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164 parnell rd
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524 5789

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49 tamaki dr
528 5272

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250 dominion rd
623 0811

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cnr wellesley st & mayoral dr
379 8416

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cnr victoria st & elliott st
379 5858

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486 1770

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445 2989

remuera
400 remuera rd
523 1594

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467 new north rd
815 9207

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164 garnet rd
360 4035

wellington

thorndon
232 thorndon quay
472 7051

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85 upland rd
475 7849

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27 courtenay place
385 9600

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Dee Clarke, Manager at Glengarry Devonport

'I have a really great team here,' says Dee of Devonport in typical self-effacing fashion, when I hear how well the store has been going. 'It's a cliché, but it really is all about teamwork. If someone doesn't pull their weight, then the whole thing can fall apart.' And Dee Clarke should know. For eight years she 'worked the boats,' as she calls it, again, a rather euphemistic term for working as a stewardess on luxury yachts in and around the Caribbean. Dee's tasks involved everything from refreshing sir and madam's Piña Colodas to preparing three meals a day as the boat's chef. Then there was driving the 30ft tender boat. Sounds glamorous, when your workstation is a floating palace between Antibes and Miami.

'Yes it does,' she acknowledges, 'but really it was just hard work. Up at 6am to get breakfast started and still making the last Martinis at 11 at night. Preparing a full-scale picnic at an hour's notice...' No surprise then that Dee rates organisation and systems as critical to running an operation right.

'That's why I'm so looking forward to starting the year positively. I came to the store in September, learnt the systems, and then it was Christmas, which in Devonport is just crazy. Now I – and the team – can look at introducing some new ideas and really work on making the most of it.'

Surely Devonport must feel like a backwater after living in all those exotic locations. 'No way! I love it. It's got a real buzz and, although I come from the Hawke's Bay, I just couldn't settle there; it probably wasn't going to be quite buzzy enough.' Indeed Dee gained her wine knowledge working in fine wine retail in The Bay. Being in a winery city helped strengthen her know-how, although she acknowledges that in the years she was offshore, 2000-2008, the NZ wine industry has changed dramatically. 'Yes, I'm playing catch-up, but Glengarry is the best environment for trying and learning about wine. And the huge number of locals who come into the store are into their wines too, so you pick up lots – and share lots, too – just in conversation.'

Gearing up for the Devonport Wine & Food Festival is the next big task, and then it's full steam ahead for 2009. 'I love retail, and I love being busy.' Sounds like she's found the perfect home, then.

Jak Jakicevich

MANAGER'S PICK DEE CLARKE



Mount Edward Earth's End Pinot Noir 2006 12523
\$29.00 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

One thing I've loved since coming back is how New Zealand Pinot has taken off, and how Central Otago seems to be becoming the Pinot capital of the world. I was lucky enough to go to Queenstown with the Glengarry crew for the Central Otago Wine Festival, and so got to try this great new release from Pinot legend Alan Brady. Amazing. It's concentrated, complex with loads of characters and flavours that keep revealing themselves with every sip. Beautiful and brilliant.

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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

G Torea Oystercatcher Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 12294

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
Gold Medal wine under \$15

One could be forgiven for calling Brian Bicknell 'Mr Many Pies' as his name seems to pop up around all things vinous, almost as often as corks used to. He has fashioned a delightful wine that is, typically, a stand-out from all the rest. Despite the slightly lower-than-most alcohol (12.5%) there is no shortage of mid-palate weight, and the rich and generous texture flows right through to the last magical mouthful. Produced from a single vineyard, it's no surprise that it garnered gold at last year's Top 100.



Wild Rock Pania Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$22.50 now **\$17.90** 11198

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
Quality Chardonnay from the team at Craggy Range

Pania being a Hawke's Bay legend now immortalised in bronze, this is a Hawke's Bay Chardonnay contained in glass. What is a parallelogram? From the Craggy Range crew, this is a brilliant offering, beautifully and intensely scented and creamily mouthfilling on the palate. It's rich in stonefruit and lifted by seductive toasty characters, and it's been priced by a lunatic. 'Tis indeed a temptress, and definitely a case buy.



Te Whare Ra Toru Gewürztraminer Riesling Pinot Gris 2008

was \$20.50 now **\$17.90** 19165

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
An exquisite blend that's perfect for a long, hot summer

As it's back-to-school month, repeat after me, kids: tahi, rua, toru... Very good. Toru being three and the three being Gewürztraminer, Riesling and Pinot Gris. Leave your prejudices at the door, for the folks at Te Whare Ra have massaged these aromatics into a sensational summer wine. Displaying Gewurz spice, Riesling complexity, Pinot Gris texture, it overwhelms the senses with its lush, meadow-meets-summer flavours, while the richness and length denote a wine of great class and style.



Kotuku

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$12.70 now **\$9.90** 17375

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Made by a long-standing family winery in Marlborough, this is a great little chirping cheapie that you would be foolish to pass over or, being a white heron, pass underneath. With a step toward the tropical and a flick back down the citrus line, this walks the perfect path of varietal impact and subdued satisfaction. Soft in the middle but nice and tight down the sides, it's the picture of balance. Perfect, too, for those trying to lose weight... off their credit cards.



Clifton Road

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2006

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 18009

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

You've got more chance of being hit by a meteor than you have of finding a better priced, better-drinking local red this month. Brimming with black cherries and plentiful plum flavours, it's a smooth ride down the silk road that ripe Merlot so often provides. Flavourful, mouthfilling, with more depth than you'd ever expect. Hell, at this price you're lucky to even get a label. And it's so much less messy than molten rock. Yip.



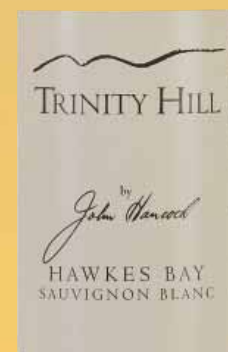
Trinity Hill

Hawke's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

While the fruit is clearly lusciously ripe, the Hillsters have picked carefully, ensuring the firm hand of acid drives the rich fruit flavours home. The usual varietal suspects of passionfruit and gooseberries raise their pretty heads, and these are offset by some tangy citrus and lush stonefruit tones. A thread of minerality ties it all together in a seamless little bag of joy.



Devil's Staircase

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 12343

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Proving that they can create brilliant wines at whatever price they choose, the Rockburners let Lucifer loose and come up with a genius imp of a wine. While it has a robustness (14% alc) it sings with charm too, bursting forth with delightful dark cherries and black plums, all swished with an edge of bramble bush that ups the intrigue factor into the zone marked 'complex'. Smooth, supple and hanging out to be accompanied by a venison sausage. And aren't we all.





