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A TOUR of  
France



FRANCE: WE EXPLORE THE WINE QUEEN'S REALM  
BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATIONS  
MARLBOROUGH'S NAUTILUS ESTATE  
NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR  
JULY'S BRILLIANT BARGAINS  
GREAT AUSTRALIAN SHIRAZ  
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mt eden  
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takapuna  
cnr hurstmere rd & killarney st  
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devonport  
cnr clarence st & wynyard st  
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remuera  
400 remuera rd  
523 1594  
kingsland  
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815 9207  
westmere  
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Thomas Saint-Pic, Manager of Glengarry Takapuna, cnr Hurstmere Road and Killarney Street

Look, he's our resident Frenchman; I mean, we had to pick him really, didn't we? And being a sporting nut, with the FIFA World Cup, the Tour de France and the Rugby World Cup, he had a few things to say, didn't he? What did he think France's chances were in the football? Time to right the ignominy of the Zidane head butt? A shrug of the shoulders, reminding you that anyone of French extraction can make a mere shrug say a thousand things.

But we're here to say a thousand things about wine, particularly French wine, given this month's theme. Thomas considers himself privileged to be in our Takapuna store, where the travelling proclivities of a large number of his clientele means less education and explanation is required regarding some of the more difficult notions of French viticulture and legislation. Furthermore, their experience of drinking French wine in Europe means these folk know what they want, and love talking about it.

'The people here are very knowledgeable, generally, and they're really interested in what we have on offer, and not just the expensive wines. If only I could persuade them to buy more red wine,' he muses, as Edith Piaf bemoans the skies above Paris all around us. 'The staff, they 'ate my music,' he tells me, 'but I can be a bit, you know, like a dictator.' I love it. He'd be excited, then, about the panoply of pleasures unwrapped within the pages of this wineletter.

'Brilliant! And it's great to have wines from the different regions, too. People here are always keen to try something new, especially once we start talking to them. And maybe we can follow the Tour de France through the wine regions; people around here are crazy about the race, coming in all the time, asking me if I've seen who's winning the last leg.'

Bordeaux born and bred he may be, but relocated to our climes, Thomas ensures that his country's vinous treats are shared with evangelical zeal. Although, he insists he loves New Zealand wines equally. Well, almost. 'Of course, I mean, if people enjoy Sauvignon Blanc, that's okay...' Another shrug of the shoulders. Go see him this month; he knows his stuff, and delivers his knowledge with wit, verve and that French nonchalance that is not quite translatable, but very charming.

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Jak Jakicevich



## MANAGER'S PICK THOMAS SAINT-PIC

### La Sirène de Giscours

Margaux 2005 44475

was \$120.00 now **\$89.00**



My little daughter is called Margaux so, of course... this is about the mermaids who used to steer the sailors onto the rocks, the sirens. I wanted to show the pleasures of Margaux can be available without spending hundreds of dollars. The perfume, the structure... it is beautiful wine.

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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

## Burnt Spur Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$15.90 now **\$12.90** 18969

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE**

*Top Martinborough producer*

Burnt Spur wines are 'a single vineyard series by Martinborough Vineyard.' Chastise me for quoting from the label, but provenance is all with good vino, so I'll defend my corner with rigour. Anyway, this is a charming Sauvignon, the nose minerally herbaceous scented with citrus fragrance. A non-aggressive style, it has great breadth of flavour, refreshing but not dominant acid and a lemon lick to its tail. Named after one of the peaks in the Tararua Ranges.



## Trinity Hill

Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2008

was \$20.50 now **\$14.90** 19256

**YOU SAVE 27%**

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

*By the Bay's maestro, John Hancock*

Although labelling regulations mean they don't need to plaster it everywhere, this slinky little marmoset has 10% Viognier blended in there, which may explain the richness of the expression. Along with the aromas of Nashi pear and spice, there is 'rich texture and fullness... the result of ripe grapes.' Clever lads. How often do we forget the basics, as a raft of coaches will be telling their boys at the World Cup?



## Morton Estate Hawke's Bay Viognier 2009

was \$21.00 now **\$14.90** 15436

**YOU SAVE 29%**

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

*Intense aromatics, richly flavoured*

It is well documented that the aromatic components of Viognier are the last to appear in the ripening process. Hence the need for the fruit to hang out on the vine, while the viticulturist gets strung out in the tractor shed. 'Keep away from the creosote, Clive, the forecast is good...' Well, 2009 played right into their nervously shaking hands in the Bridge Pa; intense aromas of musk, florals and orange groves groove the nose, while the citrus-blessed palate is rich, thickly textured and showing immense staying power.



## Crossroads

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2009

RRP \$22.50 now **\$14.90** 12399

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

*Crisp, elegant Chardonnay*

The '08 got a gong at the Air NZs; whatever outcome awaits the 2009, the input was extensive: 100% fermented in oak, ten months aging in 34% new barrels. Elegant, with clean, crisp lines, it's more angular than fat, with great weight and presence. They reckon it will cellar ten years, which is outstanding for the outlay.

**YOU SAVE 34%**



## Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 13592

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

*Gold medal wine*

Past vintages have won gold year in, year out, with this one snaffling a gold medal at the International Aromatic Competition. Passionfruit pulp and grinning grapefruit haunt the rich, intense palate, while acid and mineral swing together nicely in the race for the finish. As we all know, though, it's the taking part, not the winning.



## Taylor's Estate

Clare Valley Shiraz Malbec 2007

was \$22.00 now **\$15.90** 28063

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

*Powerful blend from top producer*

Sanguine, focused offering of not inconsiderable proportions that makes its presence felt without ever blowing out or taking itself too seriously. Powerful, plunging, plummy fruits are suspended as if in aspic by the tension of taut tannins, while the finish is berry, berry long. Value? And then some.

**YOU SAVE 28%**



## Wynns

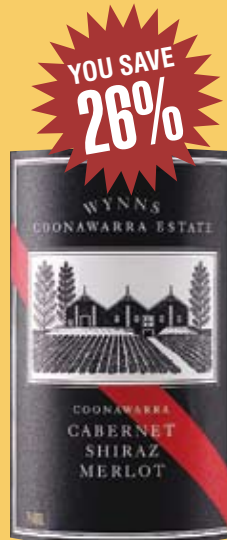
Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 29205

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

*Approachable, ready to drink red*

A welcome change from some reds where you need to sit at your table for ten years until they've matured, this is made to be good to go now, if you'll pardon the grammar. Fruit with finesse, that Coonawarra catch cry, kookaburra, means the merlot melts your heart and the Shiraz gives you wings. Um, Wynngs?



# NAUTILUS



Nautilus Winemaker, Clive Jones

The expansion of wineries in Marlborough since the first Sauvignon Blanc was released in 1979 has been spectacular; at the last count there were 139 wineries in the region. The greatest expansion has occurred in the last decade, and many relative newcomers have, at best, experienced a mere handful of vintages. An exception is the family-owned Nautilus Estate, who celebrated their 25th vintage with the release of the 2009 Sauvignon Blanc.

That quarter of a century of experience with Marlborough's unique soils and growing conditions has enabled Nautilus to establish an enviable reputation as one of New Zealand's most consistent producers of premium quality wines, with exports now going out to 35 countries.

The company's premium wines are marketed as Nautilus, with a second range of fruit driven, value-for-money wines under the banner of the Twin Islands label. The fruit for both tiers is sourced from company-owned vineyards located in six Marlborough sub-regions. Some fruit is also selected from long-standing Marlborough growers.

Chief winemaker Clive Jones spent six years working in a West Auckland winery before joining Nautilus in 1998. Clive has also worked vintages in Oregon and with Domaine Dujac in Burgundy, which led to the development in 2000 of the company's dedicated Pinot Noir facility.

Clive is responsible for the production of both wine ranges, which includes the superb Nautilus méthode. Collectively, the Nautilus wines have won many significant medals and trophies.



## Nautilus Cuvée Marlborough Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$39.90 now **\$27.90** 15470

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$27.40 A BOTTLE**

The Cuvée Marlborough is a blend of 75% hand harvested Pinot Noir and 25% Chardonnay, bottle-aged for three years following the second fermentation. It is an elegant wine with a profusion of golden bubbles and a distinctive bouquet displaying floral and yeasty nuances. The Pinot Noir portion provides fullness to the rich, creamy palate, which finishes on a crisp, lingering note.



