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 118 wellesley st west
 308 8346
 herne bay
 54 jervois rd
 378 8555
 ponsonby
 139 ponsonby rd
 378 8252
 parnell
 164 parnell rd
 358 1333
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 22 morrow st
 524 5789
 mt eden
 250 dominion rd
 623 0811
 city
 cnr wellesley st & mayoral dr
 379 8416
 elliot st
 cnr victoria st & elliot st
 379 5858
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 cnr hurstmere rd & killarney st
 486 1770
 devonport
 cnr clarence st & wynyard st
 445 2989
 remuera
 400 remuera rd
 523 1594
 kingsland
 467 new north rd
 815 9207
 westmere
 164 garnet rd
 360 4035

WELLINGTON

thorndon
 232 thorndon quay
 472 7051
 kelburn
 85 upland rd
 475 7849
 courtenay place
 paramount cinema building
 27 courtenay place
 385 9600

DIDA'S

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L-R: WILL JEFFERSON, TONI TOKIMUA AND LARISSA McMEEKING,
 DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE & FOOD STORE VICTORIA PARK, 118 WELLESLEY ST WEST. PHONE 308 8319

Some FAQs about Dida's Victoria Park: is it part of all the other Dida's? Is it true that you can order any wine from the adjoining retail store and have it served with your lunch? Does Jude Law really make the coffees? Um, yes, yes and, we-ell, the way his career's been tracking, and of course, there was the nanny...

Dida's Victoria Park is certainly part of the Dida's family; it's just a little different to the other Food Stores and Wine Lounges in that it contains elements of both and serves them up in a funky fusion of food and wine that is unique to the CBD. If you're a central city worker we've got your day covered, from brilliant breakfasts, pre-packed and serious salads for lunch through to an amazing array of tapas to be had with a stunning selection of wines for when you swing by on your way home.

We do serious catering too, in-house or out; we can sashay up your stairs armed with platters or you can come on down, hire the room and make yourself at home while we tempt you with morsel upon morsel as you make your way through an almost limitless selection of wine.

We can vouch for the fabness of our functions because our switched-on Dida's team, under the direction of manager Larissa McMeeking, Assistant Manager Will Jefferson and Kitchen Team Leader Toni Tokimua, have executed many internal and external food events. Larissa has a Big Hotel background, eventing every requirement possible with a smooth efficiency that makes even German clocks seem clunky and ill-timed.

Larissa was also barista at Dida's up on Jervois, and together with Will (whose grace and gusto with all things ground and frothed is something to behold) she will ensure that even if your event is just getting away from the office for an exquisite double trim soy latte extra cream no cinnamon spoon on the side, they'll see you right. The team's knowledge of all things cheese-like, too, is as staggering as the array of local and imported wedges we have waiting for you.

Clever, casual, funky and finessed, Dida's Victoria Park is a place oozing with options, buzzing with a cool café cacophony just this side of electric, with food – hot, cold, in, out and all around – that'll blow your buds and leave your wallet more than intact.

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MANAGER'S PICK LARISSA McMEEKING

Gisselbrecht TRADITION

ALSACE Pinot Gris 2009 47007

WAS \$29.00 **\$22.90** CASE OF 12 \$22.40 A BOTTLE



I had to pick a wine that goes brilliantly with food, particularly one that's great with lunch too, and this does the trick on both counts. It's great to have by the glass, weighty and layered enough to pair with plenty, yet bright and fresh enough to enjoy on its own.

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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

Spy Valley

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 18333

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Tasted blind, it could be Alsatian

A eurostyled delight from the Voyeurs of the Valley with wondrous wafts of mineral-scented pears, pineapples and melons. The slightly sweet fruit entry leads to a weighty, unctuous palate that builds in a symphonic rush; are those cannon I hear firing? (No - Ed). The power is controlled beautifully, though, a spring of fruit acid vaulting in to take care of any suggestion of, you know, overdoing it. The stonefruit and lime characters are co-opted for Greater Things by a trickle of mineralised artesian water, the lovely silken texture long and delicious.

Framingham

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 12681

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Consistently great

Framingham's first release was a Riesling waaay back in 1994, but Rex Brooke-Taylor actually started planting in the 1980s. This is a consistently excellent and always interesting expression, with more winery work than most get, meaning there are exotic characters zinging and singing amongst the more traditional ones. Complex and characterful, but also precisely flavoured and fiercely varietal, it shines with food but still glows bright and prettily without.

Brookfields OHITI ESTATE

HAWKE'S BAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 11336

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

With an innate attention to detail that some might consider obsessive, winemaker Peter Robertson gives this sub-\$20 claret the work, care and assiduity that attends his other, higher priced expressions. Its provenance a stunning little heat-trap on the bed of the old Ngaruroro River, the ripe riches the site offers are treated to an aging process that ensures a fully-flavoured and intensely varietal, straight Cabernet, vintage after vintage. With typical leather, tobacco and black fruits draped over a muscular structure, this delivers great delights for a miserly sum.

De Bortoli DB FAMILY SELECTION

Pinot Grigio 2009

was \$21.50 now **\$9.90** 20929

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Good Pinot Grigio for under \$10

54% off? I feel like Harvey Leeming. Or perhaps Noel Norman. You could be forgiven for expecting a little lightness when the discount is so heavy, but you'll be surprised: this abounds with softly scented pears and delicate citrus characters, while there's a herbaceous touch and a nuttiness that mix it up without overturning the whole gig. Squeaks with delight when cornered by seafood.

Farmer's Market

GISBORNE Chardonnay 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$13.90** 11551

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

I know we're on the over-deliver and under-charge page but this is getting ridiculous. This single-vineyard, hand-made, carefully crafted Chardonnay has so much going for it: deftly defined aromatic notes, a creamy beauty that's fully flavoured but not overpowering, complexity without the clumsiness and, just for good measure, we'll throw in cellaring potential and, it's \$13.90. That's all.

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Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 20919

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Deep purple (rather than, say, Black Sabbath) in the glass, this shares with the Brookfields far more than a varietal kinship. Brother, this, too, punches so far above its weight in terms of structure, flavour and general all-round delivery that you wonder where it's been all your life. Solid, dependable yet not without its exciting qualities; bang a box in the boot.

Ti Point TWO

MATAKANA Merlot Cabernet Franc 2010

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 19902

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

So this smells daringly woody – like the woods, not so much like oak, if we can bear the distinction. The fruit is dark and deft, freshly crushed raspberries and blackberries that have been quickly doused in icing sugar, and there's a vanillin/shortcake touch and a sweep of flowers. Medium-weighted and fully flavoured, some firm tannic sidewalls keep a handle on the richness.



PEREGRINE



Peregrine was established in 1998 by Greg Hay, who has been involved in Central Otago's wine industry for more than two decades. Sixty per cent of Peregrine's fruit requirements are sourced from its own estates, with the balance coming from vineyards managed by viticulturist Nick Pauline.

The Peregrine vineyards are sustainably managed and currently through their second year of conversion to organic certification. The fruit from the fourteen vineyards involved ripen at different times and provide the wine-making team, led by Nadine Cross, with a handy range of flavour profiles.

The company markets its wines under two different brands, Peregrine and Saddleback. Both selections are hand-crafted wines that over-deliver; they include the multi-award and trophy winning Pinot Noir and some of Central Otago's most distinctive Riesling, Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer.

Greg Hay states, 'Our philosophy is to grow premium Pinot Noir and white varieties from our own and other company-managed estates. We are not planning to expand; our focus is on continuing to produce affordable, premium-quality wines that showcase our unique region.'

The company is a major sponsor of the Wingspan Birds of Prey Trust, and funded the transfer of endangered Saddlebacks to a predator-free island.



