian sparkling shiraz.' There you go. With its nose of Barossa fruit, berry shortcake and a hint of vanilla, the palate is ripe, rich fruit then firm acid, with the warmth of Shiraz and the delicious foam of the second fermentation.



Brut de Charvis

Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$22.90 now **\$19.00** 43013

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Quality French Methode under \$20

Produced by a crémant specialist, so we're in very good hands here. Cellared in 12th-century limestone cellars, along with five million other bottles, and produced in the traditional fashion, it has delicious stonefruit and citrus characters combined with a generous spread of bready notes.



Daniel Le Brun

Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$30.00 now **\$26.90** 12145

Buy a bottle of the NV & we'll sell you a bottle of the Le Brun Platinum Vintage 1997 or Blanc de Blancs 2000 for the same price



This has been a consistently great New Zealand sparkling since it was first produced over a decade ago. It's an elegantly styled wine, with a lemony, biscuity bouquet and a vibrant, refreshing palate of good depth and complexity. Good buying.

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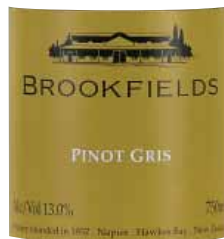
A minefield. No question. You thought wine was subjective, well, get people on the topic of matching food to their top drop, Lordy! Friendships ruined, entire families decimated, reputations in tatters... OK, not that extreme, but it is a tricky subject. Are there rules? Well, there are suggestions, based on people's experiences in pairing styles of wine and weight and textures of food.

The French, Italians, Spanish and Greeks wouldn't even consider there to be such a subject; wine and food is a way of life, and you don't have one without the other. Here in the New World, we wring our hands over duck and Pinot, Shiraz and wild boar, when really, the best thing to do is take into account the weight, acid/tannin/sweetness component of your wine and the texture, strength of flavour and weight of your dish, pair them as best you can and then enjoy. Make a note of the good combinations, tweak the interesting ones.

We've taken a bunch of great current releases, tasted them specifically with food in mind, and come up with matches we believe work really well. They are just suggestions; that said, Chablis and oysters, Riesling and onion tart are classics. And never try and match anything with artichokes. Enjoy!

Brookfields Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11266



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Peter Robertson's Pinot Gris has been a winner for years. He learned a lot from visits to Alsace and makes his wine in that aromatic vein. **The palate weight and lush pear characters will bond divinely with a dish of slow-roasted pork. Try pears instead of the conventional apple accompaniment.**



Huntaway Reserve Gisborne Pinot Gris 2007

was \$21.90 now **\$18.00** 12054

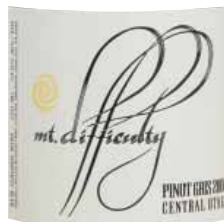
CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Stylish and definitely built for food. The palate is unctuous, deep, and unmistakably spiced, yet riding through all that is an expressive array of pear and fruit characters.

It will wrap itself around Thai food wondrously, especially if you were to veer in the direction of seafood such as green fish curry or whole baked snapper.

Mt Difficulty Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$23.00** 14940



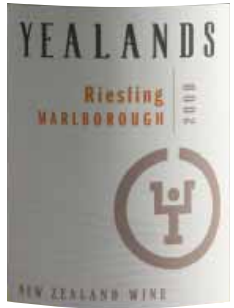
CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.50 A BOTTLE

Magnificent Central expression of the IT grape with a seductive stonefruit and citrus nose touched with an appealing wet stone character.

The palate is perfectly primed for pairing with grilled prawns, scallops or crayfish; its weight would allow any of those a buttery sauce and its spice will elevate all of them to excellence.

Yealands Marlborough Riesling 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 10004



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Sustainable wine producers and newish kids on the block come up with a strikingly refreshing, mineral-laced Riesling.

Begs to go belly-to-belly with some pork. The Riesling pairs up to the piggie and lifts its texture and meatiness to new levels while keeping the flavours clean and precise rather than muddled and messy. Perfect.



Framingham

Marlborough Classic Riesling 2007

was \$25.90 now **\$20.90** 12692



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

With so many complex characters that your mouth can't keep up with your brain, this walks a gingery, spicy road swinging a bag of mandarins and peaches while brushing as many fresh flowers as it can.

Unquestionably wizard with Camembert; get thee To Dida's Food Store.

Mt Difficulty Target Gully Central Otago Riesling 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$23.00** 14930



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.50 A BOTTLE

This wine is so brilliantly crafted that the sweetness shows more as a lushness, a mouthfilling embarrassment of citrus and stonefruit richness, well-supported by some balancing acid.

It would combine meaningfully with a lemon or lime tart, its low alcohol (11%) making it an ideal after-dinner finisher.



Nga Waka Three Paddles Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 15826

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The acid and passionfruit lines of this smart Martinborough wine will keep the broader tendencies of seafood in check. Hummin'.

Skewers. Salmon, scallops, a splash of this punchy primo vino as said kebabs hit the deck of the BBQ, then a glass to sit back with while it all quickly cooks.