## Nautilus Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$26.00 now **\$19.90** 15459

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

Year in, year out, the Nautilus Sauvignon is one of Marlborough's most consistent offerings. The 2009 is a blend of fruit from several vineyards, fermented on selected yeast strains to optimise aromas and fruit integrity. This pale green-gold wine displays forward aromas of green pepper, passionfruit, gooseberry and lime. It has a well weighted, fruit-packed palate and a fresh, lively finish.

## Twin Islands Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 19307

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

Always offering great value, the Twin Islands Pinot Noir is a blend of fruit from Wairau Valley vineyards. The winemaking approach was based on a regime of minimal handling to provide fruit definition and a period of oak maturation to provide dimension. Soft summer fruit aromas and a touch of spice enhance this ready-to-drink, medium-weighted wine.



## Opawa Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$21.90** 13469

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE**



Opawa is named after the gravel-laden Opawa Vineyard surrounding the Nautilus winery. The wine was fermented on indigenous yeasts in the company's dedicated Pinot Noir production facility, with 50% matured in French oak barriques. It is a bright ruby-coloured wine with spice-edged strawberry and floral aromas on the nose. The medium-weighted palate has an attractive juicy character, supported by some subtle oak and a fine, lingering finish.

19309	<b>Twin Islands</b> Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009	was \$19.00 now <b>\$14.90</b>
19306	<b>Twin Islands</b> Marlborough Chardonnay 2008	was \$19.50 now <b>\$14.90</b>
19305	<b>Twin Islands</b> Marlborough Brut NV	was \$25.50 now <b>\$19.90</b>
15466	<b>Nautilus</b> Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009	was \$29.90 now <b>\$22.90</b>
15455	<b>Nautilus</b> Marlborough Chardonnay 2009	was \$31.00 now <b>\$23.90</b>
15467	<b>Nautilus</b> Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008	was \$40.00 now <b>\$30.90</b>



# VILLA MARIA ESTATE

Come and experience how quality New Zealand red wines age. Glengarry have stocks of Villa Maria's Reserve Hawke's Bay Merlot and Hawke's Bay Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot ranging from 2005 through to 2008.

We'll be doing a free vertical tasting, hosted by fine wine consultant, Regan McCaffery, in our Victoria Park Cellar from 1pm - 3pm Saturday 17th July, opening them up to take a look at where they're heading. But you don't have to wait for that to try them out, you can buy them from us right now.

RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY  
MERLOT  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

RESERVE HAWKE'S BAY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

RRP \$54.00 **NOW \$39.90**



Cuisine has just announced the 50 finalists in its 2010 NZ Restaurant of the Year Awards. To celebrate the occasion, many are offering fixed lunch and/or dinner menus at great prices, matched with Villa Maria Estate wines, during the month of July. So head for a finalist near you to see why these restaurants starred. Lower than usual prices include by-the-glass wines. Bookings are essential. For more information, see instore or go to [www.glengarry.co.nz](http://www.glengarry.co.nz)



## THE VILLA MARIA LONG LUNCH

BE VIP GUESTS AT A VERY SPECIAL EVENT AT THE VILLA MARIA ESTATE WINERY IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, WHERE WINNING CHEFS FROM THE 2010 CUISINE NZ RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR AWARDS WILL PREPARE A MENU MATCHED TO VILLA MARIA'S BEST WINES.

GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN TWO TICKETS TO THIS FANTASTIC GOURMET FOOD & WINE EVENT WHEN YOU PURCHASE ANY BOTTLE OF VILLA MARIA WINE FROM GLENGARRY DURING JULY.

## BASTILLE DAY 2010



### THE ANNUAL BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 2010, FROM 7PM DIDA'S VICTORIA PARK 118 WELLESLEY ST WEST

The French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNZCCI) invites you to its first major event of 2010, the annual Bastille Day celebration, hosted by newest member, Glengarry. Timed perfectly to fit in with Glengarry's series of French events in July, guests will be welcomed on the night with a glass of Pol Roger champagne, followed by canapés and a selection of red and white French Wines.

Live music will be provided by champion piano accordion player, Maurice Jones, and all guests will have the chance to enter our business card draw. Prizes include a \$50 Glengarry voucher, a magnum of Pol Roger champagne, a French language course valued at \$360.00 provided by Euroasia, a voucher from Paneton Bakery, and last but not least, one of two copies of the Guide des Frogs Nouvelle-Zélande 2010, before it even hits the shelves.

After last year's very successful event, we have decided to throw the doors open wide this year, and will be able to accommodate up to 200 guests. So bring your friends and colleagues, and 'venez nombreux feter la liberté.'

Tickets are \$70.00 per person - RSVP to [sales@glengarry.co.nz](mailto:sales@glengarry.co.nz)



## BASTILLE DAY 2010



### 4-DAY CELEBRATION

FROM JULY 14TH, WE'LL BE HOLDING A 4-DAY CELEBRATION OF BASTILLE DAY WITH SPECIAL BASTILLE DEALS AT ALL GLENGARRY STORES

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# A TOUR of FRANCE

What's the first thing you think of when you think of France? No, you little monkeys, the answer is not Carla Bruni. This is a nation defined by wine, and yes, food, but there are cuisines around the world that rival the French and, grudgingly, they know it.

But wine, good wine, oh let's face it, great wine, has been made more consistently by the French, across more varieties and regions, and for longer, than by anyone else you care to name.

Now, we're an egalitarian bunch, and you've read our ravishing reviews of Chilean, Australian, Italian and, naturellement, New Zealand wines in these pages, and you will continue to do so, thus we're not snobbing away in a corner with a glass of claret.

Certainly the world has made the French shake in their boots, and many regions, negociants and producers have had to lift their game hugely in the land of the Gaul; but for sheer class in the glass, variety, intrigue and an 'x' factor that they'll call 'je ne sais quoi' here she is: the still reigning Queen of the wine world.

Is the crown secure? We've done the mass tasting and selecting. Now, you be the judge.



# Champagne

It seems extraordinary to think that only ten years ago, we were rubbing our eyes in a new millennium and coming to the realisation that the predicted Y2K bug had not detonated the microwave, and, fortunately for we consumers of the world's finest sparkling wines, the notion of a Champagne shortage, heaven forbid, had not materialised. Do not adjust your sec. Sorry.

While pressure on the region to up its game in the light of complacency criticisms means the quality is first rate, it's good to see that the prices are not going to send you reeling. Factor in that we've demoted the dollars even further, and our insistence on only the freshest of stock and really, the notion of buying one of everything becomes one of impregnable logic.

Whether you're a yeasty, biscuity, leesy type or a fruit first, ask questions later kinda kid, it's time to live a little, wouldn't you say? Pop! Ahh, music.



## Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

was \$90.00 now **\$69.90** 48210

*Gold medal wine from one of Champagne's top houses*

Seven kilometres, the Pol Roger cellars run for. Lends new meaning to 'I'll just pop down and get something from the cellar.' You'd need a taxi. Or a submarine; the second fermentation of some of the wines takes place thirty-three metres below the street. At a chilly nine degrees. This accounts for the fine, fine bubbles, they say, and promotes the green-eyed monster in many other producers. As does their perfectly poised and ever excellent envy. NV.

## Drappier Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$59.00 now **\$43.90** 43500

*Superb, underrated champagne*

As a producer, Drappier garner an 'Excellent, 4 stars' rating from the parsimonious Parker, and yet here we sit with their most excellent NV at an extraordinary forty-four notes. Made in a style that will engage most discerning dabblers, not just diehard 'Drappiettes' as they are known. 'What say? Well, they are now.'



## Piper-Heidsieck Cuvée Brut NV

was \$69.90 now **\$54.90** 48118

*Medal and trophy winner*

Do you know that Piper-Heidsieck has had a 90-plus point rating in Wine Spectator on a staggering sixty-five different occasions? Or should that be sixty-five staggering occasions? Anyway, at the nexus of price and quality, you shall find the red-robed little ripper. It's great wine, never forget that.