Peregrine

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$42.00 now **\$39.90** 17124

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.90 A BOTTLE

*Gold and Trophy winner
and Champion Wine of Show
- Air NZ Awards*

Fruit was selectively harvested from the Cromwell and Gibbston regions. Following fermentation and an extended period of maceration, the wine was matured in French oak barrels for ten months. The bouquet of soft summer fruits and black cherry is supported by hints of coffee and spicy oak, while on the palate abundant flavours of raspberry and cherry meld with nutmeg and subtle oak nuances. A beautifully poised Pinot with a velvety mouthfeel and a lingering finish.

17111 PEREGRINE RASTABURN RIESLING 2008 was \$24.90 now **\$21.90**
17120 SADDLEBACK PINOT NOIR 2009 was \$30.00 now **\$24.90**

Peregrine

CENTRAL OTAGO Riesling 2008



was \$24.90 now **\$20.90** 17122

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

A dry-style Riesling featuring fruit from Central's Cromwell region, cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain fresh varietal characters. The perfumed bouquet displays aromas of peach and lime, the palate has lingering fruit flavours beautifully balanced by a fine mineral edge.

Peregrine

CENTRAL OTAGO Chardonnay 2009



was \$27.00 now **\$24.90** 17123

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Fruit was whole bunch pressed, barrel fermented, put through malolactic and lees stirred to add greater dimension and depth. A complex wine with stonefruit aromas and flavours supported by toasty oak nuances. Full flavoured and silky textured, it finishes on an elegant citrus note.

Peregrine

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Gris 2010



was \$29.00 now **\$24.90** 17112

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Central Otago is proving to be an excellent location for Pinot Gris. The Peregrine expression is a glistening, pale straw colour with an appealing nose of pear, peach, and spice. The off-dry, fruit-driven palate is nicely weighted and balanced by a squeeze of citrus.

6:30PM, WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH WE'LL BE DINING AT DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE, 54 JERVOIS ROAD WITH PEREGRINE'S GREG HAY, WHERE WE'LL BE FEATURING THE OUTSTANDING WINES OF PEREGRINE PAIRED WITH THE FOOD OF DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL. SOUNDS PRETTY FANTASTIC TO US. \$85.00 PER PERSON. BOOKINGS: PH 09-376 2813



SPARKLING

A CELEBRATION OF SPARKLING WINES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE TO MAKE EVERY DAY A FESTIVE OCCASION

SPAIN Perelada Brut Reserva Cava NV

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 88051

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

The cava of kings

A favourite of the Spanish royal family, Perelada launched their first cava in the 1960s to international acclaim. The base wine is a blend of three indigenous Spanish varieties, Macabeo, Xare-lo and Parellado. The second fermentation, which produces the effervescence, takes place in the bottle as with champagne, and is disgorged after twelve months of maturation. A flavoursome, fresh, zesty sparkler with a lovely lingering finish. Great as an aperitif, or with food.



NEW ZEALAND Nobile ICON Méthode Traditionnelle 2005

rrp \$27.90 now **\$20.90** 15817

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Gold medal & Best Buy - Cuisine

Nobile have rebranded their méthode under the Icon label; the good news is that the quality is the same and it is now very competitively priced. Apple-like aromas are embellished by fresh yeasty notes, and malolactic fermentation has provided the wine with a creamy texture that complements the fine fruit flavours. A versatile wine that is equally good as an aperitif or an accompaniment to food.



FRANCE Piper Cuvée Brut NV

was \$74.90 now **\$49.90** 48119

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE

Comes with complimentary giftbox

The very stylish Piper non-vintage is dominated by Pinots Noir and Meunier. The base wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation and is consequently very dry, but the wine is supported by a good portion of reserve stocks that provide excellent depth. A rich, fruity champagne with an excellent mousse, lovely yeasty notes, a fresh tasty mouthfeel and a vibrant finish. An absolute steal at this price.



**YOU SAVE
33%**

NEW ZEALAND Allan Scott BLANC DE BLANCS Brut NV

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 17421

*Free magnum with every
12 bottles purchased*

100% Chardonnay fermented to dryness, put through full malolactic and, following the second bottle fermentation, aged for two years. It has well defined fruit embellished by brioche aromas and a hint of citrus on the nose. The palate has an abundance of fruit flavours complemented by a refreshing twist of lemon. A superb aperitif, and particularly good with shellfish.



NEW ZEALAND No.1 Family CUVÉE NUMBER 8 Brut NV

was \$32.00 now **\$26.90** 12210

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

From NZ sparkling wine legend, Daniel le Brun

Produced by the Le Brun family, New Zealand's only specialist in méthode traditionnelle. The Number 8 has won numerous awards, including a five-star rating in Winestate Magazine and the Trophy for Sparkling Wine of the Year. A classy, Chardonnay-dominated wine with lovely aromas and a fresh, crisp palate.

NEW ZEALAND Cloudy Bay PELORUS Brut NV

was \$39.90 now **\$29.90** 12122

Buy 12 and get a 13th bottle free

Cloudy Bay's sparkling wine is a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay blend, partially barrel fermented and put through malolactic to provide softness, and lees aged for two years to add greater complexity. The wine has a profuse stream of golden bubbles and classic yeasty-nutty aromas on the nose. It is a stylish wine with a creamy mousse and a fresh, crisp finish.



FRANCE Veuve Clicquot Brut NV

was \$99.00 now **\$72.90** 49810

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$69.90 A BOTTLE

Madame Clicquot's motto was, 'Only one quality: the finest.' It is a philosophy that has sustained this famous house, which retains the image of a boutique winery while benefiting from being Champagne's third-largest producer. The fruity, full-bodied, yeasty non-vintage is dominated by Pinot Noir and has a gloriously robust, lingering finish. Impeccably made.

*Comes with
complimentary
giftbox*

Big Little BRO BRO

What exactly is the point of a second label, a second tier, a sub-brand? It's a French concept, insomuch as the idea was for a chateau or domaine to maintain quality and consistency in their top label by carving off surplus fruit, or fruit distinctively different in style, into a second label.

It doesn't mean all the 'rubbish' goes into the second brand: look down the list – these wineries don't make rubbish. It's more a case of capacity; as extra fruit comes on, it needs somewhere to go. Also, with the second label we get to taste the 'house' style without having to fork out the extra lolly required for the Numero Uno. It's a bit like a test drive, only you don't ever have to give the car back.

With many of the labels we've selected, the second brands have rapidly established themselves as personalities in their own right – and herein lies a crucial point: the two wines, rather than being better/worse than each other, are simply different expressions.

Secondary labels tend to spend less time in wood, so the expressions are more fruit-forward, more approachable when young. First labels are often made in smaller quantities, the sub-brand providing a slaking of our thirst when the main trunk line isn't available. However we view it, it gives us a chance to try different expressions from wineries we've come to know and love. More of the same, only different.

TOREA FAIRHALL DOWNS

Torea
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 12285

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

The tinned lychee aromas and then the florals blossom up from the tumbler as if called by Pan himself, the last notes juicy pears and a hint of exotic mandarins. Limey, musky, weighty, spicy, all framed by fruit acid. Y'know, sometimes to say something is a very good glass of wine is not a case of damning it with faint praise.



Fairhall Downs
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2009

was \$22.90 now **\$19.90** 12282

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

There's a slightly wheaty note on the nose, propelled by a mineral-driven citrus curve, all delivered quite subtly, mind. A fab floral component bows graciously to allow the fruit to dominate the elegant palate, itself a slow burn of heated metallic quince and fig characters. Understated yet fulsome: it's Keira Knightley, then. Yum.