Feature Winery



Matt Connell, Winemaker at Akarua

Akarua's 47-hectare vineyard was first planted in 1996 in the Bannockburn region and its first wine was launched in 1999 to critical acclaim. Between 2002 and 2003 Akarua had a remarkable purple patch, when three successive Pinot Noir vintages won a horde of awards and accolades. At London's prestigious 2002 International Wine and Spirit Competition, the 2000 Pinot Noir was the only red in the category to be awarded a Gold Medal. That same year the 2001 vintage also received a Gold Medal at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

It got even better in the 2003 Competition, where the 2002 Pinot won the Pinot Noir Trophy and was judged 2003 Champion Wine of the Show. Success followed upon success; the company's two 2002 Pinot Noir styles came first and second in Cuisine magazine and two successive vintages were rated 92 points by Wine Spectator magazine.

It is that consistency which is the hallmark of Akarua wines, due in no small measure to the quality of the fruit from its vineyard. Gillian Wilson, Akarua's viticulturist, has a wealth of experience, having worked in viticultural management in Gisborne, Hawke's Bay and Central Otago. 'I believe in using sustainable management practices. By working with the environment it allows the wines to express the unique qualities inherent in every vineyard site,' she says.

The wines featured here were made by Jacqueline Kemp, who has since gone overseas with her partner. To replace her, Akarua have secured the services of award-winning winemaker Matt Connell, who will be producing the wines from the 2009 vintage onwards.

Matt completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Viticulture and Winemaking in 2001, moving on to work at Wynn's in Coonawarra, followed by three years in Oregon. It was while working there as assistant winemaker at Elk Cove that Matt developed his passion for Pinot Noir and cool climate winemaking. During his time in Oregon, Matt returned to New Zealand to work a vintage with Peregrine Wines in Central Otago. In 2005, he relocated to Central Otago to become the winemaker for Olssens.

Matt Connell says, 'My approach to winemaking is simple; it's all about the fruit and balance, so I employ minimalist, gentle techniques and let the wine make itself. The aim of the team at Akarua is to make world-class wines, in particular Pinot Noir. With the exception of the Rua wine, which is a regional blend and the Sauvignon Blanc, which is sourced from Marlborough, all our wines are made from fruit grown in our own vineyards.'

Central Otago's Akarua

Akarua
Central Otago Pinot Rosé 2008

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



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

This is the last of it, so don't delay!

Produced from estate-grown grapes, with a small portion fermented in neutral oak barrels to add some complexity, Akarua's take on rosé is a delightfully fresh wine with a pink glow. The bouquet is evocative of strawberry and raspberry supported by hints of spice and summer blooms. The wonderfully balanced palate exhibits a delicious flurry of soft fruit flavours and a crisp, clean finish.



Rua
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.00** 10193

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Central Otago Pinot for under \$20

At under \$20.00, this is very good value. Produced using a blend of fruit from Wanaka and Bannockburn vineyards, it is an early drinking style, with a bright cherry colour and a fragrant nose displaying an assortment of ripe, soft, summer fruits supported by herb-like toasty nuances. The palate is nicely weighted and has pervasive berryfruit flavours complemented by a smooth, savoury texture.

Akarua Gullies
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$35.90 now **\$29.00** 10184



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

Gullies Pinot Noir is produced entirely from fruit grown in Akarua's meticulously managed Bannockburn vineyard. To retain complexity, the wine was small vat fermented and matured for eleven months in French oak. It has an alluring strawberry/raspberry nose supported by earthy notes. The ripe fruit flavours on the palate are balanced by a swell of acidity and enhanced by a supple tannin structure.



Akarua Cadence
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$45.00 now **\$39.00** 10186

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

The Pinot Noir fruit for Akarua's Cadence is carefully selected from their Bannockburn vineyard to reflect its unique terroir. Matured for eleven months in French oak barriques, it is minimally handled. The complex bouquet expresses blackberry mingling with chocolate, coffee and oak nuances. It is the complete wine, harmonious and neatly structured, with the emphasis on its ripe fruit flavours.

10196 Akarua Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008	was \$21.90 now \$17.00
10191 Akarua Central Otago Unoaked Chardonnay 2007	was \$23.90 now \$19.00
10195 Akarua Central Otago Chardonnay 2007	was \$26.90 now \$23.00
10194 Akarua Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008	was \$26.90 now \$23.00



SPARKLING

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

Drappier Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$55.00 now **\$42.90** 43500

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$42.40 A BOTTLE

This drop of delight has an upfront personality and authoritarian air that ensures none of its many marvellous components escape your attention. Achingly fresh apples smeared with milk chocolate only begins to describe the complex aromatics, while the palate is a sumptuous buffet of baked apples and cream. Richly mouthfilling, it also delivers a cleansing acidity that ensures some key criteria of great champagne, balance, harmony and elegance, are comfortably achieved. All for the price of a potentially average bottle of Pinot. You choose.



Taittinger Brut Réserve NV

was \$106.00 now **\$74.90** 49511

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$74.40 A BOTTLE

One of the world's best NVs

The chalk cellars in which millions of fine bottles of Taittinger develop slowly to greatness were dug out in the 4th century. Makes you think again when you pick the bottle up, huh. The fruit comes from fifty different vineyards, while 3-4 years in those historic cellars have intensified the wine's aromatics to a remarkable degree. Golden peaches, white flowers and toast lead to a lively, astoundingly fresh and wonderfully balanced palate. Exceptional NV.



Pol Roger Pure Brut Nature NV

was \$96.00 now **\$89.00** 48235

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$88.50 A BOTTLE

The latest stunning release from one of Champagne's finest houses

There is a real trend towards these non-dosage styles of champagne, so it is worth noting that Tom Stevenson, generally regarded as the world's most knowledgeable champagne scribe, said that Pol Roger Pure was 'quite simply, the best Brut Nature I have ever tasted.' He considered it 'in a different league to all the rest.' The wine is boldly fresh yet deeply mature, the aromatics and flavours intensely concentrated along very clean, precise lines. As stylish and shapely as Catherine Deneuve, and much more affordable.



Freixenet Cordon Negro Cava Brut NV

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

Buy 2 bottles for \$20

If you were to line this up against its peers and taste it blind, you would find it wipes the floor with anything under \$20. Freixenet has the size to procure the best fruit from the broadest range of vineyards, can institute best-practice in its wineries, filled with the best equipment. Hell, their viticulturists probably drive the best tractors, too, much to the chagrin of the mule-flogging granjeros in Penedès.



Saint-Meyland Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Superb French Methode

Auxerre, the region from which this excellent value sparkling hails, lies but a limestone's throw from Chablis village itself, and was for a long time the key winegrowing area of the Yonne district. Hardly an upstart, then. Being bottle-fermented à la champagne, these wines age in cellars 50 metres below the ground. Fresh and floral, it has a full mid-palate and a long, balanced finish.