Te Mata Cape Crest Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$35.00 now **\$26.00** 19158



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$25.50 A BOTTLE

This has a few techniques and twitches that make it a perfect food wine. It's barrel fermented for starters, and it contains some Semillon and Sauvignon Gris, which give some structure and extra complexity that would go up against rich seafood beautifully.

Grilled or baked hapuka or snapper, definitely.

Waipara Hills Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$20.00 now **\$16.00** 10922



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

What a trip! The bright tropical fruit on the approach melds, as we get the runway in sight, with creamy, mineral notes and firm acidity (so we don't skew off into the long grass).

At the runway's end are oysters, great piles of them, with nothing but salt & pepper and lemon to help with the touchdown. Paradise.



Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay 2007

was \$39.00 now **\$34.00** 18209

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.00 A BOTTLE

A rich, hugely concentrated wine with a thickly creamy texture, a weighty, opulent palate and beautiful flavours of peaches and citrus.

It definitely calls for an equally expressive dish, one that involves chicken, most likely in a strongly flavoured sauce. Some crisp spring vegetables with a dollop of butter and you'll be in rapturous delight.

Coopers Creek Select Vineyards The Little Rascal Gisborne Arneis 2007

was \$25.50 now **\$19.00** 11851



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

A real show pony, brimming with marmalade aromatics, the fruit-filled palate all about texture. Rich, weighty, mouthfilling and generous.

Go antipasto with it; the bright nature of the wine makes it a great first bottle, its Italian variety origins easy to pair with authentic cheeses, meats and other delectables.



Rockburn Stolen Kiss Central Otago Rosé 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$19.00** 12339

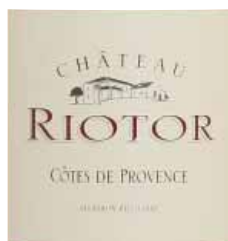
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This wine is deliberately stopped just short of dryness. It smells like candied fruits and strawberries, and there is a hint of toffee apple that will mysteriously flash 'Easter Show' on your frontal lobe.

Go get a chicken Chow Mein, with extra cashews. It's yum.

Château Riotor Côtes de Provence Rosé 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$21.00** 41412



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$20.50 A BOTTLE

Château Riotor is a postcard picturesque Provençal cottage and winery, surrounded by old trees and nesting turtles. Owned by the Mont-Redon folk, they make 'drenched-in-the-southern-sun' inspired vinos like this diaphanous and delicious rosé.

Begs for smoked meats, a bowl of olives, sun-dried tomatoes, a cool stone house with a view of the Mediterranean.

Villamontes Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$15.90 now **\$12.00** 90566



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$11.50 A BOTTLE

This has a rural village feel to it, the lush, ripe berryfruit touched by a slightly meaty savouriness, smeared softly over a Cabernet spine.

Eye fillet, sure, but those exotic sausages, spicy venison and lamb and mint and so forth, they'd be a treat with this, an absolute treat ma'am.



Chakana Argentine Malbec 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.00** 90152

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

A fruit-driven style hand-picked from 35-year-old vines, ensuring concentration and structure. With its ripe plums, exotic spices and floral hints it's a panoply of characters, a wander through Market Day in some wee village.

Go with a traditional Argentine dish of BBQ, spicy marinated chicken; it'll expand the wine even further and seduce the fruit perfectly.

Lake Chalice Marlborough Merlot 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13570

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A flood of warmth and savouriness come with the first mouthful of this vibrantly fruity offering. Plums and boysenberries part to reveal deeper chocolate notes that play off the meaty characters superbly.

Those venison recipes that involve smearing with blueberries or plums, they'd be the go, eh.



Château Roustaing Bordeaux 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$19.90** 42115

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Despite the frivolous price, this is a meaty, fully flavoured Bordeaux, with plenty of typical earthy characters underpinning a palate awash in dark cherry characters.

The tannins are ripe, not harsh, so flag beef, think duck, something with a bit of fat. Someone suggested duck confit and herbed toasts and there were impish squeals of delight.

Sacred Hill

Wine Thief Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$29.90 now **\$25.00** 18068

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Made in a northern Rhône rather than south Australian style, and immediately you're thinking of (sorry non-carnivores) guns and game.

A duck ragout, a loin of venison and, with less bellicose fire, perhaps a truffle mash. The pepper and spice and mouthfilling meatiness of this wine would work tremendously with any or all.



VineTalk

THE GLENGARRY GIFT CATALOGUE

The new Glengarry Gift Catalogue is in store now and offering a huge range of products, different pre-packaged food and wine combos to suit your budget.

Here's a sneak preview of some of this year's selection.

All gifts are available for delivery from the 1st of December, with many ready to roll before that date.



Come On Down POL ROGER PURE

The renowned international Champagne expert Tom Stevenson announced upon tasting the new Pol Roger Pure, that it was 'quite simply, the best Brut Nature I have ever tasted.'

