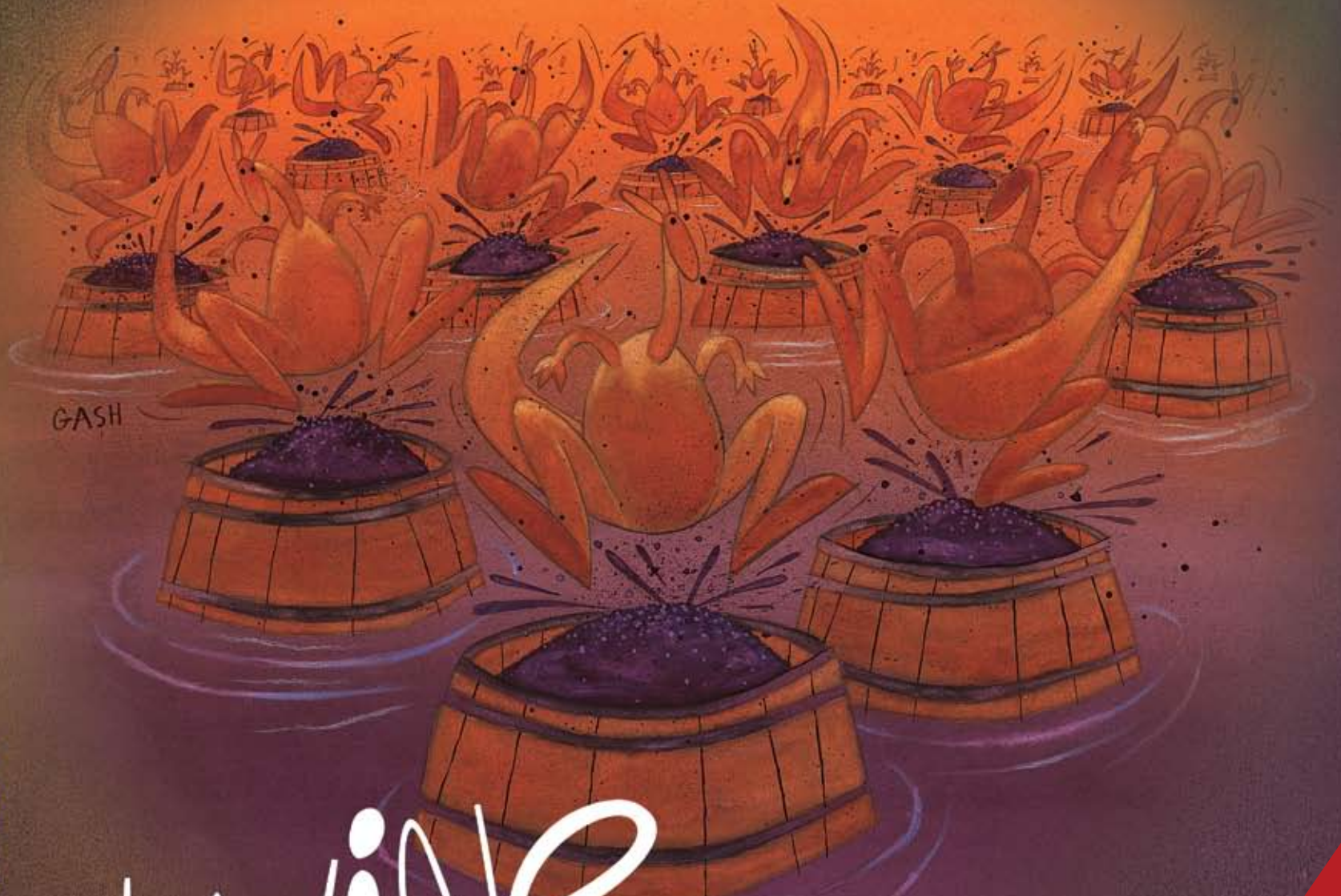


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TINA HUTCHISON, MANAGER OF GLENGARRY CITY STORE, CNR WELLESLEY ST & MAYORAL DR PH 379 8416

Tina Hutchison is even more effervescent than usual, having just returned from ten days in Rarotonga with her husband, Hutch. Hutch happens to be the Distribution Manager for sister company, Hancocks, having been with us for twenty years; Tina's inclusion in this month's wineletter celebrates her first decade with us. Surely she hasn't stayed that long just to keep an eye on her husband? A few minutes talking to her and you realise Tina has put in ten years because she loves what she does.