Chandon Brut NV

was \$28.00 now **\$24.00** 25599

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

Australian Methode made in association with Moët & Chandon

Owned by Moët & Chandon, with the big noise of the group based in California, this creamy creature is made in the sister winery in the Yarra Valley, where cool climate fruit contributes to its elegant allure. Dominated by 60% Chardonnay, the Pinot Noir defends its corner by delivering a beautiful mouthfeel and rich chocolate tones. Touchingly dry, it finishes soft and languorous and addictively crisp.



Chandon Brut Rosé NV

was \$31.00 now **\$25.00** 25598

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Rosé styles are the fastest growing segment of the champagne/sparkling market; if you remain unconvinced of their charms, then this would be a great wine to sway your opinions. The key to the colour is the small dose of still Pinot Noir added at tirage. While making the wine blush deliciously, the Pinot adds structure and shape to the beautiful fruit and yeast-derived flavours of the palate. Perfect for those eternal autumnal sunsets.



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Gunn Estate
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007



was \$17.90 now **\$12.90** 18061

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

If you are going to refrain from using wood, you need to make sure you have all the fruit components locked down; so this is, sensibly, sourced from a few key sites in the best regions. Intensely ripe fruit greets the nose, while fleshy white peaches with citrus blossom and dried pineapple pay a visit to your palate. Outstanding drinking at this price, it delivers heaven at down-to-earth dollars.

Yalumba
Y Series South Australia Viognier 2007



was \$16.00 now **\$12.90** 29881

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

Yalumba pioneered Pinot Gris cultivation in Australia, planting vines back in 1980 when Icehouse were big and Midnight Oil were still practicing, and while the wines have improved exponentially over the years, it doesn't seem to have impacted on the dollars required at the door. Full-flavoured with ginger-tinged marmalade flavours, it is lush, ripe, lengthy and persistent. Outrageous buying, and drinking.

Kim Crawford Kim's Favourite
Gisborne Chardonnay 2007



RRP \$29.90 now **\$14.90** 11626

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Cancelled Export Order

I think we forget Gisborne was the first chardonnay capital of New Zealand, and this all-enveloping beauty reminds us of what we might have been missing. With some American oak action and a full malo, the fruit is a dreamy drenching, the palate a mouthfilling treat.

Boundary Vineyards
Paper Lane Gisborne Pinot Gris 2008



was \$22.00 now **\$14.90** 18506

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

This makes a mockery of those confused producers who feel they have to charge \$30 plus for average examples of the variety. Inner-city stylistas take note; you can get flavoursome, well-made, good drinking Pinot Gris for \$15. Not oily like many, this is about tropical fruit smeared across warming toast flavours, with a mid-palate that will stop you in your Manolos. Drink and be merry.

Sacred Hill Barrel Fermented
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007



was \$20.90 now **\$15.90** 18067

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

This redefines the term value. The fruit gets all the treatment of a \$30 vino (barrel fermentation and ageing on lees, for example) and delivers flavours, complexity and character to threaten plenty of Chardies further up the price-scale. Rotund and rounded, its fragrance is stonefruit decadence, the palate unbridled ripeness matched to toasty oak mealiness. Smart, satisfying and utterly compelling.

Nga Waka Three Paddles
Martinborough Riesling 2008

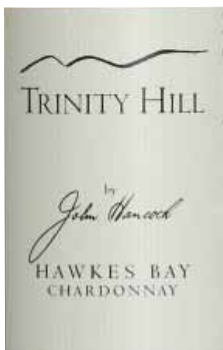


was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 15827

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Anyone with a passing knowledge of Nga Waka wines knows that Roger Parkinson is a consistently brilliant deliverer of great Rieslings. Gold at the latest Air New Zealand awards underlines this wine's peerlessness. Fully fragrant, it zips along with classic lemon/lime characters, treacled with honey and shot through with Martinborough minerality. Fresh, inviting, affordable.

Trinity Hill
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007



was \$20.50 now **\$16.90** 19221

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

One of the most appealing aspects of this offering is that despite its fresh fruit forwardness, there is a Chablis-like restraint and minimalism to the flavours that sets it apart. With only a small part of the wine seeing oak, and with limited malo fermentation, the reductive winemaking style matches flavour and finesse, complexity and character. A marriage made in, well, a stainless steel tank, mostly.

Pierre Brecht
Alsace Pinot Gris 2007



was \$31.00 now **\$19.90** 42402

The benchmark for Pinot Gris is Alsace, and having tasted this it's difficult to argue with that proposal. A beautifully crafted wine with a seductive bouquet of musky, honeyed nuances and exotic aromas. Ripe and fleshy fruit flavours are brought into focus by a dash of citrus. Particularly well priced, and versatile enough to match a variety of foods.



Saint Clair Vicar's Choice
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.20 now **\$14.90** 18380

Did you know that every second bottle of white wine we thirsty lot grab off the shelves is Sauvignon? Unleashing this excellent example from the dizzyingly successful Saint Clair label reminds you why. Assertive tropical meets citrus meets herbaceous characters abound, the fleshy full-palate fills your mouth, and a mineral note delivers complexity. At a full fiver off normal retail, climb seriously in.

Lake Chalice
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

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



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

When you're staring down the barrel of your 20th Sauvignon vintage, history would suggest you know what you're doing. Having the luxury of seven vineyard sites from which to select fruit, LC produce a brilliant wine with a range of characteristics reflective of the sites. Intense tropical and herbaceous characters, zest-tinged acid frame, mineral spine and a superb finish. Refreshing? And then some.



Yealands Estate
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10009

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Meandering down the highway toward whale watching country, you are assaulted by newly-planted vineyards in some marginal looking places. Peter Yealands has been here. The Seaview vineyard, from which the fifty separate parcels of fruit for this wine were drawn, is undulating and exposed, with high sunshine and no rain. The grapes? Thick-skinned and intense. The wine, racy, concentrated, exciting.

Russian Jack
Pinot Noir 2008

was \$19.50 now **\$16.90** 18949



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

From Burnt Spur, who know their way around a Pinot grape or two, comes this up-front-drink-now-don't-fuss style of wine, as zippingly bursting with fruit as the dog that appears on the website. This serves up a panoply of plums and plummy cherries, slips in a sliver of vanillin oak to sweeten the deal and wraps it up fresh and tantalizing, like.



Sacred Hill
Marlborough Vineyards Pinot Noir 2008

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** 18486

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

I had to chuckle when I read on the Sacred Hill site that this wine was good with game birds. You can just see it, can't you? 'ello, darlin', I've got a bottle of great Pinot, is you up for it?' A smooth wine for a smooth talker, this is wonderfully weighty and lengthy, espesh for the price, with incredibly ripe fruit characters and a hail of earth tones to seal the deal. Oh, and very good with, er, duck/goose/quail...