Rousing acclaim indeed. Pol have released the style to 'complete the range of Champagnes,' delivering a wine with no final sugar dosage whatsoever. Seeing the house style nude, we didn't blush, but were well taken with the floral, spicy nose with bready hints and the outstanding texture and depth of the palate.

Another brilliant expression of this fine House.

48235 Pol Roger Pure \$96.00



NEW RELEASES FROM KUMEU

With all due respect to the nation's other and nether regions, it is with no little delight that we have some Auckland wine to get excited about this month. Kumeu River, a national, and regional, treasure is releasing its 2007 Chardonnays, and we have them exclusively for a month before they go on general release. The single vineyard wines are especially anticipated, as with any release from this prestigious label, one of New Zealand's most enduring and consistently excellent wineries.

18203	Kumeu River Village Chardonnay 2007	\$17.90
18211	Kumeu River Coddington Chardonnay 2007	\$42.00
18214	Kumeu River Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay 2007	\$48.00



The Church Road Cuve Series

Winemakers are constantly experimenting, and often it comes to nothing more than a barrel of intrigue. However, consistent success with Viognier, Syrah et al and Church Road decided to give these limited volume wines a label to lie beneath. The Cuve series is a collection of interesting, crafted expressions that are definitely worth a peep.

15190	Cuve Series Limited Release Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2006	\$24.00
15195	Cuve Series Limited Release Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2007	\$24.00
15210	Cuve Series Limited Release Hawke's Bay Merlot 2005	\$24.00
15243	Cuve Series Limited Release Hawke's Bay Cabernet 2005	\$24.00

Malts

in fine Spirits

Bruichladdich Moine Mhor 3D Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$94.50** 93647

An Islay malt whose name is pronounced moyn-ya-vore, and is Gaelic for 'the Big Peat'. The bouquet, then, is smoky and peaty, with hints of charcoal fires on the breeze. True. It's like standing on the windblown hillside itself, all very Braveheart, etc. Under that layer of elemental aromatics are the fruit characters that contribute to the overall feeling of zest and spiciness. The palate is forward, brash but smooth, with an all-enveloping peaty warmth clearing a way for the zesty fruits and maritime characters.



Grey Goose L'Orange

700mL **\$69.00** 92659

Obviously duck a l'orange is pretty standard fare in good old France, but Goose l'Orange? Fear not feathered fiends, this is the genuine vodka version, the typically crisp and clean Grey Goose original tinted with the zestiest Florida oranges money can buy. And it is just a tint, a hint of orange blossom on the nose and then a ripe, slightly sweet orangey tang titillates the tongue as it trips across the palate. Use this beauty as the basis of big jugs of Sangria this summer and you just won't know yourself. Or your friends. Viva.



Clynelish

14-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky

750mL **\$98.00** 93449

The original Clynelish distillery was founded in 1819. Its location 'just up the A9 and in the popular golfing and fishing town of Brora,' as one guide informed me, is less important than its proximity to the Clynemilton Burn, which provides the antiseptically clean, fresh water from which this excellent whisky is made. Intensely gold in colour, there is a sea breeziness about the bouquet, along with some marked spice and floral characters. The palate is reflective of the bouquet, with the added charm of some light citrus and a finish that hints at honey.



Drambuie Liqueur

700mL **\$54.00** 94410

Bonnie Prince Charlie (Prince Charles Edward Stuart to you, laddie) was given refuge by a Captain John McKinnon, and in thanks, he gave him the recipe to his own secret elixir which had been made for him by the Royal Apothecary. Some suggest that saffron and cloves are part of the mix, the first for colour, the second for flavour, but who would know? Well, the McKinnon family, because they, and only they, still have the recipe. Originally Scotch whisky infused with honey and said spices, Drambuie has a Highland heart and a sweetie-pie coating.



Balvenie DoubleWood 12-Year-Old Matured Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$110.00** 93397

Aged first in traditional oak casks, with their previous life holding bourbon transferring a softness to the final whisky, the elixir is then matured further in Spanish Oak Casks, which impart a delightful range of aromas and flavours, as well as adding some depth. This is a smoothly mellow Balvenie, a lush malt with layers of honey, vanilla and cinnamon spices, while a nutty Oloroso sweetness adds charm and complexity. Beautifully balanced with an enveloping warm finish, this is a unique expression from one of the top distilleries.



Glengarry Malt Whisky Tasting Club



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handcrafted Beers



Dux
Nor'wester Strong Pale Ale

330mL single **\$4.90** 91368

Hoppy is the word that keeps coming up when you have a lash at this traditional, strong, ale-styled beer. When it won gold at the Australian Beer Awards, they probably called it Skippy, but hoppy it is, friends. It's malty, too; a pronounced English malt character interweaves delightfully with the apparent fruitiness and the, um, hoppy notes. Dark amber in colour, it is very clear in the glass, with minimal head and, like we said, much body. The Michelin Man of ales, then, is very balanced, fully flavoured and artfully constructed. The Oxford English Dictionary describes a Nor'wester as a 'glass of strong liquor.' There you go.