## Delamotte Brut NV

was \$69.00 now **\$59.90** 42845

*Stablemate of the great Salon*

I've seen Delamotte described as an insider's wine due to it being superbly made and not too widely known. While conspicuous consumption will add to your coolness cachet, remember, too, it's also a delightful style; Chardonnay dominated, confident, bold and rich, with a vigorous mousse and a slick touch of the citric.



Moët & Chandon  
Brut Impérial NV



was \$89.00 now **\$59.90** 47211

*World's biggest-selling champagne*

Accounts for nearly half the Champagne imported to The States, apparently, while also being responsible for the majority of soiled overalls on the Formula 1 circuit. Why don't those clowns just drink it? Anyway, walks the perfect path between intensity and finesse in a swagger of inimitable balance and poise.



Philipponnat  
Royale Réserve Brut NV

was \$88.00 now **\$64.90** 43510

*Fresh, intense, mouthfilling*

Freshness is the Philipponnat signature, with its apple-tinged, blossom-touched fragrance and clean, crisp, slightly toasty, lees-influenced palate. Brimming with character and charm, suaveness and sophistication, it's round enough to swallow a dollop of caviar, fulfilling enough to consume unadorned. Priced dangerously.



Veuve Clicquot  
Brut NV



was \$99.00 now **\$69.90** 49810

*Very popular seller at Glengarry*

James Halliday, one of the wine critics whose opinions are actually worthy of discussion, rated this 94 points, a sage reminder that you don't need to stomp up for prestige cuvée wines in order to capture some quality. Toast-touched citrus and stonefruit on an intricately woven carpet of unimpeachable class and style.



Charles Heidsieck  
Brut Réserve NV

was \$99.00 now **\$74.90** 41522

*One of the world's great champagnes*

Nice to be able to use the word 'plump' and not get skewered for it, for Charlie is indeed round of form, a warm, fleshy style with brazil nut toastiness, a toffee-tasting creaminess and some weighty stonefruit notes just to fill out its oversized trousers, its tightening belt of finely wrought acid keeping all in perfect proportion.



# SPARKLING

It may seem ridiculous, heresy to some, even, to say there's more to French sparkling wine than Champagne. Peer beyond the borders, swivel your sights, and there, in a category quaintly named 'Other French Sparkling' are bottle fermented wines reflective of terroir, or the various Crémant wines like the Gisselbrecht below. These are not Champagne substitutes, they are wines of character and quality in their own right, many of which have the tradition and history of some of the Grand Marques. They just don't have the price tags.



Arrogant Frog  
Lily Pad Pink Sparkling Rosé NV

was \$21.00 now **\$15.90** 43975

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

A freshly delicious, faintly frivolous but resolutely charming sparkling rosé. Abundant in bounding Grenache strawberries and raspberries, while not in itself sweet, goes wonderfully with tarts of the same name.



Brut de Charvis  
Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 43013

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

All the gravitas of Champagne without the price-tag. Hails from Burgundy (hardly a slug in the fine wine stakes), bristles with apricot tart/peach Danish notes, creamy yeast characters and a fine sense of balance.



Gisselbrecht  
Crémant d'Alsace Brut NV

was \$36.00 now **\$29.90** 46945

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE**

Crémant is right; zut alors, Zal, the foam, the foam! Very fine bead, actually, beautifully buoyant in the glass, a glinting pale gold. Full-on nose of apples, flowers and candied fruit, with a mandarin soaked in alcohol/Cointreau character to get it over the line. Takes over your mouth, just moves right on in, finishing soft, seductive and sexy.

Saint-Meyland  
Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

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

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

Pinot and Chardonnay dominant, The Saint possesses that yeasty toastiness from the second ferment that provides weight, class, distinction and complexity. Poached pears, a hint of mint, some baked apples and a dry finish. Pedigree without the preposterous price.



# Alsace

If Beaujolais has cause for complaint for being undervalued as a great French wine region, the producers of Alsace could probably get a petition heard at the UN on the same grounds. Anyone who has visited the region will vouch for its being one of the most stunning on the planet to grow grapes.

The wines, especially those from key small family producers, are mesmerising. The only thing lacking is a price to match. Even the labelling is easy to understand; you get the grape variety, the producer and then, if the wine concerned comes from one of the 51 permitted Grand Crus vineyards, it will have that vineyard name (e.g. Furstentum) full frontal as well.

Aromatic whites are the delight here; go for a swim and, if you can drag yourself from the pool of hedonistic delights, come up for air now and again for a bite. These wines benefit beautifully from being well paired with great foods.



**YOU SAVE 25%**

**Josmeyer**  
Pinot Gris 2007

was \$39.90 now **\$29.90** 46500

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE**

*Benchmark Pinot Gris*

One of the more forward-looking producers this side of the Vosges, something one look at the non-traditional label will tell you. A benchmark Pinot Gris, this is how it's done; earthy, peachy fruit hinting at honey, lusciously textured with staggering length. But then again, they have a bit of a head start on us: 35-year-old vines and a vintage that saw them harvesting on the earliest date since the estate was founded back in '54. 1854.

**Pierre Brecht**  
Alsace Gewürztraminer 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$22.90** 42414

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE**

*Intense, seductive Alsatian*

Gewürz, but not really as you know it, James. Taking off intensely with the usual, beautiful suspects of lychees and rose petals, it slips into seductive mode as these and the ripe fruits longingly caress your palate right, deep breath, to the very end. Madonna and Britney? Scarlet and Sandra? Pulease. This, is the kiss.



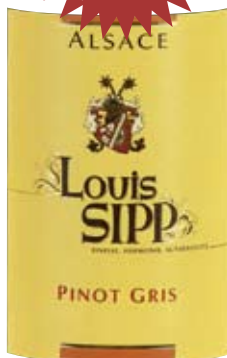
**YOU SAVE 25%**

**Louis Sipp**  
Alsace Pinot Gris 2006

was \$33.00 now **\$24.90** 46974

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

If you are feeling underwhelmed by Pinot Gris, then this may reignite your tired palate, and remind us all that four years on a good Gris is barely a wrinkle around the eye. The driving citrus flavours are smeared with lush honey and beeswax notes; there's spice, too, and barely realised weight and power.



**YOU SAVE 33%**

**Gisselbrecht**  
Tradition Pinot Blanc 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$19.90** 41247

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

Apparently, this excels when matched with 'country buffets'. How idyllic. White lace tablecloths, children cavorting... The clean, appley fruit aromas lead into a great texture that's deliciously weighty, yet taut and tart. There's a slight, charming hint of sweetness, but really, it's the texture that pulps your pipfruit.



47001 **Gisselbrecht** Alsace Pinot Gris 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$23.90**

# Chablis

Another area that has perhaps suffered from the occasional misunderstanding. Before the red tape was unreel, and the cowboys across the globe who called anything white and cold 'Chablis' in the hope it might help it sell, the region's rep suffered considerably. Only Chablis can come from Chablis, now, which keeps it clean and neat. Although purists will deny its inclusion in Burgundy, it uses the same classification system and the same white grape for its great white wines (that'd be Chardonnay). As Saint Barnabas once intoned, 'check it.'

DOMAINE **Seguinot-Bordet**  
Petit Chablis 2008

was \$31.00 now **\$23.90** 40472

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE**

*Very good value*

Little Chablis? The first of the four appellations, with the vineyards usually planted in younger soil and on lesser gradients than the more expensive 1er and Grand Crus wines, Petit Chablis from a good producer like this is superb value, a window into the soul of the steely, finely balanced Chardonnay expressions from this complex region.



**YOU SAVE 29%**

DOMAINE **Laroche**  
St Martin Chablis 2008

was \$49.00 now **\$34.90** 48555

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE**

*Superb expression from a master*

Metallic gold, it gleams like a 'ghini. With lime, mineral, and creamy apple on the nose, the palate is restrained, lean, elegant yet mouthfilling from front to back. Tangy lime and lemon notes thread through to the finish, a touch of French dust and a tightening at the end only telling us that, while wonderful now, some years will unravel its mysteries. It just seems impossible not to think of cold chicken with tarragon to accompany it.



48556 **Domaine Laroche** Chablis 2008

was \$40.00 now **\$29.90**





# BURGUNDY

What can be added to the screeds of Burgundy-biased information circling the globe via the net, to the tomes that clog the libraries, to the bigmouths in small bars with their iron fists in velvet gloves and scents of dewy gardens at dawn?