Trapiche Varietals
Argentine Malbec 2007

was \$13.90 now **\$11.90** 90667

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$11.40 A BOTTLE

Voted best Argentine wine producer for 2006 at the International Wine Show, and at nine million cases annually, Trapiche are one of the world's largest producers. Their size means they can produce exceptional quality for a song. A fully-flavoured jam and berry fest, with creamy vanilla notes and a solid, fruit-ravaged finish. Stupendous value.

Bell Bird Bay
Merlot 2007

was \$16.50 now **\$14.90** 10310



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

From a cracking Hawke's Bay vintage that gave rise to sugar levels bigger than our trade deficit, this is pushy strawberries, forward black cherries and seductive vanilla tones, all driven on a won't-weigh-you-down-but-sure-picks-you-up palate. Spicy and plummy, serve it up with Dolly the sheep. Ewe'll love it.



Deen De Bortoli
Vat 9 Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$20.00 now **\$14.90** 20916

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

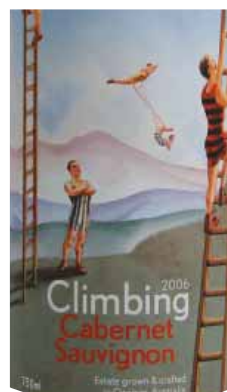
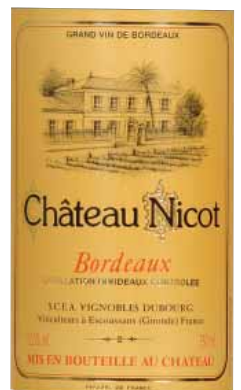
Wines such as this remind me that Cabernet is not hard, angular and miserable, but can be smooth as a Fabergé egg and soft as a marshmallow Easter one. Brimming with cassis, plums and assorted red berries latched to a sturdy but not intimidating structure, this is well-rounded, mouth-filling and mucho satisfying. And the price: niice...

Château Nicot
Bordeaux 2005

was \$25.00 now **\$18.00** 41623

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

This opens its account with a surge of berries that even the most jaded nose will appreciate. Forward, ripe fruit flavours drape over a classic sturdy structure of tannic firmness and tantalising fruit acids. From the Entre-Deux-Mers, it's front and square, one of the best value, best drinking 2005 Bordeaux you'll find.



Climbing
Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$18.00** 21900

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

So-called, as the vineyards are at nose-bleed altitudes. Cumulus produce excellent wines in a very different style to your standard Aussie. Leaning more towards Bordeaux than Barossa, there is a leanness to the flavours, a taut but supple vibrancy that works wonderfully with food and forms a great platform for the fruit to show off.

Valentine's Day

*No delivery after Friday, except in Auckland and Wellington CBD.

Saturday 14th February*

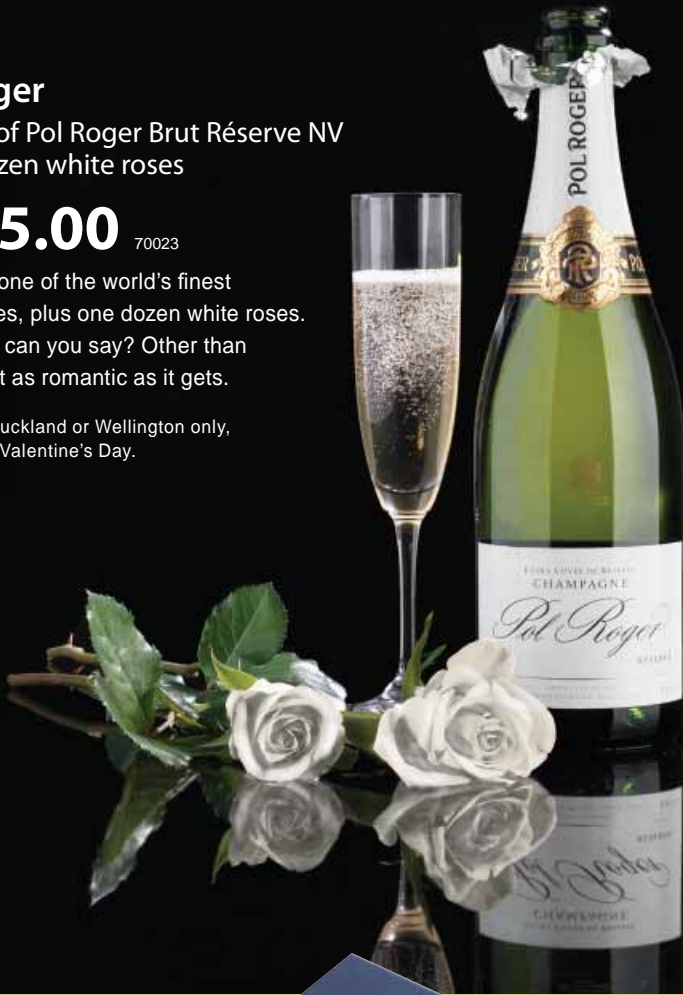
Pol Roger

A bottle of Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV and a dozen white roses

\$145.00 70023

A bottle of one of the world's finest champagnes, plus one dozen white roses. What more can you say? Other than that's about as romantic as it gets.

Delivery to Auckland or Wellington only, on or before Valentine's Day.



Pol Roger

Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill 1998

\$245.00 48224

Absolutely stunning champagne in a gorgeous blue box. When only the best will do for your Beloved.



Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV + 2 Riedel Prestige Cuvée Flutes

\$135.00 70021

A bottle of Pol Roger paired with the world's most elegant glassware.



Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé with Ice Dress

\$105.00 49818

Pink Veuve, artfully clothed in pink isotherm



Moët & Chandon

Rosé Impérial Valentine's Gift Pack

\$190.00 47208

Contains an intriguing game to play with your loved one while consuming Moët's seductive Rosé Impérial.

Everything's Gone Pink Freixenet Brut Rosé

\$29.90 70022

A delightfully presented pack for the blushing romantic in your life: a 750mL bottle + two 200mL bottles of this internationally popular Spanish rosé sparkler, with some irresistible chocolates



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Beers

Coopers Sparkling Ale

375mL 6-pack **\$12.90** 91540

This is a legendary beer in this hemisphere, its cloudy swirls almost a national icon in Australia, an opaque randomness due to sediment rather than anything untoward happening to the consumer's cortex, mind. It has a distinct and distinctive malty hoppiness, and a burst of fruit aromas predating the big brewery bandwagon jumpers over there who are just learning to spell 'citrus peel.' Brewed since 1862, using a medieval top fermentation method involving much patience and a science degree, this is truly a great beer.