Renaissance Brewing Co.
Perfection Pale Ale

500mL single **\$6.90** 91382

You're putting your reputation on the line when you name a product 'perfection'. Then again, you're not going to gain a lot of marketing traction with, say, 'Nearly Perfect Pale Ale,' are you? And these guys, owners and bros-in-law Andy Deuchars and Brian Thiel, mean business, saying recently: 'We assure the public that they are getting only the very best.' This is a hoppy, creamy number with toffee and caramel characters and a warm, rich palate. Perfect.



Renaissance Brewing Co.
Stonecutter Scotch Ale

500mL single **\$7.90** 91384

Having collected four medals and a trophy both here and across the Tassy, you'd expect this to be something a bit spesh, and it is. Renaissance call it 'a modern interpretation of a classic strong ale style' which seems to be a reasonable précis. It is strong, certainly, at 7% but like any quality ale, you don't notice the alcohol because of everything else that's happening. Deliciously malty, it has some chocolatey tones and a dried fruit note, bound up in a warming, wondrously smooth and long palate. Fireplace and slippers, now, Algernon.



Force
Premium Lager

500mL single **\$3.50** 91350

Made by the Hawke's Bay Independent Brewery, an outfit who since 1995 have developed a superb portfolio of beers. Their purpose-built brewery, opened in 2007, is a Hawke's Bay must visit (after you've cuddled the gannets, of course), and all their beers are brewed at this dazzlingly designed site. Force is an excellent local lager, kinda eurostyled in terms of it being very clean, fresh and approachable, and it has a thirst-quenching quality that may prove to be a medicinal must come the hot summer. Big ups to them, and you lot should definitely give it a whirl.

Old Speckled Hen
English Fine Ale

500mL single **\$6.90** 91462

To truly explain the genesis of the name would (a) take up half the wineletter and (b) seem so preposterous that our credibility would be shredded and left to blow in the wind of derision. The name was given to an old MG (car), referring to its paint-speckled canvas roof, this beer first produced to mark the 50th anniversary of said carmaker. It is a toffee-tinged, richly, warming ale with bursts of fruit stabbing through its overall blanket of maltiness. It finishes dry, slightly bitter and most refreshing. A roader or a roadster, sir?



Chimay
Cinq Cents

750mL single **\$14.00** 91468

'A beer brewed with knowledge is tasted with wisdom,' the Trappist monks tell us, so may sagacity be at the forefront of your mind as you dip your tongue in their holy expression. Chimay Cinq Cents (no, that's not the price tag) is a lighter style for a Trappist beer, a golden, glowing gem with hoppy characters and exquisite, dried Muscat grape aromas. Those raisiny tones continue on the palate, which is creamy and refreshing, the finish balanced and with a slight bitterness which has you reaching for another. With great wisdom, of course. Unlike the Premiere and Grande Reserve, which are served at room temperature, Cinq Cents is best served chilled like a white wine.



a taste of Australia

Rediscover the wines of the lucky country with our pick of the best and most exciting Aussies on offer

Claret-style wines, wherever they are made, are blends of different Bordeaux varieties; think Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The reason they work so well together is that each variety complements the other and adds something of its character to the finished wine.

What is not so common is the blending of red and white varieties, but this has been a longstanding custom in the Côte-Rôtie of the northern Rhône, where they have been co-fermenting two native varieties, red Syrah and white Viognier, for centuries. The blend works so well that New World winemakers have adopted the practice.

In warm climates, Syrah, otherwise known as Shiraz, can get a little over-ripe and sometimes lack fragrance. Viognier, on the other hand, retains its aromatic profile. By co-fermenting the two varieties, the finished wine will acquire a floral note and result in a richer, rounder palate.

In cooler climates, Syrah can come out a little tougher and more tannic; the Viognier adds fruit sweetness and tempers the tannin to deliver a softer, more approachable wine that can be enjoyed earlier.

In the Rhône and elsewhere only a small portion of Viognier is used in the ferments, but its influence accentuates the spice of the Syrah, and adds stonefruit nuances, juiciness and weight on the palate.

Sticks

Yarra Valley Shiraz Viognier 2007

was \$18.00 now **\$15.00** 12490

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.00 A BOTTLE

Sticks is a relatively new Victorian winery named after its founding winemaker, Rob 'Sticks' Dolan. This is a blend of 95% Shiraz and 5% Viognier; the wines were separately fermented, the Shiraz in oak and the Viognier in stainless steel. It is a vibrant, purple-hued wine with an appetizing nose of wild berries, peppery nuances and underlying coffee notes. Warm and lively, it is laden with ripe fruit flavours embellished by spice, a mellow seductive presence and a superb, lingering finish. Drinking well now, but will continue to develop. Exceptional value.