Is it better to know the producer or the vineyard? (Is it better to know the judge or the law, as a clever-clogs Irishman once asked me?) Anyway... yip, know your producer. But let us sort through the thousands of winemakers, négociants, little guys, larger guys, rogues and royalty and give you a taste of the best this confounding, complex and addictive region has to offer.

Well, not 'give you' exactly; Burgundy can be earth-shatteringly expensive, but we've driven hard bargains and sharpened our pencils. If you know your wines, jump on in. If not, you must try some of these – they'll redefine the words 'Chardonnay' and 'Pinot Noir' for you.

## Labouré-Roi Collection Vieilli En Fut de Chêne Bourgogne 2007

was \$35.50 now **\$24.90** 42384

### CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

'The most reliable of the Burgundy négociants, with the most competitive prices,' Oz Clarke. 'Remarkable,' Hugh Johnson. Labouré-Roi lock on to the best wine-growers tilling the top terroir to make smart little white Burgundies like this; clean, crisp, flavoursome and unquestionably Burgundian. A great peep through the keyhole, if you're keen.



YOU SAVE  
**29%**

## DOMAINE Romanin Terroir de Fuissé Pouilly-Fuissé 2008

was \$35.00 now **\$24.90** 43732

### CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Quite a mouthful, in more ways than one, this is top-flight Pouilly-Fuissé, but not top dollar. Located in the famous village (hence the cumbersome title), this reflects the terroir, with its almond-infused, slightly chalky, lusciously buttery components and its ever-expanding revelations as it motors up your palate.

## Nicolas Potel Cuvée Gerard Potel Bourgogne 2007

was \$49.00 now **\$26.90** 43370

### CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

This has 'Pinot Noir' printed on the label. French arrogance? No, just a keen exporter and modern wine-maker with an attitude best described as revolutionary in the slow-turning traditional circles of Burgundian vintners. A fruit first, earth beneath, authentic drop, with Pinot's elusiveness somehow captured and caged, all for a dangerously descended price.



## Nicolas Potel Gevrey-Chambertin 2006

was \$86.00 now **\$59.90** 42472

### CASE OF 12 ONLY \$59.40 A BOTTLE

*Intense, powerful flavours*

There's a smashing recipe for Coq Au Vin that calls for two bottles of G-C to be poured over the poultry over the two days' duration they spend atop the stove. A criminal waste or commitment to your cuisine? Ahh, but when it's done, it's almost like Gevrey soup... Nic's pick is intensely flavoured, slightly musky with powerful licorice-touched flavours typical of the appellation. More forward and brassy than some; but there are still mysterious depths to be plumbed.

## Nicolas Potel Vieilles Vignes Chambolle-Musigny 2006

was \$86.00 now **\$59.90** 42469

### CASE OF 12 ONLY \$59.40 A BOTTLE

Beautiful nose of cherries and blackberries, with some earthen notes and that haunting Sissinghurst dewy garden thing so impossible to replicate. The palate, too, is very vibrant. Made in a robust style, the fruit is sweet on the front, then the haunting florals take over, the whole experience beautifully knitted together.



# Beaujolais

Officially it's part of Burgundy, but ultimately, Beaujolais is its own boss. The region froths with highly fragrant and vibrantly flavoursome reds made from Gamay, a thin-skinned hence low-tannin grape that the 4,000-plus growers of the region put to (mostly) very good use. Almost all of them sell to big co-operatives or négociants, of whom our feature artist, Georges Duboeuf, is the biggest, the best and the most innovative by a very long stick.

The appellation system that has followed us everywhere sees us deal with a Beaujolais AOC, then a Beaujolais-Villages appellation, and then, most highly regarded, the ten Beaujolais Cru vineyards, designated as extra-special due to their individual terroir. They deliver wines that are a unique expression of the Gamay grape, the region and of the increasingly sophisticated winegrowers and producers who are, in the words of the immortal poet, 'keeping it real'.

GEORGES Duboeuf  
Beaujolais Villages 2007

was \$24.00 now **\$15.90** 43895



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Superior quality Beaujolais*

The fruit for this appellation is drawn from thirty-nine villages/communes in the northern, hillier, more schist-dominated part of the region. So? So the fruit quality is better than generic Beaujolais, the sites likewise, the winemaking practices ditto. A firm yet tender wine, soft but sturdy, pushing ripe grape flavours and cherry notes gently upon you in an uplifting, satisfying style.



GEORGES Duboeuf  
Juliéas 2007

was \$28.90 now **\$23.90** 42945

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Exuberant, fruit-forward style*

One of the larger of the Crus designations, producing look-you-in-the-eye, direct, exuberant and deliciously fruit-forward expressions. Quite an intense style, with good body and a firmness in the fulsome flavours. From a 'once in a lifetime' vintage, it's worth giving this a whirl with some charred lamb, too. Much charm and class.

GEORGES Duboeuf  
Saint-Amour 2007

was \$30.00 now **\$23.90** 42947



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Succulent blackberries & currants*

Saint-Amour is named after a martyred centurion, a little history you can drop in as you pour it for your friends while the duck gently cooks. 'It is the wine of poets and lovers.' says Georges. Brightly coloured, brimming with blackberries and currants, succulent, fleshy and, given the lyricisms, best served in a Grecian urn. Oh, go ask Keats. Really.



GEORGES Duboeuf  
Fleurie 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$23.90** 42946

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Quintessential Beaujolais, softly silky, overwhelmingly charming*

If ever cornered by the question, 'what does good Beaujolais taste like?' you could do worse than proffer a glass of Fleurie to the struggling enthusiast whose nights have been beset with sleeplessness at having to live with such an unresolved poser. Fleurie is considered to be quintessential Beaujolais, lush and pure, with a soft silkiness that is overwhelmingly charming. Besieged beautifully by aromatics of violet, iris and rose, it is known as the Queen of Beaujolais.

# Rhône

Every great wine region is dominated by a great river, and while great rivers of okay reds flood from the region of the river Rhône, seductive streams of extraordinary wines, the equal of Burgundy and Bordeaux in their quality and mystery, also gush forth. As they used to say on The Magic Roundabout, you just have to know where to look.

To the north we have the glamour appellations, where names like Hermitage and Cote-Rôtie draw squeals of delight from Syrah enthusiasts and those who don't have to work the insanely-terraced hillsides, while the south flies the rustic and historically blood-stained flag of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, adding Grenache and Mourvèdre to its armoury. Yes, there are white wines, it's just that 95% of production is red and this is a small space, Nina. Go forth, soldiers.



CHÂTEAU Mont-Redon  
Côtes du Rhône 2008

was \$34.50 now **\$22.90** 41379

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Violets, pepper, dark fruit & spice*

Did you know that the word 'garnet', which describes the colour of this, yes, jewel of a wine perfectly, likely comes from a similar derivative in the Latin as pomegranate, due to the stone being similar in colour to the fruit? And if your ocular faculties aren't seduced, the exquisite nose of violets, pepper, dark fruit and spice, and similar palate characteristics, will have you swooning toward the nearest hammock.

Ortas Les Viguiers  
Côtes du Rhône 2008

was \$26.00 now **\$16.90** 43312



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

From excellent producers Caves de Rasteau, who are based in the Southern Rhône town of the same name. The hillsides of Rasteau provide the fruit (well, teams of pickers have to claw their way up the chalky gradients to wrest the grapes from the 30-year-old vines, actuellement). Spicy, with a hint of chocolate, a lash of leather and much oozyly unctuous berryfruit.



DOMAINE Le Colombier  
Vieilles Vignes Vacqueyras 2006

was \$42.00 now **\$29.90** 45343

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE**

As an appellation, Vacqueyras is 'a hotbed of activity' and this Domaine is based dead-centre. Ouch. Thickly textured to the point of chewiness, the fruit is uplifted then doused in spice, the dark cherries, from 50-year-old vines, immensely concentrated. Amazingly, there's not a shred of oak in sight. Pure fruit power, flower.