Coopers Original Pale Ale

375mL 6-pack **\$12.90** 91546

The beer that managed to make ale cool again, which is no mean feat when one considers that it wasn't exactly that cool down in this hemisphere anyway. All right for Lancashire loons with tweed jackets and snuff-stained whiskers, but ale in Australia? It's been done, and done well by Coops, another cloudy example of their clear-headed genius, where the secondary ferment creates the legendary opacity. With a nod to the northerners' know-how, it's brewed in a 'Burton-on-Trent' style, being robust, fruit-driven and as meaty as a pork pie. Aye.



Moa Blanc Premium Wheat Beer

375mL single **\$7.50** 91324

Moa, in case you didn't know-ah, is the child of Josh Scott, himself a child of winemaker Allan, and, being a winemaker himself, well adept at lurking amongst stainless steel tanks and large powerful hoses. Six years on, and they're thriving, or perhaps frothing, as their specialist yet approachable range captures a captive market. The Moa Blanc has 65% wheat malt and hops in its belly, which Josh then ferments with a wine yeast, which is utterly out there but supplies its almost sweet, delicious tropical flavours. Slightly spiced, it is brilliant with seafood.



Weka Native Lager

330mL 4-pack **\$9.90** 91339

A Weka from Moa; yet this, too, contains some wheat malt, along with pilsener malt and some slightly bitter (can't they just get over it) hops from sunny Nelson. Into the blender she goes, and out flows a lager of not inconsiderable smoothness and guile; a slightly hoppy, refreshingly crisp, Euro-style poppet that takes your tonsils hostage and will only release them by your agreeing to consume further mouthfuls. And, really, it's a small price to pay for such uninhibited drinking pleasure. Mighty good beer that, lad.



JEREMY NORTHAM SAM NEILL BRYAN BROWN AND PETER O'TOOLE



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Pinot Noir



G **Culley**
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$19.90** 12466

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
New from Neill Culley

Initially captivated by that classic Pinot pencil-lead/graphite character that drifted away to reveal a beguiling brew of savoury and sweet characters tinged with toast. The fruit is bright, berryish and impish, cascading around your palate for a good deal longer than you might expect at this price. Reminiscent of a good Bourgogne Rouge, we decided, as there was that hint of dust that, taken in context, lifts you out of yourself. Very stylish, very now, very smart drinking.

Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$28.90 now **\$24.90** 10917

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE
Gold Medal Pinot Noir

Flagrantly flaunting fragrances that should be outlawed, so alluring are they, this has a brooding, gamey intensity, with a dusting of graphite and a warm rise of ripe, thyme-tinged Central Otago fruit. The palate is lustrous and opulent, with well-controlled, slightly spicy oak that frames the cloves and cherry flavours perfectly, while bright fruit acid is balanced by smooth, soothing tannins. If that sounds a tad stultifying, there is a core of funky spice, with the final impression one of velvet vibrancy. Markedly under-priced.



Craggy Range Calvert Vineyard
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$52.00 now **\$49.90** 11227

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE
Stunning release from a top winery

This vineyard sits on the northern site of Felton Road, on an elevated site above the Kawarau; the growers could throw grapes at the jetboats I suppose, but a mouthful of this tells me you wouldn't want to waste a single berry. Craggy's style is about structure and sturdiness rather than one-dimensional fruit-bombs, and the concentration and opulence of the wine is in itself utterly arresting. The length from mid-palate to finish is monumental; the flavours, texture and overall impression make the word 'marathon' inadequate. If you find a better 2007 Pinot, you're lying.



Kotuku
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$14.90 now **\$12.90** 17376



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE
Fantastic value from a Marlborough pioneer

This is kids-in-a-candy-store stuff, taking you back to those 5c lolly bags and the first heady aromatic rush as you opened them. That perfume-induced expectation is the lure, pulling you into a wine that is bright, breezy and buoyant. The fruit is clean, cherryish and charming, the palate as gentle as a loll in a striped hammock, yessir; and at this price, we'd politely proffer the prospect of a plural purchase.



Sacred Hill Wine Thief Series
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 18487

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE
Just released

Named after a winemaker's tool (yep), this has that wonderful brambly, earthy character that is like a walk through dank forest. Lifted wild berry characters roll in with a spicy richness that indicates top-flight fruit beautifully handled, and there's a classic Central Otago wild thyme/herb scent to the trail that adds intrigue and complexity. Rich, layered and artfully constructed.

Nicolas Potel Cuvée Gerard Potel
Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2006

was \$40.00 now **\$36.00** 42448



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE
Excellent French Pinot Noir

'I prefer more sensitive winemaking than a work made by analysis of results,' says Nicolas Potel, leader of Burgundy's négociant zeitgeist. He's instilled sustainable practices in his growers, in one of the most stubbornly traditional winegrowing regions on the planet. The result is a pretty yet punchy Pinot, an authentic, bright, berryish wine whose earthy tones reflect its rustic Pommard origins.



Mount Edward
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

RRP \$47.00 now **\$44.90** 12520

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$44.40 A BOTTLE
New to Glengarry

With frosts well into November, the 2007 vintage saw many wineries with their volumes greatly reduced, Mount Edward being one of them. Ergo with less wine available and with this being so fantastic, it's amazing that there's any left at all. Pioneering winemaker Alan Brady says '07 was 'a return to a more classical vintage, with more style and grace as opposed to power and concentration.' An exquisite wine, spiced and herb-tinged, with solid fruit and soft tannins.

a taste of Australia

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

Situated just a couple of hours from Sydney, the Hunter Valley has been an important Australian winemaking region for well over 150 years. James Busby, the father of both Australian and New Zealand viticulture, founded winemaking in the Hunter Valley as early as the 1820's.

In spite of this early start, the region has had a chequered history and its wines have not always been fully appreciated. However, in recent years the reputation of the Hunter has been greatly enhanced with the establishment of a cluster of boutique wineries in the Broke Fordwich region.

One of the most impressive of the new wave of winemakers is Andrew Margan, whose family has been involved in viticulture in the Hunter since the 1960's. Andrew worked twenty vintages under the legendary Murray Tyrrell and six in France. In 1997, Andrew and his wife Lisa established Margan Estate. The company now has 320 acres of vineyards, most of them with old, well established vines that provide distinctive flavour profiles.

'On the whole, I choose not to blend from different vineyards because I firmly believe that each wine should be a true expression of its variety and region,' says Andrew. Margan's single vineyard offerings are proof that Hunter Valley wines are among the most distinctive in the country.