G Barletta
Alliance McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006

was \$26.90 now **\$22.00** 20364

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE

Barletta's winemaker, Andrew Braithwaite, possesses the knack of getting the best out of McLaren Vale Shiraz. This is harvested off Mark Wood's Old Estate Vineyard. Following the fermentation, it was matured in a combination of new and mainly seasoned French and American oak barriques for twenty months. It is a big wine with tiers of black cherry, plum, and cedar. As well as the delicious ripe fruit flavours, spice and integrated oak, the wine exhibits the advantages that smart winemaking has brought to the structure and texture.



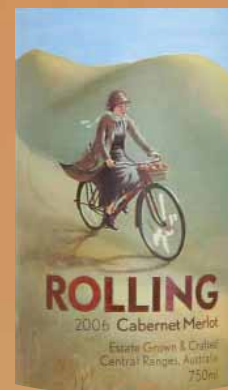
Rolling

Cabernet Merlot 2006

was \$18.50 now **\$15.00** 20003

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.00 A BOTTLE

A grand New South Wales wine full of panache and flavour. It is a blend of 80% Cabernet and 20% Merlot, fermented separately, blended and matured in oak. The berry flavours on the fore-palate develop through the middle to show the plummy influence of the Merlot. It is a rich, silkily textured wine with hints of chocolate that embellish the fruit.



Geoff Merrill Wickham Park
McLaren Vale Sangiovese 2004

was \$26.90 now **\$21.00** 22082

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.50 A BOTTLE

New Arrival from Geoff Merrill

Unlike French varieties, the Italian Sangiovese grape has not been generally accepted outside its native land until recently. The Wickham Park vineyard in McLaren Vale established Sangiovese a decade ago, and this 2004 is from their first harvest. It is an aromatic wine with wafts of cherry, spice and violet on the nose. The flavours reflect the bouquet, and are held in focus by a slightly brawny texture.

Cape Mentelle

Trinders Cabernet Merlot 2006

was \$29.00 now **\$24.00** 20510

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

Sourced from the Margaret River

A winner of trophies, awards and accolades, Cape Mentelle's Cabernet has continued to evolve since the early 1980's. Today, the aim is to emphasise classic varietal characters and reflect regional uniqueness. This wine from the Trinders vineyard is an opulently styled red with rich black currant, mocha and herb aromas. It has concentrated fruit flavours, and hints of tobacco and liquorice coiled around a firm backbone.



Chapel Hill The Abbot
McLaren Vale Bush Vine Grenache 2006

was \$37.90 now **\$25.00** 22143

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

The Abbot was produced from hand harvested, 80-year-old bush vines; the yields might be small, but the quality and concentration of flavours is remarkable. There are layers of aromatic expressions of blackcurrant, cherry, leather, herb and spicy oak. The ripe fruit, oak and winemaking components are seamlessly combined, and neatly wound around a core of graceful tannin. Velvet in texture, it has a deliciously long, flavoursome finish.

a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

With the exception of champagne, French rosés cannot be made by blending red wines with white. By law, only three methods may be used; using pink grapes (which is uncommon), the pressed method or the bled, or saignée, method.

Pressed method wines are made from crushed, strained and pressed red grapes. In hot weather, the skin pigment is dissolved and the juice of the first pressing is vinified as if it were white wine, resulting in a pale pink wine.

Saignée rosé is made from red grapes that are partially macerated, from a few hours to a day or two. After this period the vat is tapped, or bled, and the resulting pink juice is fermented at low temperatures, and may undergo malolactic fermentation.

The three French regions renowned for their rosés are the Loire Valley, the Southern Rhône and Provence. The best Loire wines are produced using Cabernet Franc and both the pressed and saignée methods. In Southern Rhône and Provence, the rosés are primarily made from Grenache and Cinsault using the saignée method, and these are generally superior in quality to pressed rosés.

The best are those of Lirac and Tavel, always dry and with a longer shelf life. When slightly chilled, these dry rosés are especially good with seafood, and with Provençal and Mediterranean-inspired cuisine.

Château Mont-Redon Lirac Rosé 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$24.00** 41416

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

Stylish Southern Rhône Rosé

Lirac has been famous for producing Rosé wines for generations. The appellation is located on the right bank of the Rhône opposite Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The wine is a 50/50 blend of hand harvested Grenache and Cinsault. It was given a few hours skin contact, fermented in tanks for about three weeks and lightly fined. Boasting a perfumed nose of strawberry, this is a wonderfully elegant rosé with a fruity character and a fresh, crisp finish.



Paul Jaboulet Domaine de Thalabert Crozes Hermitage 2005

was \$68.00 now **\$54.00** 45388

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$53.00 A BOTTLE

A new wine from the new-look team at Jaboulet

Domaine de Thalabert is a 75-acre vineyard, planted exclusively in Syrah vines that are up to 45 years old. Yields are kept very low to concentrate the flavours. This was given a month-long fermentation to extract the maximum fruit and tannin characters. The nose has an appealing fruit definition, with black pepper & bramble aromas. The palate has a broad, seductive character and plenty of spicy berryfruit flavours, integrated oak and a lingering finish. Very good.