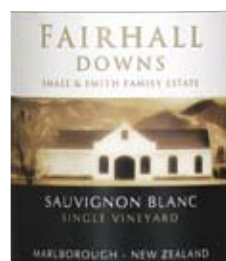
TOREA FAIRHALL DOWNS

Torea
MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 12288

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

A grand little second label, Torea, allowing an outpouring from up at the Downs when the wines are good and ready, the Toreans filling the gap with style, charm and verve. Their pricepoint is so sexy it's indecent, this incendiary pup, possessing, as it does, more intensity, flavour and satisfaction quotient than plenty of pricier pretenders.



Fairhall Downs
MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$22.90 now **\$19.90** 12290

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

The first Fairhall wine was a Sauvignon, back in 1996, and the Downers have acquitted themselves admirably with Marlborough's flagship variety ever since. With one of the best handlers of the variety in the land making the judgement calls, they were always going to do well, and Mr Bicknell has pulled out of his grab bag another exceptional, searingly dry and fully flavoured expression of most excellent proportions.

DEVIL'S STAIRCASE ROCKBURN

Devil's Staircase
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 12386

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

It's just d-ripping with rippling cherries, Chuck, indecent dark plums, maybe a few boysenberries. Were you to say, 'fruit-fest' you wouldn't be a million miles from the truth and the truth, of course, will set you free. The palate is sweetie-pie cherry pies, a fruit and spice commingling that charms your breeches beyond your knees. Eek! Perhaps you could utter, neatly, that the devil made you do it.



Rockburn
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$45.00 now **\$34.90** 12383

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

She even smells serious, hanging gardens of brooding mystery, wet earth, pendulous, voluptuous even, swollen dark fruits deeply entrenched in a river of smooth richness. You gaze into its spicy depths and think, well, why not? Tattoo can drive, just this once. Thickly textured yet wonderfully energetic due to some fine fruit acids, the tension between the two is a constant dialogue. And it has years to burn brightly yet, tiger, tiger.



BIG BRO little BRO

THREE PADDLES NGA WAKA

Three Paddles

MARTINBOROUGH Chardonnay 2010

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 15850



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Nga Waka's juniors acquit themselves admirably here; the fruit is the cox, shouting out commands to the rest. Figgy, grapefruity and tarted up with some citrus meets tropical thunderstorm, the flavours deluge you, while the palate is so creamy you'll be topping pavs with it. Rich and fulfilling in a most rewarding way. Hmm, Three Paddles: because you've earned it. Hasn't that been used? Dang...



Nga Waka

MARTINBOROUGH Chardonnay 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 15851

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Clearly sharing the DNA of the Paddler – creamy richness, regional grapefruit characters, totally underpriced – this is simply a bigger, more complex, spicier and more articulate version of fully ripe, older vine Chardonnay fruit. Where Paddles has minimal oak running interference on the fruit, this sees 100% barrel fermentation that shows itself in the sophisticated elegance and power.

HALO SACRED HILL SPECIAL SELECTION

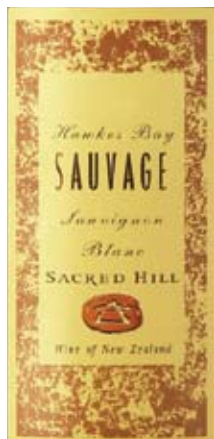
Halo MARLBOROUGH
Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 18710



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Typically herbaceous, asparagus/capsicums and a wet stone downpour-on-the-driveway component. Piercingly flavoured, a jolly javelin of juicy, limey/tropical fruit with the herbs clinging to the edges for the fearsomely thrilling ride, their little leaves blowing in the wind which is, as Maestro Dylan told us, where the answers are. Of course!



Sacred Hill SAUVAGE

HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$34.90 now **\$29.90** 18461

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Built on a French model, and wouldn't we all like to be? The rich nose of thickly-smear'd fruit on dry toast with freshly churned butter is royal rural, for sure. Yet its Swann'dri is mink and the gumboots Milanese hand-tooled leather. Incredibly suave, elegant and knowing. Layered, mineral-driven, a shining star of Sauvignon sophistication.

LE JARDIN DE PETIT-VILLAGE CHÂTEAU PETIT-VILLAGE

Le Jardin de Petit-Village

Pomerol 2006

was \$99.00 now **\$69.00** 41607



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$68.50 A BOTTLE

Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc balance the predominant, lush Merlot characteristics with some substance. Pomerol expressions, particularly the more affordable ones, can often be pushy little fruit bombs that die rapidly, but this has a slowburning length and depth that deliver the goods and will do so for nigh on another decade.



CHÂTEAU Petit-Village

Pomerol 2006

was \$138.00 now **\$99.00** 44446

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$98.50 A BOTTLE

A Merlot-dominant wine that clearly expresses that grape's plushness and silkiness, while angular tannins and a new oak presence deliver the structure and sturdiness that the rich, ripe fruit requires to retain its focus. Highly-scented with a beautiful depth of fruit and smoky oak, it's still very youthful, albeit seductively drinkable. Substantial.

ALLAN SCOTT ALLAN SCOTT SINGLE VINEYARD

Allan Scott

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$26.00 now **\$19.90** 17352



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Intensely aromatic, with pushy dark fruits and a spiciness that adds appeal. The fruit is very sweet, very delicious, well checked by bold but ripe tannins. Anyone less experienced might have had them surgically removed, but 'bold' and 'Pinot' need not be unfamiliar bedfellows. You will willingly surrender your twenty notes without blinking if you haven't already had the grunt take two entire cases to your awaiting Statesman.



Allan Scott

THE HOUNDS Pinot Noir 2009

was \$31.00 now **\$24.90** 17351

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Same vintage, different planet. More complexity than the 'standard' expression, with wet earth, intense cherries and a lick of Gallic charm. Comfortably able to bear the weight of so much ripe, rich fruit, a weight and gravitas that comes upon you mid-swirl. It finishes profoundly, and with a tannic firmness that suggests you need to whip it under the stairs in unmarked boxes so no one can get their greedy little hands on it.

BIG BRO little BRO

ALLAN SCOTT ALLAN SCOTT SINGLE VINEYARD

YOU SAVE 32%
Allan Scott MARLBOROUGH
Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$21.90 now **\$14.90** 17348



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

To get some perspective here, without giving away the allotted years of the old fella, Allan Scott PLANTED the first Sauvignon vines in Marlborough, dressed, no doubt, in a suit with lapels you could land jets on and a tie as wide as a bathmat. He subsequently has twenty-plus vintages of exciting, saliva-stimulating Sauvignon production that leaves most everyone else eating his dust. From his 1974 Valiant Regal, no doubt.



Allan Scott THE MOORLANDS
MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 17356

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Quite evocative, The Moorlands, all a bit Heathcliff and Cathy, or maybe Jay-Z and Rhianna, lots of wind and rain and unspoken rudies. A tornado of terrific, terroir-derived Sauvignon Blanc authenticity, vertigo-inducing varietal intensity and a fertile, creamy, complex texture you could keep swamp-creatures in, should you want to. Thick and steamy, invigorating and exciting, with weight and power and the promise of longevity.

OPAWA NAUTILUS

Opawa
MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$20.90 now **\$14.90** 13467



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

The distinctive half-clouded moon – or, perhaps, a Yeti thumbprint – on the glass an allusion to the elusive chase, the existential grappling, the fruitlessness of finding the fruit's essence. Or... sexy Sauvignon, the arrow-like precision of tinned asparagus intensity going straight for the heart of your senses. A little gunflint crawling around the edges à la the Loire makes it an exciting composition indeed.

YOU SAVE 35%
Nautilus
MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$26.00 now **\$16.90** 15459

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Smells like the Opawa but with more intensity. Again, they've gone down that varietally and regionally authentic herbaceous road, where sweeps of dry grass are harnessed into one little green fireball. There is a wetstone/mineral component that you'd swear was Semillon. Broad, complex, flavoursome, an NZ icon.