Pierre Gaillard  
Clos de Cuminaille Saint-Joseph 2006

was \$48.00 now **\$39.90** 46821



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE**

*Highly respected winemaker*

100% Syrah, with a beautiful meaty, gamey nose tempered by warm spices and earth. Plums and berries steal onto the palate as the wine moves through a meaty middle to a powerful, tannic-framed, sturdy finish. The fruit is the thread that knits it all together, the impression one of charm with intent, a wine of personality and purpose.



Yves Cuilleron  
Viognier 2008

was \$47.00 now **\$33.90** 43350

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.40 A BOTTLE**

*Beautifully realised Rhône Viognier*

'Without a rigorous approach, passion is not enough,' says Yves, with much passion. Taking over the family estate in 1987, he has ruthlessly reinvented it with the aim of 'making the best grapes possible.' The aroma is apricots bouncing about in cream, the palate richly textured with a fine linear mineral thread. Expert online site The Wine Doctor says, 'In view of this producer's performance I would have no hesitation in snapping up any bottles that come my way.' Get snapping.

Paul Jaboulet  
Thalabert Crozes Hermitage 2005

was \$83.00 now **\$69.90** 45389



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$69.40 A BOTTLE**

From a single holding and 60 to 80-year-old vines, the '05 is a dream. Cherries soaked in alcohol dominate the nose, with underbrush and truffles completing the seduction. The palate is creamy, rich, thickly textured yet rigorously defined. Spice, pepper and brambly notes skip about the senses; muscular tannins and a solid structure ensure great cellaring potential. A profound expression of top-flight Syrah.

- 45311 **Paul Jaboulet** Secret de Famille Côtes du Rhône 2006 was \$25.50 now **\$15.90**
- 45395 **Paul Jaboulet** Parallèle 45 Côtes du Rhône 2007 was \$24.00 now **\$16.90**
- 41329 **Les Vins de Vienne** Les Cranilles Côtes du Rhône 2007 was \$38.00 now **\$24.90**

Pierre Gaillard  
Cornas 2007

was \$95.00 now **\$69.90** 46834



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$69.40 A BOTTLE**

Cornas tends to be a wine for the traditionalists, and while Pierre is undoubtedly a man of our times, the hallmarks of the 'roasted slopes' are here in all their glory. A maelstrom of seething dark fruits is assuaged by smoked meaty/gamey characters, the structure solid, yet the trademark Gaillard finesse ever-present.

# South of France

We've geographically bundled together a few regions so that we can bring you the best of what we and the south have to offer. From Languedoc-Roussillon to Provence, we've cherry-picked shamelessly to offer a glimpse of one of the world's most important viticultural areas.

The key message here is value. The region simply doesn't have the reputation to command prices and demand in the way of Bordeaux, Burgundy et al and is, anyway, a totally different proposition. Despite wine being made here for two millennia, the whole of the south is still finding its feet, in a sense, experimenting with varieties, plantings, sites, where to park the tractor...

There has been huge investment, a raft of changes, upgrades, technological breakthroughs and hard decisions made, all to the betterment of the wines. The tractor is now parked facing north. Take a look; sure won't dent your dollars, and might just tickle your fancy, wherever it is you keep that.

Arrogant Frog  
Ribet White Chardonnay Viognier 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$12.90** 43968



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE**

The Smug Ones won Best International Company in the Med in 2006, the first wine company to achieve the honour. This is the new old world; business-educated, smart young men producing fruit-first, clean, flavour-some wines that may just turn the tide on Chile and Australia at home and win friends overseas. Like us.

Paul Mas Estate  
Nicole Vineyard Chardonnay 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 43987



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

The Mas Family own about 100ha in the Languedoc, and have been kicking around the Hérault Valley since the beginning of last century. This is an enchanting chap, brightly coloured and vibrantly delivered, with creamy tropical fruit and an appealing cashew-type nuttiness. At this price, it could be just the weapon of Mas seduction you need to see you through the winter.

- 43973 **Arrogant Frog** Ribet Red Organic Cabernet Merlot 2009 was \$21.00 now **\$14.90**
- 43986 **Paul Mas Estate** La Forge Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 was \$21.90 now **\$16.90**



Laroche  
South of France Syrah 2007



was \$22.00 now **\$16.90** 48543

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

*Modern, forward-looking French winemaker*

Escaping the strictures of the binding legislative red tape in Chablis, and looking for somewhere to flex his winemaking biceps, Michel Laroche bought into the Languedoc ahead of most, picked up some prime land, built a winery, as you do of an afternoon, and set about making fabulous, modern, wondrously priced offerings such as this.

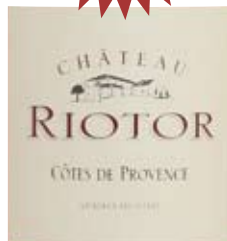


CHÂTEAU Riator  
Côte de Provence Rosé 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$19.90** 41477

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

From one of Provence's seven appellations, this is the sort of wine that comes to life with the local food, fishies and other such, um, dishies. However, Jet Star don't go that way, so we'll have to drink it here. Plump, juicy raspberry and strawberry fruit, a lean skein of mineral and more body than you might expect.



CHÂTEAU Laffitte-Teston  
Vieilles Vignes Madiran 2006

was \$49.00 now **\$35.00** 41883

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.50 A BOTTLE**

Made from Tannat, the local red variety touted for its life-extending properties, the vines, at seventy years, are certainly in line for their bus passes. Intense, immense, brooding, distinctly French, with lifted plum notes, sprinkles of chocolate and mocha and a solid tannic structure. Replete with flavour and character. 'But you don't look a day over 103, Yves...'



# SPIRITS

Dolin Dry  
Vermouth de Chambéry 750mL

was \$24.00 now **\$24.90** 47500

In our homogenised and commoditised world, the mere existence of tiny, family-owned spirit companies such as Dolin is cause enough to raise a few martinis in their honour. Still bothering to harvest their own botanicals and select the neutral, local wines that are ideal as a base, this is fresh, elegant and, when slipped into a cocktail, capable of raising it to alpine heights.

92201 **Tariquet** Armagnac 750mL  
92088 **Drouin** Calvados Selection 700mL  
92363 **Remy Martin** Cognac VSOP 700mL

was \$54.00 now **\$39.90**  
was \$63.00 now **\$45.90**  
was \$109.90 now **\$89.90**

# Bordeaux

There is so much emotive ink spilled over Bordeaux that we can maybe cool our Cuban heels with some statistics. Let's try: it's the largest AOC area in France, with a staggering 86,000ha of vineyard plantings; 75% of the production is red; about 20,000 growers declare their output; around (we didn't have time to count them all) 60 million cases are produced annually.

See those numbers just get you going, and even knowing that the landscape, compared to, say, Alsace or Beaujolais, could be considered flat and lifeless, no one will listen to your whinings. Because this region is responsible for the world's greatest red wines, and a whole bunch more that are uniquely exceptional.

If anything Cabernet, Merlot, or Franc-like is your thing, as a winemaker, viticulturist or enthusiast, you know you must turn to the south-west and get tasting. Let the Jean E come-latelies from Australia and Chile try, but when the sun sets over the mudflats, as Sam Hunt once said, this is the global benchmark.



CHÂTEAU La Lagune  
Haut-Médoc Grand Cru 2006

was \$134.00 now **\$89.00** 43665

*Superb cellaring potential*

The Frey family, who bought this much revitalised Château in 2000, also bought Jaboulet, lock stock and barrel(s), six years later. Driven, innovative, and quality-focused folk. If that all sounds a tad passionless, be fooled not, this is wine with a big, red heart. Fat, fleshy, with great structure and superb ageing potential, it is very impressive, beautifully balanced and exquisitely made. Of this particular vintage, Parker actually heaved himself from his chair and said 'wow!', which, truly, is praise indeed.

CHÂTEAU Briot  
Bordeaux 2006

was \$24.00 now **\$16.90** 41262

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

Attractively dark in the glass with a delightful violet touch to the voluble berryfruit. A slight Bordelaise dustiness adds shade and complexity. The river of fruit runs from front to back, the Cabernet characters uncluttered, authentic and clear, the tannins grippy but not possessive. Approachable and affordable.