Laroche

South of France Chardonnay 2006

was \$22.00 now **\$16.00** 48540



Buy 2 bottles for \$30

A stylish Chardonnay with a pure heart of seductive fruit flavours and an elegant bouquet of tropical fruit and spring blossom. Harvested in southern French vineyards, it's had some French and American oak to provide depth and complexity, the excellent flavours complemented by a refreshing finish.

Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais Villages 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$17.00** 43895



Buy 2 bottles for \$30

There are thirty-nine villages in northern Beaujolais entitled to use the appellation 'Beaujolais Villages'. The vastly experienced House of Duboeuf selects wines from growers in these villages and blends them to demonstrate the balance and charm that has made this wine a world favourite. This opens with a perfumed nose of soft summer fruit, blackberry and hints of mineral. The palate has concentrated ripe fruit flavours, a juicy character and a fresh-tasting finish.

Château la Verrière Bordeaux Superieur 2005

was \$28.00 now **\$19.00** 41618



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

From Bordeaux' exceptional 2005 vintage

The last two decades has ushered in a host of new wine regions and many changes. Bordeaux, too, has experienced change, but remains the largest region in the world producing quality wines. From the superb 2005 vintage, this Merlot-based claret is clear proof that there is exceptional value to be found. It displays classic berry, plum and cedar aromas and a suave palate that is beautifully integrated and complemented by the fine tannin structure and lingering finish.

Les Vins de Vienne Côtes du Rhône 2006

was \$34.00 now **\$25.00** 41317



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Just arrived, the new 2006 vintage

Right up there with the best Côtes du Rhône our panel has tasted. It is a 50/50 Syrah Grenache blend, traditionally vinted and matured partially in tank and oak casks. Distinctive, spicy black cherry and raspberry aromas abound, and it has a succulent palate of ripe fruit flavours, with nuances of liquorice that flow through to the finish.

a taste of *Italy*

Prosecco is the name of both an Italian grape variety and the sparkling wine made from the variety. Prosecco has flourished in the vineyards of the Valdobbiadene/Conegliano zones north of Venice since Roman times, and was the source of their famous, and much appreciated wine, Pulcinum.

In this cool region, Prosecco ripens late, a tendency that ultimately led to the creation of a sparkling style. In late autumn, the fermentation tended to stop, leaving some carbon dioxide and residual sugar, then in spring the fermentation would restart, creating a sparkling, or spumante, wine.

It was a hit and miss business, so today the wine is made in pressure tanks using the Charmat process. Prosecco is made as both a full spumante and a frizzante, or semi-sparkling, style. Today, it is particularly popular in Venice and its surrounds, served by itself, or to accompany antipasto.

It also makes an excellent base for a number of cocktails, in particular the famous Bellini, created in 1943 by Harry's Bar in honour of painter Giuseppe Cipriani. To make it, drop 1½ tablespoons of peach purée or juice into a Champagne flute, add 2-3 drops of raspberry purée and top up with the chilled Prosecco.

Prosecco should not be over-chilled, as it kills the soft, fruity flavours.

Santa Margherita

Prosecco di Valdobbiadene DOC NV

was \$31.00 now **\$25.00** 62538

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

A lot of Prosecco sparkling is consumed locally, and is much rarer in export markets than the other famous Italian sparkler, Asti Spumante. This particular wine is given a minimum of four weeks lees contact to develop some complexity. With its fine stream of persistent bubbles, the fragrant and elegant bouquet is evocative of apple and pear, with the merest hint of mineral. The fruity and well balanced palate has a gentle feel and a lively finish.



Pasqua Villa Borghetti

Valpolicella Classico DOC 2006

was \$21.00 now **\$16.00** 66049

Buy 2 bottles for \$30

With winter woes finally coming to an end, thankfully, it's time to put away comfort foods and begin to enjoy lighter fare, and there's probably no wine better suited to Spring than Valpolicella. This one comes from the Classico zone, which is considered to deliver the best that the appellation has to offer. It is a vibrant, purple-tinged wine with an inviting bouquet of spice and plum. The smoothly textured palate has delicious morello cherry flavours, a juicy mouthfeel and a fresh finish. Great value.



Purchase any of these wines from one of our Glengarry stores during October and go in the draw to win various tools of the chef's trade from Jamie Oliver; cookbooks, pans and much more - a different prize in every store.

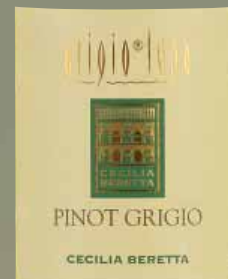
Beretta

Grigio Luna Pinot Grigio 2007

was \$22.00 now **\$16.00** 60499

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

This food-friendly Pinot Grigio was harvested from the sub-Alpine vineyards of the Valdadige in Italy's Veneto region. The wine was cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain varietal integrity and fresh flavours. The bouquet displays pipfruit and herbal notes, while the lightly-weighted palate evokes flavours of pear supported by traces of spice and mineral. The juicy flavours are nicely balanced by a touch of citrus.