THE EDGE ESCARPMENT

The Edge
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$26.00 now **\$21.90** 12544



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Aerosmith sang about Livin' on The Edge; if they weren't eating a balanced diet it's no surprise that they got the occasional morning headache. This is Larry McKenna's superb entry-level offering, which means that it's a more intense, concentrated and exciting Pinot than is offered by many as their first wine. Full-bodied, soundly structured, with much drink-now appeal yet the long legs required for cellaring.



Escarpment
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

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

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$44.40 A BOTTLE

Hmm, not French are you? You'd swear, even if you've only briefly brushed Burgundian beauty that this hails from the Holy Grail of Pinot. Firstly because of that elegance-meets-power, contradictory character that seems effortless on the Côte but such a struggle anywhere else. Mostly, though, for its purity of fruit, depth of flavour and texture and the unfurling complexities that result from each ensuing sip. Extraordinary.

PENCARROW PALLISER ESTATE

Pencarrow
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$26.90 now **\$22.90** 17052



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

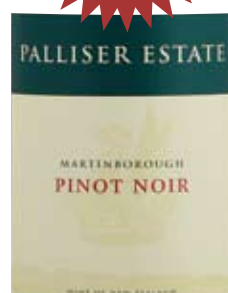
She's mainly cherries, though there's a slight inky character and a real strawberry shortcake flavour, too. The hint of toastiness that comes is like finding an unchecked Lotto ticket in the back of your wallet. No, even better, your partner's. Some savoury/spice characters put their heads around the door while the fine, firm, fruit rides with you the whole way. Astounding at the \$\$.

YOU SAVE 33%
Palliser Estate
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$52.00 now **\$34.90** 16748

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Less obvious, more reductive nose than the Pencarrow. I guess with PN, the more you pay, the more subtlety and discretion you want. Just like hiring a lawyer, really. The nose is cherry fruit, purplish boysenberries, the palate sweet, sweet fruit with some toast, the firm, grainy tannins suggesting we're only a couple of train stops into the trip.



BIG BRO little BRO

TAYLORS ESTATE TAYLORS JARAMAN

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38%**

Taylors ESTATE
CLARE VALLEY Shiraz 2009

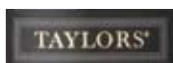
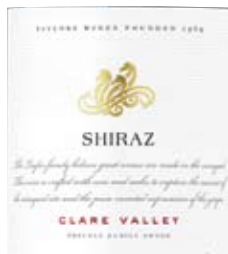


was \$24.00 now **\$14.90** 28062



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Deep black centre, Narcissus could've spent hours gazing into its depths pondering his own beauty. We're here to drink though, Narc, so step aside. Exotic floral aromas mingle with dusty spice and sips of syrupy vanilla. Richly round and intensely concentrated, with that Clare Valley swagger Keith Richards pretty much perfected in his cot.



Taylors JARAMAN
CLARE VALLEY Shiraz 2008



was \$36.00 now **\$24.90** 28088

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Quite minty on first encounter, but you sense the avalanche of fruit behind it ready to break through. Whammo! Ripe, sweet, dark fruits, with some spice and tannin taking your tongue on quite a trip. Certainly not a Barossa bruiser – too stylish for that – but if you've been on the Pinots for a while, you'll welcome the kick this gives you.



EARTH'S END MOUNT EDWARD

Earth's End
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$24.90** 12528



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Mount Edward have adorned this beauty with a graphic step-by-step haka depiction. Passion, vigour and identity being the reason for its inclusion, traits that the Teddy Boys apply assiduously across both labels. This is simply more fruit-forward, grabbable now rather than later, made for instant gratification fiends the world over, which is where it has enjoyed much success.



Mount Edward
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008

was \$47.00 now **\$36.90** 12520

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.40 A BOTTLE

Hemingway described bullfighting as grace under pressure, which bemused a few but provided an a-ha moment for pugilists aplenty – and this is what ME's home brand Pinot is all about: grace wrested from the terroir, the vintageal elements, even from Forsyth's flannel pants. A subtle wine of deep surprises, a whirlpool of unending delight that demands your attention and time and then wastes it. Beautifully. A soul brother to the funky friend above.

MAIN DIVIDE PEGASUS BAY

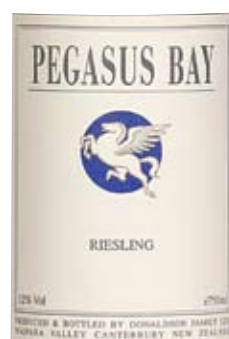
Main Divide
WAIPARA VALLEY Riesling 2009

was \$23.00 now **\$16.90** 13603



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Wrapped around a bouncy kerosene ball is a honeyish tinge to the citrus fruits, a long, elegant, beckoning finger of fun that says, taste this, why don't you? Florals wave their blossomy branches. A full-on flavour fest of everything you've been promised aromatically. Great mouthfeel, beautiful balance, achingly good flavours.



Pegasus Bay
WAIPARA VALLEY Riesling 2008

was \$32.00 now **\$24.90** 16825

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Beautiful, beautiful colour, but you can't excite your palate gazing through your Serengetis so let's drink deep from the well of Waipara, you waifs. Toasty kero fruit flowers lemons limes pears and marmalade. A thickly spread hush of heavenly variety delights, yessir.

RUA AKARUA

Rua
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10215



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Tahi...Rua... geddit? Number two! The little lamb beneath the big sheep. When your first label is winning so many awards that you're making mantelpieces more than you're blending barrels it's time to prioritise. So birthed was the Rua, an equal in all but price to the punishing promise of the prime mover. A flirty, coquettish, coy yet hardly shy bubba, pushing charms on you faster than the scalpers will their RWC tickets.



Akarua
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$37.90 now **\$34.90** 10210

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Go on then, describe the rooms of the Taj Mahal for Architectural Digest. Buck and Alice, this is an extraordinary Pinot, every bit the peer of the lofty Rockburn, its absurdly decadent blend of fruit, spice, earth and something indescribable worthy of every accolade, every pinnacle upon which it's been placed. You think this is twaddle, boy? Unscrew some and then come back and tell us about it. First class.

BIG BRO little BRO

PENFOLDS PENFOLDS BIN RANGE

Penfolds THOMAS HYLAND
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN Shiraz 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$17.90** 25467

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Penfolds call the Hyland wines a 'prelude' to the Bin range, a fruity musical opening preparing you for The Main Event. Thom's got plenty of stuffing, though, the bold blackberry flavours given a wee skip in their step by the firm boot of vanilla-tinged oak. Chocolate and coffee hints add extra notes, something you won't need at this entry-level price.



WILD ROCK CRAGGY RANGE

Wild Rock GRAVEL PIT RED
HAWKES BAY Merlot Malbec 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 11334

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Proving again they start miles ahead of the next guy, the rippling ripe fruit for this supposed second label comes off one stunning site on the Hawke's Bay plains. That's what fronts here at the pit face, an avalanche of freshly crushed, juicy berryfruit, sexily spiced up, or spicily sexed up, perhaps, with the sturdiness of oak and firmness of tannin. Quite the powerhouse, but plush and plump with it.



Penfolds BIN 128
COONAWARRA Shiraz 2009

was \$34.90 now **\$21.90** 25402

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$20.90 A BOTTLE

Always good to go out of zone now and again, Coonawarra delivering linear precision and razor wire finesse to the bold bowls of heaving red fruits. Snappy, spicy, with taut tannins and a delicious tension between palate power and the tannic grip, this is a fruit-lover's paramour while still being a cellar star for the patient. And the nurse.