Margan

Hunter Valley Semillon 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$22.00** 21812

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE

The perfect summer wine

Successive vintages of Margan Estate Semillon have won countless awards, and writers such as Robert Parker have heaped praise upon them; he awarded the 2006 vintage 91/100, and this latest release is equally compelling. It offers a fragrant bouquet of lime and spring blossom. The fresh, citrus-accented palate is nicely weighted, with the ripe fruit and mineral flavours lasting right through to the finish.



Margan

Hunter Valley Shiraz 2006

was \$31.90 now **\$24.00** 21815

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

Stunning Shiraz, new to Glengarry

Margan's low-yielding Timbervines Vineyard in the Hunter Valley boasts 40-year-old Shiraz vines that in 2006 delivered clean, well ripened fruit. The wine was cool fermented on selected yeasts and matured for 18 months in oak barrels. The elegant bouquet displays spicy plum and berry aromas against a background of unobtrusive vanillin oak. Beautifully structured and harmonious, the emphasis is on ripe varietal flavours supported by chocolate nuances. Complex and silky smooth, it has good palate weight and supple tannins.



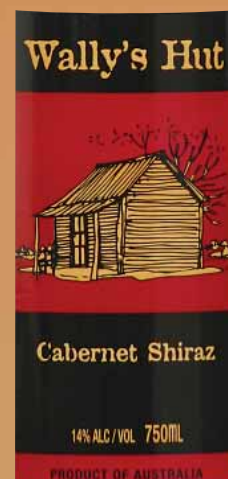
Wally's Hut Cabernet Shiraz 2007

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Great value Aussie red

Don't waste your time rummaging through bargain bins to find something that's worth drinking but that won't damage your wallet; here it is. Born in South Australia, this is a classically styled Shiraz. With plum, currant and peppery spice on the nose, the palate is most appealing, the ripe, spicy berry and plum flavours complemented by a soft, inviting texture.



St Hallett Poacher's Blend

Barossa Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.00 now **\$15.90** 26037

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

New to New Zealand

Perhaps it's best not to ask how St Hallett acquired the Semillon and Sauvignon for Poacher's Blend. It is a crisp wine with a well defined bouquet of tropical fruit and lime, and just a trace of mineral in the background. Ready to drink, it is delightfully fresh, with lingering citrus-spiked melon flavours. Particularly well matched to shellfish.



Taltarni

T Series Victoria Shiraz 2005

was \$25.00 now **\$18.00** 27871

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Victoria's Heathcote region has become recognised as one of the world's best producers of Shiraz. This is a multi-dimensional wine, with an inviting bouquet redolent with plum and berry aromas backed up by chocolate, vanilla and spice. The palate is wonderfully rich, beautifully structured and lush. Superb value.



De Bortoli

Windy Peak Victoria Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 28632

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Excellent Pinot under \$20

An excellent value, well crafted Victorian Pinot, the fruit selected primarily from family-owned Yarra and King Valley vineyards known for their relatively cool environments. The nose is moderately complex with cherry and berry aromas supported by understated oak. The palate opens on a ripe fruit note, dominated by classic varietal soft fruit flavours and spicy nuances. It is an early-drinking style; fresh, lively and nicely poised.



a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

The Mourre family, owners of Domaine le Colombier, have had, to put it mildly, an interesting if somewhat turbulent history. In the 19th century, after the vineyards of France were devastated by phylloxera, a good number of winemakers moved to the French colony of Algeria to start a new life. Among them were the grandparents of the present owners.

Their son, Gilbert, created the first cellar in 1920, and for the next 42 years managed a 60-acre vineyard and sold the wine in France. When independence was granted to Algeria in 1962, the Mourre family returned to France, where they purchased the well established Domaine le Colombier in the village of Vacqueyras, in the southern Rhône valley.

The family estate is now run by Gilbert's son, Jean-Louis Mourre, who has completely renovated and modernized the winery and, except for the barrel fermented Cuvée G in memory of his father, all his wines are 100% stainless steel fermented. Jean-Louis is passionate about quality and the traditions of the region. His handcrafted wines are beautifully balanced, with rich concentrations and purity of fruit.

Domaine le Colombier Tradition Vacqueyras Syrah 2007

was \$35.00 now **\$29.00** 45319

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE Vacqueyras specialist, new to NZ

Vacqueyras was the second Côtes du Rhône village to be awarded its own appellation. This wine is an 80% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre blend harvested from 50-year-old vines. It is quite concentrated, with pronounced plum and berry aromas and hints of herb in the background. Medium bodied and generous, with ripe, spicy berryfruit flavours and some liquorice and coffee nuances through the mid-palate, it has a smooth texture and a long, flavoursome finish.



Arrogant Frog Ribet Pink Syrah Rosé 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 43965

Winery of the Year-The Guardian

Arrogant Frog wines have made a serious impact right across the world. Not only well crafted, they represent excellent value. This rosé was produced from 100% Syrah grown in the Languedoc region of France. Following de-stemming, the free-run juice was cool fermented on selected yeasts and aged on lees. It is a vibrant, cherry-pink colour with a moderately complex bouquet of spicy, floral, candied fruit notes. The palate is dominated by fresh fruit flavours and a lively, dry finish.



Laroche

South of France Chardonnay 2007



was \$22.00 now **\$16.00** 48545

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Buy 2 and get a free Laroche 2-bottle ice bag

There is arguably no better equipped Chardonnay winemaker in France than Michel Laroche. Michel is a fifth-generation producer of top notch Chablis, the benchmark for Chardonnay. Like previous vintages, this is a beautifully crafted, fruit-driven, stylish wine. It offers an abundance of apple, stonefruit and tropical fruit aromas and flavours, complemented by a dash of mineral and toasty nuances.



Paul Jaboulet Les Traverses Cotes du Ventoux 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$18.00** 45313

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Premium Rhône Valley producer

Located in the foothills of Mont Ventoux, a common feature of this AC are the traverses, walls that support and protect the soils from erosion. The wine is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah harvested from 35-year-old vines. The exotic bouquet displays spicy, pepper-edged, red currant aromas, while the palate gives full rein to the fruit flavours and is enhanced by a supple texture.

Château d'Archambeau Graves AC Bordeaux 2005



was \$36.00 now **\$24.00** 41178

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

From the exceptional 2005 vintage

Owned and operated by the Dubourdieu family for three generations, Château d'Archambeau's vineyard is located on superb free-draining hill slopes that are well exposed to the sun. A classic Bordeaux blend, the nose combines red berryfruit and violet aromas with toasty hints. Deliciously smooth and richly flavoured, it has a slightly fleshy character and finishes on an easy, elegant note.