CHÂTEAU Listran  
Médoc 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$24.90** 41267

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

Apologies to our leafier consumers, but this makes you hungry for a steak. Initially gamey and savoury, there's also a good drive through the middle of ripe berryfruit. Fleshy and soft, with some back palate grip and grainy, slightly dusty, fine tannins, it has the weight and carry to shore up sizzling sirloin superbly.



CHÂTEAU **Corconnac**  
Haut-Médoc 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90** 41179



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

These guys have been making great wines for decades. Cabernet dominant, as you'd expect on this side of the river where you're rubbing schist with communes like Margaux and Pauillac, it has a sweet fruit perfume, some savoury characters and a delightful succulence on the palate. Nice digs on the label, too.

**YOU SAVE 39%**

CHÂTEAU **Faugères** Haut **Faugères**  
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2005

was \$74.00 now **\$45.00** 44435



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$44.50 A BOTTLE**

*Highly regarded château*

85% Merlot, this has a dark heart of bright fruit that tastes like it was picked yesterday. Intriguingly they employ two oenological advisors, the famous Michel Rolland and the gloriously named Count Stephan von Neipperg who, with such a title need do nothing but stay home and wax his moustache, surely.

CHÂTEAU **Cantenac Brown**  
Brio Margaux 2004

was \$78.00 now **\$54.90** 42195

**YOU SAVE 30%**



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$54.40 A BOTTLE**

The label bears an image of the fabulous Tudor architectural icon. Only 7.5k cases made and, when you consider that this is one of the most famous estates in the world, it's quite a privilege to have the wine at all. Margaux violets with sumptuous cherries and blackcurrants, fresh and beautifully balanced.

**Château Suduiraut**  
Castelneau de Suduiraut  
Sauternes 2005 375mL

**YOU SAVE 29%**

was \$49.00 now **\$35.00** 44420



**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.50 A BOTTLE**

*Exquisite, exotic, sweet white*

What good Sauternes does (and this is very good) is have that wonderful push-and-pull between intense sweetness and definitive acid. It means that you're flooded with heady apricot, marmalade and honey characters, all touched celestially with flowers, then brought up straight with judicious fruit acid, a perennial balancing act of exquisite tension that plays on as the exotic flavours, aromas and textures envelop your senses. Can anywhere else in the world quite replicate this?

# Loire

Stretching from the wilds of the Brittany coast in the west right through to the foothills of the Massif Central, so close to Rhône that you could whistle up a Syrah from your car, the Loire Valley redefines the meaning of diverse. Once the playground of royalty and their minions, it's a region that has perhaps sulked in the shadows of the big red names of French wine, which is a shame, as some unique and outstanding wines are to be had, without question.

With 60-plus appellations, she's a tough road getting a handle on who is consistently making the best wines, and with what grapes, from vintage to vintage. We stick with the producers of excellence, and the wines that are most sought after – steely Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, and a stunning Vouvray, to remind us all that good examples of Chenin Blanc are still worth seeking out.

**Bourillon-Dorléans**  
La Coulée d'Argent Vouvray Sec 2008

**YOU SAVE 32%**



was \$35.50 now **\$24.00** 40977

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE**

We've had the privilege of enjoying this family's wines for over 20 years, and every time a new vintage lands, you find yourself recaptured with the character and charm of the various Vouvray expressions. This has signature acacia blossom and apples on the nose, while the palate is honey-dipped fruits, racy minerality and seductive spice. Very fresh, still blossoming.

**Pascal Jolivet**  
Pouilly-Fumé 2008

**YOU SAVE 33%**

was \$54.00 now **\$36.00** 41041

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE**

Anyone who thinks Loire wines are typically pungent and barnyard-like need think again. Clean as a whistle, this boasts masses of tropical fruits, a soft, buttery richness and an excellent toastiness nestling beneath it all, with mineral and chalk characters expanding the imagination right through to a finish that's longer than the second leg of the Tour de France.



41042 **Pascal Jolivet** Sancerre 2008

was \$54.00 now **\$36.00**



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# PINOT NOIR



## Yealands Estate Pinot Noir 2009

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 10049

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

*Ready to be enjoyed*

Produced off two Awatere Valley vineyards, with each component separately vinified and a portion undergoing malolactic in seasoned French oak barrels. The final blend was lightly fined and filtered prior to bottling. It is a vivid ruby colour, with upfront strawberry and raspberry aromas supported by spice notes. A ready to drink Pinot Noir with ripe, spicy fruit, a juicy character and mellow tannins.

## Locharburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$36.90 now **\$28.90** 14890

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.40 A BOTTLE**

*Fragrant nose, vibrant flavours*

Chris and Jenny Hill named Locharburn after the stream overlooked by the home vineyard and now bearing seven-year-old Pinot vines. The wine was produced from hand harvested fruit aged in French oak for eight months. The fragrant bouquet displays cherry and strawberry aromas backed by herb, spice and subtle oak nuances. The palate is distinguished by vibrant ripe fruit flavours embellished by understated oak and a smooth texture.



## Escarpment Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$53.00 now **\$44.90** 10287

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$44.40 A BOTTLE**

*From Pinot legend Larry McKenna*

There is probably no other winemaker more closely identified with Martinborough Pinot Noir than Larry McKenna. Larry produces a number of world-class Pinots, each designed to express their unique terroir. Here, vibrant aromas of cherry and plum are enhanced by chocolate and earthy notes. The palate has a nice concentration of berryfruit flavours mingling with spice and mushroom notes, complemented by a fine tannin structure and a lingering aftertaste.



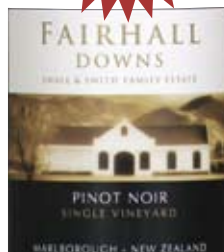
## Three Paddles Martinborough Pinot Noir 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 15839

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

*Our biggest-selling red wine*

From the smart crew at Martinborough's Nga Waka comes this softly supple, easy-going style of Pinot that has much to recommend it. A pretty wine, it shines with cherries and red berries and a sprinkle of spice, though it is not without substance either. Well made, well priced, a delightful mid-range Pinot Noir that ticks all the boxes.



## Fairhall Downs Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$34.90 now **\$24.90** 12280

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE**

*Consistent quality producer*

One of the most consistent producers in Marlborough, always delivering focused, well balanced wines. The current release was made from hand harvested fruit and aged for eleven months in French oak. Distinctive, spice-edged plum/berry aromas and a richly flavoured, well weighted palate. Deliciously mouthfilling.

## Craggy Range Zebra Vineyard Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$45.00 now **\$34.90** 11330

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE**

*Single vineyard cellaring prospect*

A single vineyard Pinot Noir derived from Craggy's Zebra Vineyard located in Bendigo. A dark, plum-coloured red displaying classic varietal aromas of morello cherry and blueberry, embellished by hints of sage and toasty oak. The concentrated fruit flavours are enhanced by forest floor nuances. An excellent cellaring prospect.



## Akarua Cadence Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$45.00 now **\$34.90** 10199

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE**

*Complex, restrained, seamless*

The Cadence is an estate-grown wine characterised by the fragrant, almost perfumed, notes that are typical of Central Otago Pinot Noir. Complex nuances of spicy plum, mushroom and restrained oak grace the nose, while on the palate, seamless layers of fruit and spice are absorbed by an elegant robe of fine-grained tannins, punctuated by a vibrant, savoury finish.