Craggy Range TE KAHU
Merlot Cabernets Malbec 2009

was \$27.90 now **\$21.90** 11355

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

A Merlot-dominant blend fermented in stainless steel, its oaken depths coming from fifteen months in French wood. Opulent without being flashy, the core of solid black fruits grasped gently by ripe tannins while superb spice notes and an exotic briar character fuel your wild imaginings. Good with wild boar? Yip, and you'll hunt it, too.



WILD ROCK CRAGGY RANGE

Wild Rock PANIA
HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 11335

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

When you can get a Bobby Dazzler like this, hand-picked, whole bunch pressed and with a barrel maturation component all for less than a round at the Viaduct, you're just loving this second tier concept, huh. Slightly floral, ripe and rich with a creamy butteriness normally reserved for those with 'reserve' on the label, anyone who thought they had to make animal sacrifices to taste the genius of Craggy Range just got a leg up.



SARGET DE GRUAUD-LAROSE CHÂTEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE

Sarget de Gruaud-Larose
Saint-Julien 2005

was \$109.00 now **\$69.90** 44400

Baron Sarget bought into the Gruaud-Larose consortium in 1812, his overtures earning him a label 167 years later. Often considered a super second (growth), Gruaud's 2nd label is no slug either, being well versed in the paradoxical combination of etherealness and solid core characteristics that define great claret. 2005 being a vintage to die for, your martyrdom lessons begin here, Theresa.



Craggy Range
GIMBLETT GRAVELS Chardonnay 2009

was \$32.90 now **\$25.90** 11359

Intense and exciting on release, this has really hit its straps. It just oozes Hawke's Bay warmth, richly decorating itself with ripe stone-fruit characters, creamily dispensed and littered with chopped cashew and hazelnuts. Sounds like a trumpet, Rachel. There is solid oak support and an utterly seamless integration of all the myriad characters. Deep, complex, yet charmingly approachable.



CHÂTEAU Gruaud-Larose
Saint-Julien 2006

was \$189.00 now **\$125.00** 46176

A definite air of fog-bound forest notes wraps around the intense and evocative core of fruits, moving you between heady romanticism and decadent, berry-fuelled delight. A creaminess of palate stitches seamlessly with the solid, but not overt, tannic structure, an exquisite Merlot-driven meander through places in your head you hadn't even mapped yet. Obviously still maturing, but aren't we all.

Brilliant Bargains

BY THE BOTTLE OR BY THE CASE, WE HAVE THE MONTH'S BARGAIN BUYS



Rook's Lane
VICTORIA Shiraz 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$9.90** 20402



Smart Aussie Shiraz for half the normal price



Mount Hurtle 2008
Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre

was \$16.90 now **\$12.90** 22152



South Australian take on a classic Rhône blend



GEORGES Duboeuf
Beaujolais-Villages 2009

was \$24.00 now **\$16.90** 43934



One of the best vintages ever in Beaujolais, heavily discounted



Kaiken
ARGENTINE Malbec 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$11.90** 90613



Juicy and forward, a great Malbec from Argentina



Allan Scott 2009
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris

was \$21.90 now **\$14.90** 17347



End of vintage clearance



Matawhero GIBBORNE
Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$18.90** 10764



Buy 6 bottles & get the 7th free Equates to only \$16.27 a bottle



Prophet's Rock
Dry Riesling 2008

was \$39.90 now **\$19.90** 18436



This is an exceptional wine, \$19.90 is madness



Ant Moore 2009
THE BEAST Sauvignon Blanc

was \$22.50 now **\$11.90** 10557



Very, very smart Sauvignon at this price



Rockburn 2008
CENTRAL OTAGO Chardonnay

was \$26.90 now **\$14.90** 12366



Excellent value vintage clearance from one of our best wineries



Ferry Bridge
Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$16.50 now **\$9.90** 13446



Don't be fooled by the vintage, this is excellent



Crossroads ORIGIN
Gewürztraminer 2007

was \$22.50 now **\$11.90** 12401



Spicy, rich and mighty tasty. Perfect with a curry



Bird in Hand 2008
TWO IN THE BUSH Shiraz

was \$29.90 now **\$17.90** 21430



Rich and spicy Australian Shiraz for a song

JUMP INTO EASTER



Rabbit Ranch

A festive event catches fire when you revel in its traditions; at Christmas, it's been proven that those who spray their windows with fake snow have a 62% better time than those Ebenezers who don't. At Easter, then, choc(k) your cellar full of Rabbit Ranch, and you'll have no excuse for the 'paw me's'— you'll be a-bounce with joy, drinking delicious, discounted drops of apropos-entitled vinos, without having to introduce carrots into anything.

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| 11169 | MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON 2010 | WAS \$23.90 | \$16.90 |
| 19017 | MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2008 | WAS \$27.00 | \$18.90 |
| 11167 | MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2008 | WAS \$29.90 | \$22.90 |



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| 12383 | ROCKBURN CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2009 | WAS \$45.00 | NOW \$34.90 |
| 12382 | ROCKBURN 12 BARRELS PINOT NOIR 2009 | WAS \$91.00 | NOW \$84.90 |

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TWO NIGHTS FOR TWO AT THE HILTON LAKE TAUPO WITH THE USE OF A BMW 5 SERIES FOR 3 DAYS TO GET YOU THERE*

Just purchase a bottle of the Rockburn Central Otago Pinot 2009 or the Rockburn 12 Barrels Pinot 2009 and go in the draw to win a luxury weekend for two at The Hilton Lake Taupo. You'll spend the first part of your weekend getting to know the latest 5 Series BMW while cruising State Highway 1. Upon arriving at The Hilton you'll be greeted with a glass of the 2009 Rockburn Pinot to celebrate the beginning of two exquisite nights of relaxation.

*CONDITIONS APPLY. FOR DETAILS GO TO WWW.GLENGARRY.CO.NZ

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BAROSSA BRILLIANCE

If Barossa can have boutique, here be it, citizens. The wonderfully named Canute family, with their wonderfully named wines (only in Australia could you charge top dollar for something called Black Guts) have a tiny production and a big heart, tending less than 40 hectares of traditional varieties and a few curved ones 'because the Australian wine industry is in its infancy,' they say. They take a long term view, see themselves only as custodians of the (very special) land and produce utterly hand-crafted, intensely flavoured, unique expressions of their little holding in the big valley. Outstanding.

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| 22000 | DRIFTSAND GRENACHE SHIRAZ 2007 | RRP \$33.00 | \$29.90 |
| 22001 | RIPPER CREEK CABERNET SHIRAZ 07 | RRP \$44.00 | \$39.90 |
| 22002 | BOUNDARIES CABERNET 2006 | RRP \$89.00 | \$74.00 |
| 12 22003 | BLACK GUTS SHIRAZ 2006 | RRP \$105.00 | \$94.00 |



ROAST DUCK, HAZELNUT, ORANGE & BLUE CHEESE SALAD WITH POMEGRANATE DRESSING

RECIPE BY DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL



INGREDIENTS (SERVES 6)

- 400g SHREDDED ROAST DUCK (SEE TASTY TIP BELOW)
- 2 ORANGES - SEGMENTED
- 200g BLU D'AVERGNE BLUE CHEESE (OR A FAVOURITE)
- 3 HEADS OF BABY COS - BROKEN UP AND WASHED
- 300g HAZELZ WHOLE ROASTED HAZELNUTS

POMEGRANATE DRESSING

- 300ml POMEGRANATE MOLASSES
- 300ml WATER
- 150ml COLD-PRESSED CANTERBURY HAZELNUT OIL
- 150g BROWN SUGAR

TO PLATE

ARRANGE THE LETTUCE ON THE PLATE
BREAK UP THE CHEESE OVER THE LETTUCE
TOP WITH DUCK, ORANGE SEGMENTS AND HAZELNUTS
DRIZZLE WITH WELL-MIXED POMEGRANATE DRESSING

YOU'LL FIND THE ROAST DUCK SALAD ON THE MENU AT DIDA'S FOOD STORES IN HERNE BAY, TAKAPUNA AND VICTORIA PARK



TASTY TIP

FOOD TIPS FROM DIDA'S GM, LIZ WHEADON

HOW TO ROAST A DUCK

Tip #1: don't be scared! Second critical bit: buy a good duck. Gameford Lodge, who supply Dida's, deliver dandy ducks. Take one home, remove all the inside bits, wash it thoroughly, pat it dry and rub the skin with salt (not too much or you'll dry it out). Also, rub it with sage leaves, then halve an orange and insert it. Put the duck on a roasting tray and rack it. If you don't, it drowns in its own fat. Roast for two hours and turn it three times. The skin will be crispier if you do. If the amount of fat starts to get out of hand, drain it off, and use it for roasting your potatoes in. Just like a chicken, when the juices run clear, she's done.