Gros Frère et Soeur

Hautes Côtes de Nuits Bourgogne 2006



was \$48.00 now **\$39.00** 43140

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

Exceptional quality from Bernard Gros

Some of Burgundy's most distinguished red wines are produced in the Côtes de Nuits on the Côte d'Or. The Gros family, who own a large parcel of the outstanding Vosne-Romanée vineyard, are one of the region's most respected winemakers. 100% Pinot Noir, this is a classically-styled red burgundy with lovely Morello cherry and red berry nuances on the nose. The fruit on the palate is well integrated with the toasty oak and complemented by a slick texture.

a taste of *Italy*

Intriguing, exciting and always stylish, smarten up your sideboard with the new breed of Italians

Italy produces a very diverse range of wines: crisply scented, refreshing whites; powerful, full-bodied, complex reds; subtle, fruit-forward reds and delightful sparkling wines. Italian wines are invariably produced to accompany regional foods, but they can also be successfully paired with international cuisines.

Barolo and Barbaresco are perfect accompaniments for roast or braised lamb, beef or game, and for pungent cheeses. Valpolicella and Bardolino wines are great with cold meat cuts, salami, chorizo, pancetta, pizza and pasta. Amarone della Valpolicella is a much more concentrated wine, and is ideal with roast beef, pork and cheeses.

Sangiovese-based wines such as Chianti Classico and Riserva, along with Brunello, have an affinity with tomato-based sauces and are a great match to meat ragus, Bolognese sauces, lasagna and red meats. Primitivo and Montepulciano varietals can have a rustic character and are thus well-suited to barbecued meats, leg of lamb and beef ribs.

Italian white wines are in the minority, but Italy boasts some excellent sparkling wines; Asti and Prosecco make wonderful aperitifs, and a good match to shellfish and sushi. The most widely-exported white wine, Pinot Grigio, with its minerally, floral character, is ideal with salads, antipasto and fish dishes. Soave, a crisp-scented wine from the Veneto, is excellent with chicken and fish dishes alike.

Pasqua V Valpolicella DOC 2007

was \$16.90 now **\$14.90** 66008

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
Perfect with pizza

Valpolicella is one of the best known and most popular Italian wines around the world, and this release from the Pasqua family is an excellent example of the style. Grown in the hill vineyards of the Valpantena zone, it was traditionally vinified and underwent malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks. With a fragrant bouquet of cherry and plum, the medium-bodied palate has a fresh, fruity, slightly fleshy character.



G Pasqua Lapaccio Primitivo Salento IGT 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 66021

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Stunning Southern Italian

The Pasqua family were originally from the Apulia region of Italy and still maintain a strong connection with the province. Selected from vineyards in the Manduria zone of Apulia, the Primitivo grapes were traditionally fermented and matured in oak barrels. The wine possesses a deep ruby glow and a ripe, well integrated bouquet expressing cherry, plum and hints of leather and tobacco. It is a burly red, with concentrated plum and berry flavours supported by spicy oak nuances.



Umani Ronchi Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$14.90** 68412

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
New and instore now

Founded in 1950, Umani Ronchi has made an impressive contribution to the wines of the Marche region. The family-run winery owns 100 hectares of vineyards in the region and rents a further 40. From their low-yielding, 30-hectare Abruzzo vineyard, this is a concentrated ruby wine with rich, spicy plum and Morello cherry aromas. Ready to enjoy now, it has a good depth of ripe fruit flavours wound around a fine structure, and finishes on a longish note.

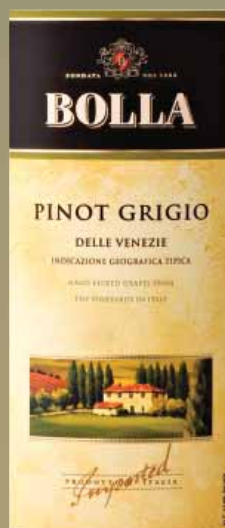


Bolla Pinot Grigio 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$15.90** 62567

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Founded in 1883, Bolla is considered one of the Veneto's finest producers. The grapes were hand harvested in late autumn. The reddish skins were immediately separated from the juice to prevent coloration, and cool fermented to preserve freshness. To add complexity, the wine was put through partial malolactic and lightly fined. It is a bright, straw-coloured wine with appealing notes of crushed stonefruit and hints of lime peel on the nose and palate.

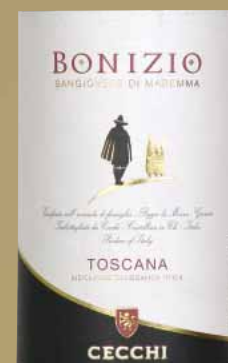


Cecchi Bonizio Sangiovese IGT 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 62454

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A well crafted wine. On the nose there are aromas of cherry, violet, sun dried tomatoes and hints of herb. The palate displays lovely spice-edged fruit flavours supported by hints of wild thyme. It is silky smooth, and finishes on a long, savoury note.



Santa Margherita Prosecco di Valdobbiadene DOC Brut NV

was \$31.00 now **\$26.00** 62538

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.50 A BOTTLE

Try mixing it with a little peach nectar

Harvested from hill vineyards in the Valdobbiadene zone in north-eastern Italy, this is a superb aperitif. It was cool fermented, followed by a month of lees contact to add complexity. The fragrant bouquet hints at peach and pear, with yeasty nuances in the background. The palate has an appealing fruity edge balanced by a squeeze of citrus and complemented by a savoury mousse. Great summer drinking.

a taste of SPAIN

Spanish wines are very adaptable and offer a multitude of food matching possibilities. The red wines, produced mainly from Tempranillo, Garnacha, Mencia and Monastrell, can vary from light bodied to powerful, voluptuous and complex.

Reds from Rioja and Ribero del Duero are excellent with roast lamb, beef, game, casseroles, spicy chorizo and even Indian dishes. Jumilla's reds, produced from the Monastrell variety, are good with pizza, pasta, steak and cheeses. Spain produces some of the best rosés in the world; those made from Garnacha are best with delicate fish, chicken salad, salmon and ham.

The white wines of Spain, particularly those produced in Galicia from the aromatic Albariño, are terrific with fish, scallops, prawns, chicken and pork. An equally good match is the white wine of the Rueda region, produced from the Verdejo variety. Cava, Spain's answer to champagne, is great as an aperitif, with antipasto or by itself.

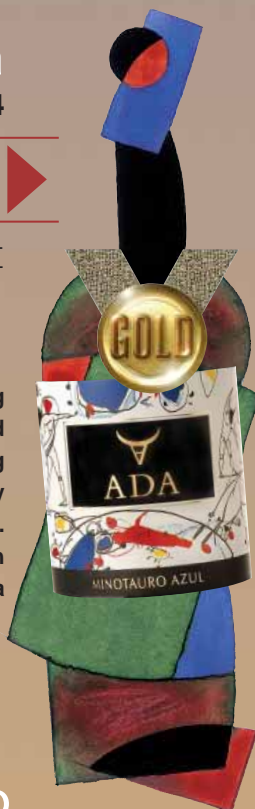
Spain's most celebrated wine, sherry, is made in a variety of styles; the dry delicate finos and manzanillas are the perfect accompaniment to tapas, or as aperitifs with shellfish and sushi. The amontillado styles are more full bodied and are good matched with grilled chicken and blue vein cheese. Sweet sherry is incredible with desserts and a revelation with espresso.