'The thing is, I'm still excited about being here, working for a company that's family owned.' And you can tell. She reels off the wineries she's visited since coming on board, including a highlight trip to Chapel Hill in the Barossa, and the enthusiasm spills out. And while that might all sound like lots of play designed to feed her travel bug, there's work in there too, as a week doing vintage at Stonyridge Vineyard on Waiheke Island proved a couple of years back. 'Oh yeah, cool; hard work, though,' she laughs. 'Early starts and late finishes, but I was always going to make the most of it.' Which would be Tina's philosophy in general, I'd think.

Having managed our Takapuna and then Newmarket stores, she's been at City Store coming up six years, and has made the most of the wide variety of customers that the store sees over any given day. 'We get lots of tourists, so there's a lot of interest in New Zealand wines, but we get corporate customers as well, backpackers and over the last few years a lot more apartment people dropping in for a bottle of wine on their way home.'

Tina's feeling is that the store is about to see its most exciting – and potentially busiest – period yet. 'I'm really looking forward to the Rugby World Cup because I think I'm in a prime spot here.' With the inner city destined to be overrun with tourists, you'd be inclined to agree.

And sport is Tina's thing, too, having played in the Hospitality Mixed Softball League for all of her ten years, and being a tireless organiser of various mixed touch rugby teams. 'I love doing the stuff that comes alongside the business as well. Sports, learning about wine – I've been on the Stage I and Stage II Wine Academy course and it's been brilliant for my wine knowledge; it's great to be able to learn something new.' As she would say, kia ora to that.



Thanks for the ten years, Tina!

JAK
Jak Jakicevich

MANAGER'S PICK TINA HUTCHISON
Saint-Meyland
 MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE NV 43010

WAS \$23.90 **\$16.90** CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

This has sold really well while we've had the France Wineletter running; I've even sold it to French tourists! It's really easy-going, but has that Champagne quality that makes it seem more like a \$50 wine than one that's less than \$20. It'd be a good toast when we win the Rugby World Cup!

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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

Torea

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 12288

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Made by Fairhall Downs

Torea is the little brother brand of the renowned Fairhall Downs label, both of which involve, to varying degrees, long-standing grape-growers Ken and Jill Small, their daughter Julie and her husband, Stuart Smith. So this is no fly-by-nighter, and despite its remarkable value – or partly because of it – Torea has landed much lauding for its wine, particularly this here Sauvignon. Crisp as French cuffs, tropical with citrus leanings, with a little lean minerality to temper the boisterous thrust of the luminous flavours.



Esk Valley

HAWKES BAY Syrah 2009

was \$25.50 now **\$16.90** 12838

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

New Zealand's next big variety

A lot of the grand Hawke's Bay Syrah offerings have correspondingly ambitious price tags, so it's great to get a taste of what is developing into a serious NZ contender without having to succumb to financial fetlocks. The mind-blowing colour is brightly aglow with promise, the rich, ripe fruit is dark and fulsome, while varietal black pepper adds intrigue. The well integrated tannins support structurally, providing good grip without being bone-crushing.



The Crossings

AWATERE VALLEY Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 14580

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Great value from Marlborough

Hold your horses, Horatio, that's some grassy pungency on that thar nose. She's a wild ride, with lawn-clippings and asparagus pushing through some herb-tinged limes to deliver a Marlborough Sauvignon that's as searingly authentic as they get. Smooth and evenly textured, not aggressive but far from timid, it finishes crisp and flavoursome with a stony mineral stare that encourages rather than intimidates. Needs shellfish, maybe sea horses... Another example of why Awatere really is its own little region.



Arrogant Frog RIBET ROUGE RURAL Organic Cabernet Merlot 2009

was \$21.00 now **\$15.90** 43973

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

There is a small, prior form of bear-baiting between us and the French, and what with this Big Sporting Fixture bringing all that up, you know, one treads carefully. The annual Victoria Park Pétanque Tourney aside, may it be said that this southern French belle has all the fruit, charm and flavour you could want with none of the arrogance (um, in Euros, thanks... used notes...).



Brookfields BERGMAN

HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11361

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

When you taste a Chardonnay as varietally true, as brilliantly made and as damn good to drink as Peter Robertson's Bergman, you realise that the witless notion being bandied about that the variety itself is obsolete is as relevant as Winston Peters. Creamy, with vanilla hints and a richness of stonefruit you could bank, this is Hawkes Bay Chardonnay defined, all with a very considerate price tag. Hoover it up, pups.