HAZELZ HAZELS

Most of our hazelnuts are imported, so it's a delight to be able to offer a truly grand and homegrown product. 100 different growers supply Hazelz, most of them picking from the Whiteheart tree, the next time that sticky question arises in Trivial Pursuit. The nuts themselves can be used in a variety of ways; ground for stuffings and terrines, whizz them to bits for a mean hazelnut butter, use them in cakes... or, weirdly, just eat them by the handful.

55388 HAZELZ NEW ZEALAND
WHITEHEART DRY ROAST HAZELNUTS 200g \$9.90

BARRY'S BAY MAASDAM CHEESE



Located on Banks Peninsula, Barry's Bay's down-to-earth moniker belies the celestial nature of their product. Their Maasdam is probably most like a Gruyere in texture (semi-soft), while flavour-wise it's a singularly memorable combination of sweetness and fruitiness. Don't be scared of the large holes; they're just part of the secondary fermentation. Melt it (it'll melt your heart) or slip it on an antipasto platter and weep when your guests beat you to the last morsel...

You'll find the Maasdam at Dida's Food Stores in Herne Bay, Takapuna and Victoria Park

55831 BARRY'S BAY MASDAAM CHEESE 100g \$6.24

TASTINGS & EVENTS

6:30PM WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH
DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE HERNE BAY

PEREGRINE WINEMAKERS DINNER

Taste Peregrine's wines with Greg Hay, paired with food by Dida's Chef Vincent Marshall, in the sumptuous surroundings of Dida's on Jervois. \$85 per person. Bookings: 09-376 2813.

7:00PM APRIL 14TH
DIDA'S FOOD STORE TAKAPUNA

HOW TO COOK DUCK DEMONSTRATION & WINE TASTING

Dida's Head Chef Vincent Marshall conducts a cooking class where you'll also get to taste 3 Pinot Noir that match brilliantly with duck. \$40 per person. Bookings: 09-489 4728.

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a taste of **France**

A MONTHLY SELECTION OF AFFORDABLE FRENCH WINE FROM OUR EXTENSIVE RANGE

BORDEAUX: PETIT CHÂTEAUX

The Bordeaux appellation is vast; with over 22,000 vineyard owners and more than 7,000 châteaux and domaines, it produces 55 million cases. Yet the reputation of the region rests on a tiny number of châteaux – just 61 in fact – grouped into five crus classés divisions in the famous Classification of 1855. Together, these châteaux account for less than 5% of total production.

A large number of non-classified properties, rated well above generic Bordeaux, are grouped as cru bourgeois and include more than 300 Petit Château estates. Many of these are family-owned, boutique operations with long histories and a reputation for producing high-quality wines that offer some of the best bargains in France. The variations in soils, meso-climates and varietal mixes between one property and the next give these wines their individual character.

To source these exceptionally well-priced Bordeaux wines, we import, through Bordeaux brokers, about 200 samples from various appellations. Then our tasting panel assess each wine in a blind tasting and select from them between 20 and 30 that we consider to offer the best value for money. These are the ones that make their way onto our shelves.

CHÂTEAU Briot Bordeaux 2006

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Merlot-dominant gold medal blend

Château Briot is a very old property located in the heart of Bordeaux' Entre-Deux-Mers region. The château has been owned and operated by the very well respected Ducourt family for generations. A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, this is a very approachable, classically-styled Bordeaux with a bouquet of plum, blackberry, spice and mint. Well balanced and full bodied, with pervasive fruit flavours supported by a fine a core of mellow tannins.



CHÂTEAU Listran Médoc AC Cru Bourgeois 2007

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Traditional Cabernet-dominant blend

The ancient Château Listran was a large estate that once practised mixed farming as well as viticulture. Through its long history it has had several owners, including the Spanish royal family. In the 1980s the Médoc property was acquired by the Crété family, and under their management the focus has shifted exclusively to low-yield, high-quality wines. Listran is a classic Médoc blend with berry, plum and mocha aromas. It has excellent depth and breadth, a smooth, soft tannin mouthfeel and an elegant finish.



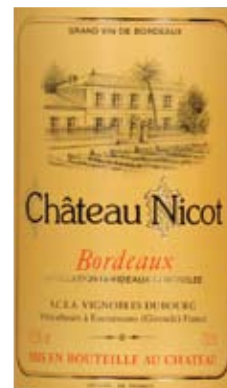
CHÂTEAU Nicot Bordeaux 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$17.90** 41623

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A top-selling Petit Chateau

The Dubourg family own and operate this 15-hectare, 200 hundred-year-old château, and they have taken full advantage of the excellent vintage conditions. The wine is showing good concentration of blackberry, plum and cedary aromas on the nose. Rich and well structured, it is a compelling mouthful, integrated, classy, concentrated and, frankly, terrific value.



CHÂTEAU La Verrière Bordeaux Supérieur 2006

was \$28.00 now **\$18.90** 41618

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

La Verrière is located on the right bank of the Garonne and Dordogne rivers in the ancient wine exporting zone of Côtes de Blaye. This 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet blend is a silver medal winner, with pronounced blueberry and plum aromas supported by cedary notes. Beautifully balanced and integrated, complemented by supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste.



CHÂTEAU de Lugagnac Bordeaux Supérieur 2007

was \$29.00 now **\$21.90** 42116

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

50/50 blend of Cabernet and Merlot

The Lugagnac estate can trace its history back to the 14th century, and is today owned and managed by the Bon family on a low-yield, sustainable management regime. With 24 months in oak barriques, this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Franc has a seductive bouquet of blackberry and cherry supported by hints of cedar. The generously flavoured palate is built around a core of supple tannins.



CHÂTEAU Haute Mayne Graves AC 2006

was \$29.00 now **\$21.90** 42024

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Drinking well now

Part of the S. A. Mouex and Labèque portfolio, this 24-hectare Graves estate is a very consistent producer. This blend of Cabernet, Merlot and Malbec was traditionally vinted and minimally handled. The fragrant nose displays violet, plum and hints of herb, the complex palate tiers of berryfruit flavours supported by nuances of liquorice and chocolate complemented by mellow tannins.



a taste of

SPAIN

DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS



Alvaro Palacios has taken to this tiny north-western DO like a duck to orange and, as he has done in Priorat, ripped out vines, planted where no man has gone before, revved up the locals, mixed it all around, shaken it down and gone: see! You can make absolutely stunning wine here. You just didn't know where to look. Or, as Jancis Robinson expressed it:

'In Bierzo a group of small, mostly young growers reproduced the same miracle that happened in Priorat a decade earlier; they resurrected a moribund wine region. And one of the protagonists [again] was Alvaro Palacios. No free-draining slate slope has escaped his watchful eye – or planting programme – and, along with his cousin Ricardo Pérez Palacios, he has, simply, revolutionised an entire region.'