Ada Minotauro Azul 2004

was \$21.00 now **\$17.90** 88022

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
Old vine brilliance from Northern Spain

This Gold Medal Navarra red is simply astounding value. Produced from 50% Garnacha off 60-year-old vines, with Tempranillo, Cabernet and Merlot making up the difference, it has a nose packed with ripe berry aromas supported by cinnamon and vanilla notes. The palate is well weighted and harmonious, with persistent red berryfruit flavours complemented by a smooth texture and supple tannins.



Palacios Remondo La Montesa Rioja DOC 2005

was \$36.90 now **\$28.00** 88061

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$27.50 A BOTTLE
89/100-Robert Parker

Winemaker Alvaro Palacios' energy and passion have redefined his estate's winemaking and viticultural practices. Under his guidance, yields have been dramatically reduced and the winery modernised. This Garnacha and Tempranillo-based wine is from the La Montesa vineyard planted by Alvaro's father. It is a beautifully crafted red with an alluring bouquet of black cherry and blackcurrant aromas against a backdrop of spicy oak. The medium-weighted palate echoes the bouquet, and is enhanced by a silky texture and a long finish.



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

Freixenet Brut Rosé NV

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

Buy 2 bottles for \$20

This delicious cava, at less than a quarter of what you'd pay for a rosé champagne, is an excellent substitute to use at gatherings over the summer months. It has a lovely, salmon-pink glow and boasts a lively, persistent flow of tiny bubbles. Beautifully fresh and smooth, the nose and palate are dominated by ripe strawberry and cherry enhanced by classic yeasty notes.



G Solar Viejo Crianza DOC 2005

was \$25.00 now **\$19.00** 88009

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE
Excellent value from Rioja

Long considered the leading Spanish wine region, Rioja wines are the benchmark by which all the rest are judged. There is probably no more consistent Rioja producer than Solar Viejo; their Crianza is a bright ruby wine with ripe cherry/plum aromas underscored by toasty oak. It has excellent fruit depth that is seamlessly supported by oaky nuances, and it finishes on a lengthy, flavoursome note.



G Marqués de Cáceres Rosado DOC 2007

was \$23.50 now **\$19.00** 87998

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE
Stylish Rosado from Rioja

Spanish rosés are a well-kept secret in this part of the world, but they are definitely worth seeking out. Produced from 80% Tempranillo and 20% Garnacha, the grapes are bled and cool fermented in stainless steel tanks. It has a bouquet of crushed summer fruits and mineral notes, and a deliciously fresh palate, with forward berryfruit flavours enhanced by hints of spice and mineral.



Segura Viudas Lavit Brut Nature 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 87901

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
New Premium Spanish Cava

Named Winery of the Year by Wine and Spirits Magazine, Segura Viudas regularly release some of Europe's finest sparkling wines. This was aged for 24 months before being released. The nose shows excellent fruit aromas, with hints of yeast, nuts and butter from the bottle-ageing. The richly flavoured palate is well poised, silky smooth and terrifically fresh. A must-try.



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the GLENGARRY Top 10

february

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

1 Craggy Range Glasnevin Gravels Waipara Riesling 2008

was \$28.00 now **\$24.00** 11213

CASE OF 12 \$23.50 A BOTTLE

A beautifully poised, off-dry Waipara Riesling with a spicy, floral bouquet and palate complementing the pure fruit flavours. Nicely balanced, it finishes on a bright, lime-influenced note.



2 Lake Chalice Eyrie Vineyard Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13581

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A mouthfilling wine with a scented bouquet of honeyed pear and spice aromas. The generously flavoured, off-dry palate is well weighted and harmonious. Temptingly hedonistic.



3 Grasshopper Rock Earnsclough Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$28.00** 12341

CASE OF 12 \$27.50 A BOTTLE

Gold Medal Pinots at this price are rare. This is a fresh, concentrated wine built around a core of spice-edged cherry & berry flavours supported by finely honed tannins.



4 Mt Rosa Central Otago Rosé 2008

was \$22.00 now **\$19.00** 11322

CASE OF 12 \$18.50 A BOTTLE

A fresh, slightly tangy, fruit-driven rosé with distinctive cherry and soft fruit flavours, this is the perfect wine to enjoy with seasonal fare. Serve slightly chilled right through summer.



5 Burnt Spur Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$17.90** 18967

CASE OF 6 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Classically styled Sauvignon with irrepressible, herbaceous-tinged tropical fruit aromas leading to a mouthfilling palate that displays excellent fruit depth balanced by a lively freshness.



6 Esk Valley Black Label Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2008

was \$25.50 now **\$16.90** 12826

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A classy Pinot Gris from Esk Valley winemaker Gordon Russell. It is a full bodied, dry style with a rich vein of ripe pear and spice characters enhanced by a viscous texture.

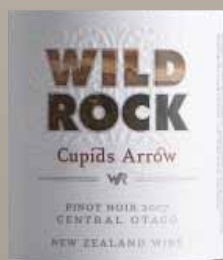


7 Wild Rock Cupid's Arrow Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$26.00 now **\$21.90** 11215

CASE OF 12 \$21.40 A BOTTLE

From the Craggy Range stable, this Central Pinot is rich and flowing, with a generous, silky texture and some distinctive soft fruit and herb nuances enhanced by supple tannins.



8 Geoff Merrill Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

was \$26.90 now **\$23.00** 22081

CASE OF 12 \$22.50 A BOTTLE

Coonawarra Cabernet packed with your classic varietal blackberry & plum aromas and flavours. Generous yet elegant, it is well structured and finishes on a long, savoury note.

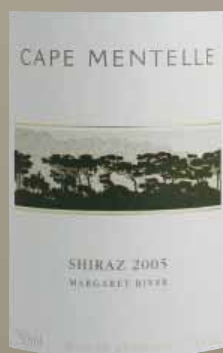


9 Cape Mentelle Margaret River Shiraz 2005

was \$36.00 now **\$29.00** 20518

CASE OF 12 \$28.50 A BOTTLE

This delicious Shiraz has a wave of glossy blueberry, plum, chocolate and spice aromas leading onto a complex palate awash with ripe fruit wound around a supple tannin core.



10 Amisfield Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$50.00 now **\$39.00** 15411

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