Bolla

Chianti DOCG 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$16.00** 62562

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

When an Italian family sits down to dinner, there will invariably be a bottle of wine to accompany the meal. Hence, Italian wines are made to be enjoyed with food, and none more so than the ubiquitous Chianti. This one has a bouquet of spicy mulberry and violet. The palate is nicely weighted and dominated by soft summer fruit flavours. The wine is well balanced and smooth tasting, with a lingering, flavoursome finish.



Cecchi

Chianti Classico DOCG 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$24.00** 62422

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

The region between Florence and Sienna is heartland Chianti, the Classico zone. The wines of the Classico region are a step up from the rest of Chianti, and are classified as DOCG, the 'G' indicating that the wine's authenticity is guaranteed and that it has met specific standards. This has classic black cherry and violet aromas, the palate concentrated and smooth as silk.



Fontanafredda Il Sogno

Barbera d'Asti Superiore DOCG 2003

was \$36.00 now **\$25.00** 62646

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Il Sogno, or 'the dream', is the happy result of a unique consortium involving the four leading wine companies in Piedmont. The Barbera grapes were harvested from vineyards located in the hills of Nizza, Monferrato, Vinchio and Vaglio. The wine is produced by Italian winemaker of the Year, Guiliano Noé. It is a ruby red wine with a distinct spicy morello cherry bouquet. The palate exhibits nicely concentrated, spice-edged plum flavours complemented by a silky texture.



a taste of SPAIN

The rosé wine style is said to have been introduced into Spain, where it is called rosado, by a Frenchman in 1864, and it has been enjoyed by countless numbers of visitors to that country ever since. One of its aficionados was the American author Ernest Hemingway, who consumed copious quantities during his visits in the 1920's for Pamplona's annual running of the bulls.

Unlike French rosés, which are made from a narrow selection of varieties, Spanish rosado is produced from a relatively large group that includes native varieties Garnacha, Tempranillo and Monastrell, and others such as Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir.

The most distinctive and individual rosados are those produced from the native varieties. These are frequently world class, and a match for the best that France has to offer. Rosados are in some instances aged for quite long periods in the cellar before they are released, during which time they develop greater depth.

Large volumes of cheaper rosados, made largely for the tourist trade, are blended from red and white wine. Rosados are made in several regions, and range from totally dry to slightly sweet. The best of them are distinctive and make superb spring/summer drinking.

Ada

Minotauro Rosado 2007

was \$19.00 now **\$16.00** 88025

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Navarra is best known for the running of the bulls, and the flattening of the tourists, at Pamplona. Being the birthplace of Spanish wine (vines were planted here in the 2nd century), and with the innovative wineries in the region, wine is giving bulls a run for their money. A Rosé style, 100% Garnacha and utterly delicious, this has loads of red berries and a hint of mint. Rosado was Hemingway's favourite wine, so if you feel the urge to go shoot an elephant, well...



Valdespino El Candado

Pedro Ximenez Sherry 375mL

was \$27.00 now **\$24.00** 89826

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

The Pedro Ximenez grape variety is widely used for blending, but this is a single vineyard wine grown in the Macharnudo district of Jerez. After harvesting, the grapes were left out in the sun for two weeks. This causes evaporation, raises the sugar level and turns the grapes to raisins. This extremely smart sherry is an intense mahogany colour, with distinctive aromas of raisins and fruit cake on the nose. The rich palate is remarkably concentrated, with the characteristic grapey flavours complemented by a velvet-smooth texture and a lingering aftertaste.



Spain is searingly hot, and we have our fingers in the paellas of the premium new producers

Freixenet

Cordon Negro Cava Brut NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.90** 85010



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.00 A BOTTLE

Cordon Negro is easily the biggest-selling sparkling wine on earth. It is blended from native Spanish varieties and has an elegant and moderately complex bouquet with echos of apple and toast. The fine fruit flavours are wrapped in a coat of silky mousse and enhanced by a dry, clean, fresh finish. It's great value, and at this price worth buying by the case.

Solar Viejo

Crianza 2005

was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 88009



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

A well established Rioja winery that has earned accolades throughout the world. This is 100% Tempranillo matured for 12 months in French and American oak barriques. The nose has distinctive spicy cherry aromas with just a hint of coffee in the background. The palate is generously flavoured, with the fruit and oak complemented by a silky texture, mellow tannins and a fine, long finish. An excellent accompaniment to red meat dishes.

Valdespino Inocente

Single Vineyard Fino Sherry 375mL

was \$23.60 now **\$19.90** 89827

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

A stunning expression that's been described more than once as the best fino on the market. Rarely, it's a single vineyard wine, coming from the Macharnudo district, the wine barrel-aged in American oak, giving it a fuller body than most finos without compromising its searing dryness and clean, crisp flavours. Matured under flor for eight years, it has a delicate yet pungent nose and a weighty, complex palate. Lightly chilled, it is a brilliant aperitif.