One of nine children, Alvaro ducked his initial obligations to work for the family Bodega, Palacios Remondo, and instead studied winemaking in Bordeaux, did a stint at Petrus, came back to Spain and thought: let's start a revolution. In Bierzo, he saw the potential of the local Mencía grape and steep hillsides, producing thrilling, intense reds of monumental proportion with the reputation of top-flight Bordeaux and Barolo. He only makes seven wines under the Descendientes brand, five of them single vineyard expressions of which we have managed to acquire tiny quantities of the tiny quantities they produce.

You cannot adequately describe these wines: words like intense, heady, exotic, etc. don't do them justice. Yet, if you compare what they deliver per dollar with a first or second growth, particularly this year, they're an absolute bargain. These wines are a tiny window into one man's genius and vision, and proof positive that scratching the dusty earth in Spain can deliver up something truly special.



BIERZO

DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS

88056 **PÉTALOS BIERZO 2008** was \$35.00 now **\$29.90**

Officially the entry level wine, but it is still a very serious proposition, offering a glimpse of the potential and power of these single vineyard expressions.
92/100 – Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

88068 **VILLA DE CORULLÓN BIERZO 2005** was \$89.00 now **\$79.00**

'Fresh, pure raspberry and cherry fruit on the nose with a bit of creaminess. The palate is beautifully dense with a pure fruit focus and some attractive tannic structure. Complex, fresh and pure, this is special.' – 94/100, Wine Anorak, UK

88660 **MONCERBAL BIERZO 2007** **\$222.00**

'Off 80 to 100-year-old vines up to 740 metres above sea level. Intense flavours, velvet texture, an admirable combination of elegance and power.'
94/100 – Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

88661 **LAS LAMAS BIERZO 2007** **\$222.00**

'Biodynamically farmed. Impeccable. You can drink this hedonistic offering through to 2022.'
95/100 – Jay Miller, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

88662 **LA FARAONA BIERZO 2007** **\$760.00**

Inscrutable, a glimpse of fruit from a vine originally planted centuries ago by Christian pilgrims, its true potential in its steep, rocky home now realised by one of the world's greatest wine pioneers. Do not miss this rare opportunity to secure a vital slice of Spain's viticultural revolution.

ALVARO PALACIOS



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a taste of
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PASQUA ITALIAN INNOVATORS

In the 1920s, Nicola Pasqua moved to Verona from Trani in Apulia, where he maintained a family tradition and opened a wine store. At that time, the notorious vine disease Phylloxera had seriously impacted on wine supplies in northern Italy, so Nicola shipped wine from his native Apulia.

The enterprise flourished, and Nicola was joined by his younger brothers, Riccardo, Natale and Umberto. In 1925, the brothers established The Fratelli Pasqua Company, which expanded its scope to concentrate on the classic wines of Veneto – Soave, Valpolicella, Bardolino and Amarone.

In the 1960s a second generation – brothers Carlo, Giorgio and Umberto – took over management of the company, acquiring vineyards in the classic Veronese appellations and investing heavily in R&D and modern technology. They replanted vineyards, introduced low-yield regimes and opened a new, modern winery in the heart of their San Felice Estate, north-east of Verona. This state-of-the-art winery and the introduction of maturation in small oak barrels significantly elevated the quality of Pasqua's wine portfolio.



Pasqua are ranked in the top five privately-owned wineries in Italy, and are well respected for their innovative approach. In a far-sighted move, the company purchased 100 hectares of vineyards in Apulia for the production of Primitivo-based wines. Pasqua has also formed a partnership with Sicily's renowned Fazio Wines to produce wines from native varieties marketed under the Mezzogiorno label.

Produced almost exclusively from indigenous varieties, Pasqua's regional selections, classic appellations and single vineyard wines are well-crafted expressions of their Italian origins and offer exceptional value across the board. The third generation of this remarkable family of winemakers is already involved, ready to continue the production of great Italian wines.



PASQUA



62488 **LE COLLEZIONI**
MONTEPULCIANO DOC 2009
WAS \$16.50 NOW **\$10.90**
CASE OF 6 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE

Abruzzo fruit and a fine bouquet of plum and cherry. Well structured and harmonious, with well defined fruit, a smooth texture and a fine tannin finish.



66093 **LE COLLEZIONI**
MERLOT 2010
WAS \$14.90 NOW **\$12.90**
CASE OF 6 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

A fragrant berry-plum bouquet and seductive, upfront fruit flavours are complemented by a silky texture and a fine, flavoursome finish. Terrific value.



60510 **NIGHT HARVEST**
PINOT GRIGIO IGT 2009
WAS \$18.90 NOW **\$12.90**
CASE OF 6 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

A food friendly, light-bodied wine with a spice-accented pear and mineral nose. Fresh fruit flavours are enhanced by nutty nuances and balanced by citrus notes.



62489 **V**
VALPOLICELLA DOC 2009
WAS \$20.50 NOW **\$14.90**
CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

An approachable red, with attractive morello cherry and plum aromas embellished by hints of spice and mineral and a lively, juicy palate with a mellow mouthfeel.



66026 **LAPACCIO**
PRIMITIVO SALENTO IGT 2009
WAS \$21.90 NOW **\$16.90**
CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A boldly-styled red packed with floral, raspberry, plum and spice aromas and flavours. Richly flavoured, with a firm texture and a lingering aftertaste.

Pasqua VILLA BORGHETTI
Amarone Classico DOC 2006

was \$70.00 now **\$56.00** 62497

Rich, full-bodied, ideal for cellaring

Amarone is a unique Italian wine style, produced from hand harvested grapes which are left to dry in special racks in order to concentrate the flavours; after several months the dried grapes are pressed, fermented, put through malolactic and aged in oak barriques. This is a rich and complex wine expressing aromas of currant and blackberry with nuances of marzipan. The full-bodied palate displays layers of blackcurrant, leather and vanilla complemented by a suave texture and a hint of 'amaro' character (a bitter herbal nuance) in the finish that gives the wine style its name.



a taste of Australia

CHAPEL HILL

THESE AUSTRALIAN HOTSHOTS DEFINITELY DELIVER



One of Australia's finest wine regions, McLaren Vale is internationally renowned for the quality of its output. It is the birthplace of South Australia's wine industry – first planted in 1838 and with some of its 100-year-old vines still producing. One of the region's brightest stars is the award-winning Chapel Hill. The winery was established in the 1970s and purchased in 2000 by the Schmidheiny Family, who also own wineries in California and Argentina.

Chapel Hill own forty-four hectares of vineyards in McLaren Vale, and purchase additional fruit from a select group of McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills growers. The soils in the region's vineyards vary considerably, and provide the winemaking team, headed by chief winemaker Michael Fragos (a Winestate Winemaker of the Year), with an extensive range of options.

From this excellent selection of terroirs and varieties, Chapel Hill produce an impressive array of beautifully crafted wines that showcase the pure flavours of this region of Australia. Their wines have received many awards and high scores from the likes of Robert Parker; for sheer consistency and value for money, Chapel Hill have few rivals.

Chapel Hill THE VICAR McLAREN VALE Shiraz 2008

was \$65.90 now **\$54.90** 21256

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$54.40 A BOTTLE

Trophy & gold medal winner and named best McLaren Vale wine

The Vicar is Chapel Hill's flagship Shiraz, matured for twenty months in a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak. Not released every year, its arrival is a rare event that is eagerly awaited by wine connoisseurs throughout the world. It is a wonderfully rich wine, laden with ripe blackberry and coffee aromas tinged with herb, spice and oaky nuances. Complex and beautifully proportioned, with layers of opulent fruit flavours.