# Brilliant Bargains

By the bottle or by the case, we have the month's bargain buys

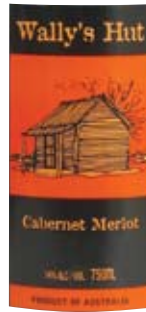


**Morton** PRIVATE RESERVE  
HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2006

YOU SAVE  
**39%**

RRP \$22.90 now **\$13.90** 15408

*Rich, buttery, perfectly matured  
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay*



**Wally's Hut**  
Cabernet Merlot 2009

YOU SAVE  
**29%**

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28434

*Great value winter warmer  
from Australia for under \$10*



**Wild South** BLACK LABEL  
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

YOU SAVE  
**48%**

was \$26.90 now **\$13.90** 11194

*End of vintage clearance from  
quality Marlborough winery*



**Lake Chalice**  
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

YOU SAVE  
**36%**

was \$24.90 now **\$15.90** 13583

*Smooth and silky Marlborough  
Pinot Noir for a steal*



**Rabbit Ranch**  
CENTRAL OTAGO Riesling 2007

YOU SAVE  
**52%**

was \$25.00 now **\$11.90** 11170

*Over half off the very last  
Riesling from Rabbit Ranch*



**Kaiken** ULTRA  
ARGENTINE Malbec 2006

YOU SAVE  
**51%**

was \$38.50 now **\$19.00** 90555

*A stunning bargain, top-class  
Malbec at less than half-price*



**Tawhiri** MARLBOROUGH  
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

YOU SAVE  
**48%**

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**48%**

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**d'Arenberg** STUMPJUMP  
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**Sherwood** STRATUM  
WAIPARA Chardonnay 2008

YOU SAVE  
**53%**

RRP \$18.90 now **\$8.90** 15521

*Amazing value - a very smart  
Chardonnay for this price*



**Wild South**  
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2008

YOU SAVE  
**48%**

was \$18.90 now **\$9.90** 11294

*End of vintage clearance from  
quality Marlborough winery*



**Russian Jack**  
Sauvignon Blanc 2007

YOU SAVE  
**53%**

was \$21.00 now **\$9.90** 18963

*Amazing price,  
limited quantities available*

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GREAT AUSTRALIAN SHIRAZ

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



**Chapel Hill** The Parson's Nose  
McLaren Vale Shiraz 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 21248

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Beautifully crafted wine from award-winning winemaker*

Michael Fragos is internationally recognised as one of Australia's leading winemakers. Like all his wines, this is beautifully crafted and particularly expressive of its McLaren Vale terroir. The bouquet of plum and blueberry is supported by nutmeg and coffee notes against a background of vanillin oak. The component parts – ripe fruit, silky tannin and oak – are seamlessly integrated and complemented by a lush texture and a flavour-filled finish.



**Annie's Lane**  
Clare Valley Shiraz 2008



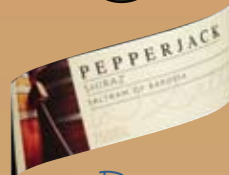
was \$24.90 now **\$17.90** 29030

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Classic Clare Valley Shiraz*

A vibrantly purple-fringed red, this is a classic Clare Valley Shiraz. It has a wonderfully aromatic nose of crushed plums accompanied by lifted minty nuances, with hints of vanillin from twelve months in oak barriques. It is a richly flavoured wine with deep-seated fruit flavours enhanced by hints of olives, mocha and spicy oak.



**Pepperjack**  
Barossa Shiraz 2008



was \$25.90 now **\$18.90** 22618

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE**  
*Ripe, spicy fruit, toasty oak, sweet tannins*

Pepperjack displays all the attributes that have made Barossa Shiraz world famous. The bouquet has spicy berryfruit aromas backed by unobtrusive oak. It is a rich, well-weighted red with an abundance of ripe berry and plum flavours neatly integrated with toasty oak and structured around a core of sweet tannins. Long and complex, it is great value and perfect with winter fare.

**Hewitson**

**Ned & Henry's** Barossa Valley Shiraz 2008

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90** 21796

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE**  
*'Yum as it ever was' - Gary Walsh*

A small portion of Mourvèdre was added to the Shiraz to provide greater complexity and aromatic definition. Following the final blend, the wine was matured in French oak for fifteen months. The nose is awash with black fruit aromas backed by pepper, cinnamon and understated oak. The palate has layers of berryfruit, chocolate and earthy characters, enhanced by a silky mouthfeel and held in focus by supple tannins.



**d'Arenberg**

**The Footbolt** McLaren Vale Shiraz 2007

was \$26.00 now **\$18.90** 20709

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE**  
*90/100 Jay Miller*

Named after the founder's prized racehorse, and like its namesake, this is a winner. It is a dark, glistening, benchmark McLaren Vale Shiraz, loaded with plum, cherry and liquorice aromas enhanced by some lifted pepper and clove notes. The complex palate has layers of ripe fruit flavours, hints of leather, a fine dusting of tannin and a superb finish.



**Grant Burge**

**Filsell** Barossa Old Vine Shiraz 2008

was \$46.00 now **\$36.00** 21394

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE**  
*Superb Shiraz, one of the best*

Grant Burge's flagship Shiraz, this is produced from 90-year-old vines in the Filsell vineyard. One of the best in the Barossa, Filsell consistently delivers fruit of great intensity and concentration. An inky-dark wine with a complex bouquet of blackcurrant and plum aromas supported by cinnamon, mocha and vanillin oak. The palate is quite sumptuous, displaying tiers of ripe fruit, chocolate and mint. Full bodied and beautifully structured.



**Balgownie Estate**  
Bendigo Shiraz 2006

was \$35.00 now **\$29.90** 20121

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE**  
*90/100 Jay Miller*

Hand harvested and matured in a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak for eighteen months. The bouquet displays pepper-doused blackberry, aromas of cassis, a touch of eucalyptus and nuances of vanillin oak. A boldly styled Shiraz, with well defined fruit supported by fine tannins.



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PARMESAN-COATED  
ROSE VEAL WITH  
CAULIFLOWER &  
CITRUS MASH AND  
CRISPY CAPERS

Recipe by Dida's Head Chef, Vincent Marshall. Photograph by Amos Chapple

## INGREDIENTS

200g ROSE VEAL TOP SIDE STEAK  
1/3 CUP GRATED PARMESAN  
1/3 CUP FINE BREAD CRUMBS  
1 CUP FLOUR  
1 BEATEN EGG

1/2 HEAD CAULIFLOWER IN SMALL PIECES  
3 LARGE AGRIA POTATOES IN CUBES  
JUICE AND ZEST OF 1 LEMON  
JUICE AND ZEST OF 1 ORANGE  
1 CUP CREAM  
1 CUP CHICKEN STOCK

Mix cheese and bread crumbs, then crumb veal with flour, egg and bread crumb mix and set aside in fridge

In a large saucepan put cauliflower, potato, citrus zest and juice, cream and chicken stock. Gently simmer until the veg is tender and cooked

Blitz all together in a food processor and season with salt and white pepper

Pan fry the veal in a little butter until golden on both sides, then add in the capers and fry until crispy

Serve the veal with a spoon of the warm mash topped with the capers and a little fresh lemon juice

Cecchi

Teuzzo Chianti Classico DOCG 2007

was \$36.90 now **\$29.90** 62424

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE**

*Parmesan-coated rose veal with cauliflower & citrus mash*

Teuzzo is named after Pietro di Teuzzo, original owner of the vineyard located in the heart of the Classico zone. A Sangiovese-dominated blend fermented in stainless steel and matured for twelve months in oak barriques, it is an intense ruby colour with a fragrant bouquet of morello cherry, spice and oak. Generously flavoured, well balanced, with distinctive cherry and plum flavours complemented by nutmeg nuances, a mellow tannin structure and a lingering aftertaste.



Cecchi

Orvieto Classico DOC 2008

was \$19.00 now **\$14.90** 62457

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

*Tuna carpaccio with preserved lemon salad*

A blend of native varieties Grechetto, Drupeggio, Procanico and Trebbiano. The bouquet suggests wild mountain flowers, with almond and hints of honey in the background. A vinous, balanced white with a crisp, dry finish. Excellent as an aperitif or with lighter fare.

Cecchi

Chianti DOCG 2008

was \$20.00 now **\$14.90** 62458

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE**

*Braised lamb shanks with aubergine relish*

Beautifully styled, immediately appealing Chianti with violet and raspberry aromas enriched by spicy oak. The persistent berryfruit flavours are wrapped around supple tannins. Nicely balanced, excellent value.



Cecchi

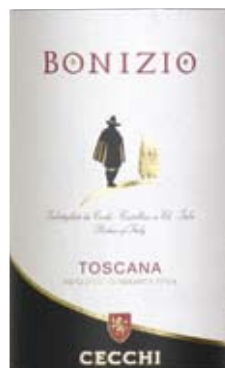
Bonizio Sangiovese IGT 2008

was \$20.00 now **\$15.90** 62459

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

*Seared wild venison with walnut and rosemary purée*

Food friendly, Sangiovese-dominant blend. Ripe-scented cherry aromas are underscored by spicy nuances. It is a well balanced, medium-bodied wine showing an attractive juicy character enhanced by the sweet tannin structure.