Solar Viejo

Reserva 2002

was \$36.00 now **\$29.00** 88010



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

Reserva wines must be aged for a minimum of three years (12 months must be in oak and 24 months in the bottle) before they are released. Solar Viejo have used that as a guideline, and matured this Rioja for 16 months in oak barriques. It has aromas of berry, plum and toasty oak, while the well structured palate has good fruit presence, a smooth, slick texture and a fine tannin grip.

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the GLENGARRY Top 10

october

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

1 **G** Allan Scott
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$20.90 now **\$17.00** 17386

CASE OF 12 \$16.50 A BOTTLE
Produced from family estate-grown grapes, this is a forward wine with pineapple and passion-fruit aromas and flavours, balanced by a dash of citrus that gives it a zesty finish.



2 Balgownie Estate
Bendigo Shiraz 2005

was \$39.00 now **\$25.00** 20129

CASE OF 12 \$24.50 A BOTTLE
A ruby-coloured wine with a vibrant bouquet of ripe spicy cherry and hints of mineral. Medium weighted and generously flavoured, it is silky smooth and beautifully structured.



3 Brookfields
Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$17.00** 11265

CASE OF 12 \$16.50 A BOTTLE
A delicious, fruit-driven Hawke's Bay wine with ripe tropical fruit aromas and a palate alive with succulent gooseberry and green apple flavours, enhanced by hints of herb and mineral.



4 Pencarrow
Martinborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$10.90** 17043

Great value barrel fermented Chardonnay with an appealing peachy bouquet, a well balanced, creamy, textural mouthfeel and a clean finish. An excellent and versatile food wine.



5 Yealands Estate
Marlborough Viognier 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10016

An immediately appealing, fresh tasting wine, with ripe herbal and tropical fruit aromas and flavours. The lively palate is packed with flavour and nicely balanced by a flick of citrus.



6 Selaks Founders Block
Hawke's Bay Merlot 2006

was \$34.00 now **\$29.90** 18430

CASE OF 12 \$29.00 A BOTTLE
A deep coloured wine with plum/berry aromas backed by a hint of vanilla. The lush palate is dominated by spicy fruit flavours enhanced by some judicious integrated oak.



7 Saint Clair Pioneer Block Cell Block 11
Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$30.50 now **\$28.00** 18303

CASE OF 12 \$27.50 A BOTTLE
100% barrel fermented, an aromatic bouquet of melon and mineral notes and a hint of toast. Generously flavoured, it has a creamy texture, understated oaky nuances and a fresh finish.



8 **G** Kim Crawford Briant Vineyard
Gisborne Chardonnay 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$25.00** 11677

CASE OF 6 \$24.50 A BOTTLE
This single vineyard Chardonnay opens with a flourish of peach and tropical fruit aromas. The palate has layers of flavours beautifully enhanced by toasty oak and buttery hints.



9 Kaesler Stonehorse Barossa Valley
Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$24.00** 22260

CASE OF 12 \$23.50 A BOTTLE
A super value Barossa Valley GSM blend with ripe berryfruit aromas on the nose. The richly flavoured palate is well structured and balanced and finishes on a lingering note.



10 Lake Chalice
Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13567

CASE OF 12 \$15.90 A BOTTLE
A pale golden wine with aromas of stonefruit and nutty nuances. The palate has distinctive peachy flavours augmented with a streak of nectarine and supported by spicy oak.



NZ PINOT CENTRAL OTAGO



NOIR MARLBOROUGH



12343	DEVIL'S STAIRCASE	Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008	was \$24.90	now \$19.90	10508	FALLEN ANGEL	Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006	was \$39.90	now \$36.00
10917	WAIPARA HILLS	Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007	was \$28.90	now \$24.00	12336	ROCKBURN	Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007	was \$45.00	now \$39.00
11709	KIM CRAWFORD RISE-AND-SHINE	Pinot Noir 2006	was \$34.00	now \$29.00	10186	AKARUA CADENCE	Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006	was \$45.00	now \$39.00
10184	AKARUA GULLIES	Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006	was \$35.90	now \$29.00	18422	SACRED HILL PROSPECTOR	Pinot Noir 2006	was \$53.90	now \$49.00



11178	WILD SOUTH	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007	was \$20.90	now \$16.00	13559	LAKE CHALICE	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006	was \$24.90	now \$19.00
11674	KIM CRAWFORD	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007	was \$21.90	now \$16.90	12098	STONELEIGH RAPAURA SERIES	Pinot Noir 2007	was \$33.90	now \$23.90
18320	SAINT CLAIR	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007	was \$23.00	now \$19.90	12443	CABLE BAY	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006	was \$35.90	now \$29.00
17446	ALLAN SCOTT	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007	was \$26.00	now \$21.00	12299	FAIRHALL DOWNS	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007	was \$34.90	now \$29.00