Chapel Hill McLAREN VALE Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 21249

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Immediately appealing, with an aromatic bouquet of cassis, nutmeg and spicy oak. The rich plum flavours are supported by hints of liquorice and spicy oak, augmented by mellow tannins and a lingering aftertaste.



Chapel Hill THE PARSON'S NOSE McLAREN VALE Shiraz 2009

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 21253

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

An elegantly styled Shiraz matured entirely in French oak barriques. Opulent blueberry and liquorice aromas are supported by cinnamon nuances, with lush, spicy plum flavours complemented by velvety tannins.



Chapel Hill McLAREN VALE Shiraz 2008

was \$34.90 now **\$26.90** 21252

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

This Shiraz shows its class from the very first whiff. The bouquet is packed with complex aromas of plum, berryfruit, chocolate, cinnamon, spice and oak nuances. It is a very fine wine, with persistent, succulent spicy fruit flavours wrapped in a velvet coat.



Chapel Hill McLAREN VALE Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$36.50 now **\$26.90** 21246

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

Traditionally fermented and matured in new and seasoned oak barrels for twenty-two months, this opulent red is dominated by classic blackberry aromas supported by nutty nuances. The seamless palate is awash with ripe fruit flavours complemented by spicy oak and fine tannins.



Chapel Hill THE DEVIL Tawny Port

was \$69.00 now **\$54.90** 21235

A 12-year-old tawny port produced in small quantities via the traditional Portuguese Solera system. It is a rich smooth wine with nutty, toffee-like aromas and flavours enriched by a lush, spicy, viscous texture. Extremely moreish and previously rather hard to come by.





There aren't too many independent Irish Whiskey brands left in the Emerald Isle, but the simply – nay cleverly – named The Irishman is the fastest growing spirit & liqueur brand in Ireland.

It may raise your eyebrows, but just raise a glass, filled with any of their premium products and you'll be twinkling, dancing a jig and coming over all Michael Flatley before you can say Cead Mile Failte – being A Hundred Thousand Welcomes, of course.

The Walshes, who wisely founded the company, belong to one of the oldest – and biggest – clans in Ireland, which is relevant (a) when they're trying to find a site for a family reunion and (b) when you realise how fiercely traditional and authentic these premium spirits and luscious liqueurs actually are.

The Irish Cream derives its myriad characters from a mere handful of traditional and unsullied ingredients; the Irish Coffee, a vat fermented cacophony of Colombian coffee, sugar and whiskey, will unfold your tongue of tales that you didn't know you had in you, while the whiskeys stand among the world's best, artisan-crafted and deftly delivered, with medals and critical acclaim louder than closing time in U2's Dublin pub.

Worth a try? For the love of Mike, man, to be sure.

Premium Irish Spirits & Liqueurs

90506 **THE IRISHMAN**
SUPERIOR IRISH CREAM
 700mL
 rrp \$34.00 now **\$29.99**

90504 **HOT IRISHMAN**
SUPERIOR IRISH COFFEE
 700mL
 rrp \$47.00 now **\$39.99**

90502 **THE IRISHMAN**
BLEND OF IRELAND
IRISH WHISKEY
 700mL
 rrp \$45.00 now **\$39.99**

90500 **THE IRISHMAN**
70
IRISH WHISKEY
 700mL
 rrp \$59.00 now **\$49.99**



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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 Villa Maria CELLAR SELECTION HAWKES BAY Viognier 2010

was \$26.00 now **\$18.90** 19697

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Typical Villa Maria excellence, with an aromatic bouquet of spicy stonefruit and wild ginger complementing complex fruit flavours that are enriched by spice and a viscous texture.



2 Akarua CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Gris 2009

was \$26.90 now **\$22.90** 10212

CASE OF 12 \$22.40 A BOTTLE

A beautifully poised Pinot Gris that opens with alluring pear and citrus aromas underscored by spice. Well structured and richly flavoured with a delightfully fresh, tangy finish.

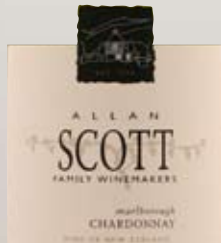


3 Allan Scott MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2010

was \$21.90 now **\$15.90** 17810

CASE OF 12 \$15.40 A BOTTLE

A barrel fermented Chardonnay with aromas of lime backed by tropical fruit and understated oak. The creamy texture and lingering after-taste make this very easy to enjoy.



4 Chakana RESERVE ARGENTINE Malbec 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 90145

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

This is a dense, purple-hued wine with upfront berry aromas supported by hints of chocolate. Full bodied and richly flavoured, with a silky tannin texture and a long, flavoursome finish.



5 Wooing Tree BEETLE JUICE CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$31.00 now **\$24.90** 19785

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Classy and complex. Aromas of ripe morello cherry, raspberry and plum are supported by spicy notes, while the integrated fruit and oak are wound around a supple tannin structure.



6 Church Road CUVE SERIES HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2009

was \$28.90 now **\$24.90** 15198

CASE OF 6 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Fermented and matured in barrel for fourteen months, this is a food-friendly wine with elegant aromas and flavours of stonefruit, citrus and oak complemented by a textural mouthfeel.

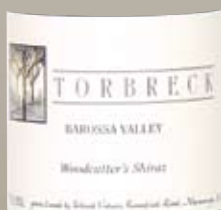


7 Torbreck WOODCUTTER'S BAROSSA VALLEY Shiraz 2008

was \$36.90 now **\$29.90** 21069

CASE OF 12 \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Produced from older Barossa Valley vineyards, the Woodcutter's offers ripe plum aromas and flavours underscored by spice and supported by oak nuances. Rich and opulent Shiraz.



8 Grower's Mark BRIANT GISBORNE Unoaked Chardonnay 2009

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 10751

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

This stylish, fruit-driven Chardonnay boasts attractive tropical fruit aromas with hints of citrus. The abundant fruit flavours are complemented by a buttery texture and a crisp finish.



9 Waipara Hills EQUINOX MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 10433

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

A lovely Pinot with alluring aromas of cherry, spice and mushroom. The palate is finely poised, with persistent mouthfilling flavours supported by subtle oak and a smooth texture.



10 Lawson's DRY HILLS MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$23.50 now **\$19.90** 13386

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Vibrant passionfruit, melon and herbal notes dominate the nose, while the classically rich varietal flavours are enhanced by a textural mouthfeel and a fine, zingy finish.



MARLBOROUGH

THE BEST OF MARLBOROUGH



12121 **CLOUDY BAY PELORUS**
ROSE BRUT NV
was \$43.90 now **\$32.90**

13524 **LAKE CHALICE RAPTOR**
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010
Gold Medal
was \$29.90 now **\$24.90**

18556 **TUPARI**
PINOT GRIS 2010
★★★★ *Cuisine*
was \$29.00 now **\$24.90**

10728 **JULES TAYLOR**
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010
Trophy, Air NZ Wine Awards
was \$23.90 now **\$19.90**

12286 **FAIRHALL DOWNS**
CHARDONNAY 2008
was \$29.90 now **\$22.90**

12289 **TOREA**
PINOT NOIR 2010
was \$19.90 now **\$14.90**

17397 **ALLAN SCOTT CECILIA**
RESERVE BRUT NV
was \$26.50 now **\$22.90**

11296 **WILD SOUTH**
CHARDONNAY 2009
was \$18.90 now **\$12.90**

10754 **GROWER'S MARK**
ANDERSON
PINOT NOIR 2009
was \$26.90 now **\$22.90**

18525 **SACRED HILL HALO**
PINOT GRIS 2010
was \$25.90 now **\$22.90**