Cecchi Riserva di Famiglia

Chianti Classico DOCG 2005

was \$36.90 now **\$34.90** 62402

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE**

*Wild pork meatballs in tomato and sherry sauce*

Produced from low-yielding vines in small quantities, and only in the best years. The bouquet shows black cherry, spice and understated oak, the silky-textured palate has concentrated fruit flavours complemented by supple tannins and a lingering, flavoursome finish.



62432 Cecchi Chianti DOCG 2008 in a raffia basket

was \$25.00 now **\$17.90**

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# SPAIN

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

## RIBERA DEL DUERO

The Ribera del Duero region lies in the heart of Castilla y Leon, some 200 kilometres north of Madrid. Located at altitudes of between 700 and 850 metres, the vineyards stretch along the banks of the river Duero and across the rolling northern plateau.

The region enjoys an excellent viticultural climate during the growing season, the hot days mixed with cool nights delivering intensely flavoured, aromatic grapes. The soils, too, are well-suited to viticulture, consisting largely of clay and alluvial deposits near the river Duero and limestone in the higher vineyards. The dominant grape variety is the local clone of Tempranillo, known as Tinto Fino or Tinto de Pais. There is also Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec grown.

Although wine has been made in the Ribera del Duero for centuries, its potential was only realised in relatively recent years, the region granted its own DO status in 1982. This led to rapid expansion, and the introduction of modern methods, crop reduction and vineyard management. The wines can be rich, bold and yet restrained, while expressing a great sense of place.

**Emilio Moro**  
Finca Resalso 2007

YOU SAVE  
**31%**

was \$29.00 now **\$19.90** 87750

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

*90/100 Jay Miller, Wine Advocate*

Finca Resalso is the name of the 1st vineyard planted by the Moro Family in 1932, the same year that Emilio Moro was born. This current release was produced from Tempranillo and aged in French oak for four months. It has an enticing bouquet of violets and black cherry underscored by a mineral character. The palate reveals spicy berry flavours enhanced by an elegant structure and a lingering, flavoursome finish.



**Aalto**  
Ribera del Duero 2006

was \$85.00 now **\$69.90** 88090

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$69.40 A BOTTLE**

*94/100 Jay Miller, Wine Advocate*

Aalto wines are made by Mariano Garcia, responsible for the wines at Ribera del Duero's most prestigious estate, Vega Sicilia. The Tempranillo fruit comes from vines averaging 60 years, and the wine underwent extensive aging in French oak. With its complex and intriguing bouquet of blackberry, spice and smoky oak, the multi-layered palate has concentrated fruit, a trace of earthiness and supple tannins. Classy.



**Protos**  
Verdejo 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$16.90** 88078

**CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

*A refreshing alternative variety*

An indigenous Spanish variety responsible for some of the country's finest white wines. After a gentle pressing, the wine was cool fermented to retain freshness. It boasts aromas of grapefruit, stonefruit and hints of mineral. Fresh and vibrant, with green apple flavours, a soft richness and a clean, focused finish.

YOU SAVE  
**42%**



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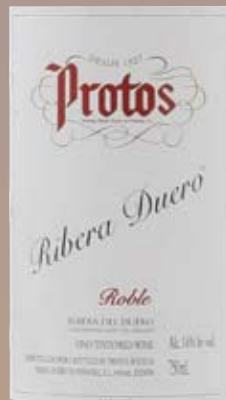
**Roble Ribera del Duero 2007**

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 88069

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

*Sweet, vibrant, ready to drink*

100% Tinto de Pais, this wine from the pioneering Protos label was aged for six months in American oak and a further six months in bottle prior to release. It is a youthful, cherry red with aromas of blueberry and plum. The palate is dominated by ripe fruit notes backed by mellow tannins and a fresh, elegant finish.



**Protos**

**Crianza 2004**

was \$45.00 now **\$34.90** 88073

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE**

*Plenty of class, depth & weight*

A deep, dark cherry wine with a bouquet combining blackberry and mulberry with cinnamon and toasty oak. The seamless, full-bodied palate displays rich fruit flavours complemented by oak nuances, mellow tannins and a smooth texture. Artfully balanced, it finishes on a lingering, flavoursome note.



**Emilio Moro**

**Red 2006**

was \$51.00 now **\$44.90** 87755

**CASE OF 12 ONLY \$44.40 A BOTTLE**

*92/100 Jay Miller*

This stellar wine has earned a host of accolades from wine writers across the world. A complex expression, the bouquet exudes crushed berry intermingling with spice, coffee and toasty oak. The palate has a strong core of ripe fruit supported by spice, supple tannins and a lengthy finish.



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# the GLENGARRY Top 10

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

**1** Brookfields Bergman  
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 11270

**CASE OF 12 \$15.40 A BOTTLE**

This is one of the Bay's most consistent value-for-money Chardonnays, with lovely stonefruit aromas and flavours supported by understated oak and a fresh citrus note at the finish.

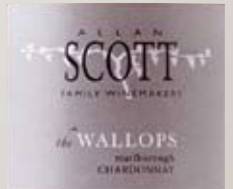


**2** Allan Scott The Wallops  
Marlborough Chardonnay 2009

was \$26.50 now **\$21.90** 17357

**CASE OF 6 \$21.40 A BOTTLE**

A single vineyard, barrel fermented Chardonnay vinted on indigenous yeasts and put through a malolactic fermentation. A creamy-textured, complex wine with lime-influenced flavours.



**3** Huerta de Albalá  
Barbazul 2007

was \$26.90 now **\$18.90** 88032

**CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

An innovative and outstanding Andalucian red from Spanish legend Vicente Taberner, packed with ripe berryfruit flavours enhanced by oaky nuances, a silky texture and impressive finish.



**4** Koura Bay  
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$23.90 now **\$17.90** 13267

**CASE OF 12 \$17.40 A BOTTLE**

Harvested off two low-yield Awatere vineyards, a pure, fruit-driven Sauvignon with gooseberry, capsicum and celery aromas leading you on to a wonderfully fresh and vivacious palate.



**5** Quinta de la Rosa  
douRosa Red Wine 2006

was \$26.00 now **\$19.90** 79008

**CASE OF 6 \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

A Portuguese red, blended from classic Port varieties, with a spicy, cherry-infused aromatic presence. Complex and richly flavoured, it has a svelte texture and a lingering savoury finish.



**6** Prophet's Rock  
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2009

was \$38.90 now **\$32.90** 18435

**CASE OF 6 \$32.40 A BOTTLE**

Prophet's Rock are consistent deliverers of expressive, terroir-driven wines. Their PG has tiers of pear, stonefruit and quince aromas and flavours enlivened by a crisp citrus finish.



**7** Domain Road  
Central Otago Riesling 2009

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 14327

**CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

Bannockburn's climate is perfectly suited to Riesling, and this off-dry release shows classic varietal characters of grapefruit enhanced with hints of spice and underlying mineral.

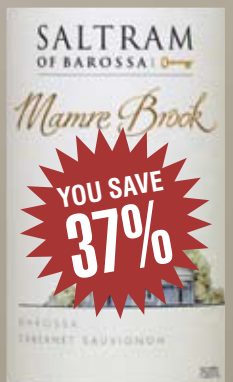


**8** Saltram Mamre Brook  
Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$16.90** 26835

**CASE OF 6 \$16.40 A BOTTLE**

A superb, concentrated Barossa Cabernet with ripe berry and plum aromas that resonate on to the well proportioned palate. Silky smooth, with a lingering, finely-judged finish.



**9** d'Arenberg The High Trellis  
Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$18.90** 20701

**CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE**

McLaren Vale Cabernet packed with ripe blackberry, spice and chocolate aromas and flavours supported by hints of liquorice and supple oak nuances. Rich and deep; worth cellaring.



**10** Jules Taylor  
Marlborough Pinot Gris 2009

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** 12451

**CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE**

This 100% Awatere Pinot Gris has a distinctive bouquet showing aromas of pear, stonefruit, spice and mineral. The well weighted palate has a lush texture and a fine, vibrant finish.





SENIOR WINEMAKER, TONY BISH

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