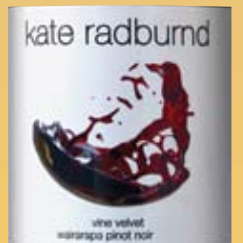
Kate Radburnd VINE VELVET

WAIRARAPA Pinot Noir 2009

was \$20.90 now **\$15.90** 13626

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Or, perhaps, what Katie Did Next; having helmed CJ Pask for twenty-five years with much success, the indecently talented Ms Radburnd now has her own label to play with. This is beaut, all heady cherry aromatics with toastiness coming through kindly underneath. The soft, sweet fruit entry, mostly plums and black cherries, is balanced by some grainy tannins, while the lovely lines of flavour leap to a bright, bounding finish.



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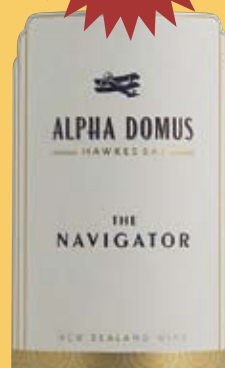
Alpha Domus THE NAVIGATOR

HAWKES BAY Merlot Cabernet 2007

was \$26.90 now **\$18.90** 15272

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

They've really embraced the aeronautical theme at Alpha Domus, so there's a great temptation to shout 'chocks away' as you unscrew this beauty, to keep an eye out for bandits at 3 o'clock, Ginger, and remember that you only get flak when you're over the target. But we won't. This rewrites the Value Code, with lashings of blackberry fruit tied to a frame of solid, tasty, toasty oak. Love, I think your landing gear is still up...oops...



AKARUA

PURCHASE ANY BOTTLE OF THESE AKARUA WINES BEFORE 3RD SEPTEMBER AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A WEEKEND AT AKARUA'S WINERY COTTAGE IN STUNNING CENTRAL OTAGO. PRIZE INCLUDES RETURN FLIGHTS FOR TWO, A GUIDED TOUR OF THE VINEYARD WITH VITICULTURIST GILLIAN WILSON AND A PRIVATE WINE TASTING WITH AWARD-WINNING WINEMAKER MATT CONNELL. FOR DETAILS GO TO WWW.GLENGARRY.CO.NZ/AKARUACOMP

Akarua is the largest family-owned single vineyard and winery in Central Otago. Managing Director David Skeggs is the son of Sir Clifford Skeggs, and it was the latter's love of wine that led to the establishment of Akarua. Back in 1995 Sir Clifford purchased property in Bannockburn and commenced planting in 1996, making the family one of the earliest to recognize the potential of the district.

It didn't take long for Akarua to make its mark; launched in 1999, the first wine achieved critical acclaim, and between 2002 and 2003, three successive Akarua Pinot Noirs won gold medals at prestigious wine competitions, including London's International Wine and Spirit Competition. The winery has continued to win awards trophies and accolades from around the world, these successes due in no small measure to the expertise and dedication of its viticultural and winemaking teams.

Located at 220 to 340 metres above sea level, 70% of the 50-hectare vineyard blocks are planted in Pinot Noir, with the balance in Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling. The vineyards are sustainably managed by viticulturist Gillian Wilson, who has consistently delivered fruit of the highest quality to winemaker Matt Connell and his team.

Matt joined Akarua in 2008 after working vintages in Australia, Oregon and Central Otago. Akarua's meticulously hand-crafted wines are all estate grown, but Matt is particularly passionate when it comes to Pinot Noir. He takes a minimalist approach, using gentle techniques and allowing the wine to 'make itself' in order to best reflect the fruit and the terroir.



Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

was \$39.90 now **\$34.90** 10216

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Meticulously crafted, the latest Akarua Pinot, like its predecessors, is particularly expressive of both the variety and its unique terroir. The fruit was selectively harvested from the company's estate vineyards in Bannockburn. It is a vibrant, youthful, ruby-coloured wine with an alluring bouquet of cherry and violet supported by spicy, toasty nuances. The beautifully poised palate displays ripe fruit flavours enhanced by a mellow, silky texture and finely-judged finish.



Rua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Released earlier this year, this fantastic-value Pinot was just one of a handful of wines to be awarded gold at the Decanter 2011 World Wine Awards. Like Akarua's other Pinot Noirs, it was made from estate-harvested fruit, traditionally fermented and aged for ten months in new and seasoned French oak barriques. It is built around a delicious core of ripe berry and cherry fruit aromas and flavours supported by understated oak. Silky smooth and spicy, it's ready to drink right now.

Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Chardonnay 2009

was \$26.90 now **\$22.90** 10218

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Barrel fermented, put through partial malolactic and oak aged to provide additional dimension. The distinctive tropical fruit and citrus aromas are supported by hints of oak, while the harmonious palate has well-defined fruit, a slight buttery edge and finishes with a flourish of lingering minerality. A versatile and smartly-priced food wine.



Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Gris 2010

was \$26.90 now **\$22.90** 10217

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Made from selected Pinot Gris clones and primarily fermented in stainless steel tanks, with 15% fermented in seasoned oak and lees-aged to add depth and interest. With its Nashi pear and citrus aromas, the off-dry palate displays stonefruit flavours enlivened by hints of ginger and neatly balanced by a swirl of citrus that gives the finish length.





SPARKLING

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

DEUTZ MARLBOROUGH CUVÉE

French Champagne producer Deutz hooked up with maverick winery Montana Wines (as they were then known) back in 1988, when suits were big and people still liked Prince. Yip, it's been a good long while now, and while the benchmark Marlborough Cuvée has gone from strength to strength as the vines age and knowledge of the terroir becomes more comprehensive, other wines have been added to the line-up.

Have a gander at the Prestige Cuvée to see what great New Zealand méthode tastes like – this magnificent meeting of winemaking minds has been setting the standard for nigh on 25 years now. Remember, when you look at the many high-quality local méthodes now available, that to a very marked degree, that next level started right here.

15019 DEUTZ PRESTIGE CUVÉE VINTAGE 2007

WAS \$48.90 NOW **\$35.90** CASE OF 6: \$35.40 A BOTTLE

Only the second vintage of this exceptional expression of the very best fruit and vineyard sites these Marlborough maestros have access to. Rich and zesty with lovely toasted characters and an underlying nuttiness, it displays an overall finesse that is truly impressive.

15108 DEUTZ ROSÉ VINTAGE 2006

WAS \$48.90 NOW **\$35.90** CASE OF 6: \$35.40 A BOTTLE

As all good rosé styles should, this has some real meat and body from the excellent parcels of Pinot fruit that display nice smatterings of intense strawberry and raspberry flavours. Brioche and shortcake characters reflect an easy yeastiness that adds to the overall delight.

15018 DEUTZ BLANC DE BLANCS VINTAGE 2008

WAS \$48.90 NOW **\$35.90** CASE OF 6: \$35.40 A BOTTLE

A very elegant style but be not fooled, there is much creaminess to be had in amongst the typical Chardonnay finesse. Grapefruit and lemon zest keep it fresh and flavoursome, yeast autolysis and toastiness add complexity, all of it knitted up with outstanding dexterity.



NEW ZEALAND Allan Scott Sparkling Rosé NV

YOU SAVE **38%**

was \$24.00 now **\$14.90** 17425



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Newest addition to the Allan Scott range

A celebratory reminder of summer as the 'rain falls from concrete coloured skies,' this is a magical mélange of high season headiness and a structure and balance derived from excellent winemaking. The red berry flavours arc and spark with vibrant luminosity, while the palate engages with freshness, endears with charm and leaves you delighted. Is that a daffodil I see before me?



FRANCE Arrogant Frog

LILY PAD PINK Sparkling Rosé NV

was \$21.00 now **\$16.90** 43975



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Jean-Claude Mas is a much-respected vintner in Languedoc (in the sarf of France, as Bill Wyman once intoned) and he makes (J-C, not Bill) many fine still wines from the major varieties. You suspect that, as fine as this is, he had some fun with it. It shrieks with laughter, bubbles with gaiety and ardour, and drenches you in its contagious joy. (Can I have some of what you're on - Ed)

AUSTRALIA Seppelt FLEUR DE LYS 2008

YOU SAVE **35%**

was \$22.90 now **\$14.90** 27240



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Vintage sparkler, an Aussie favourite back in stock

Sorry to be shallow, but beautiful packaging. Right. It has an exquisite nose, intense, attractive and fruity/floral, touchingly offset by a gentle dusting of schoolday chalk. Elegantly styled, she's no blockbuster, thankfully, with smart tart flavours neatly lined with pockets of dry toast. Lemony, delicate, yeasty notes lend class, weight and complexity, the whole even and balanced from outset to closure.



NEW ZEALAND Nobilo ICON Méthode Traditionnelle Vintage 2007

was \$27.90 now **\$20.90** 15817



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Deeply golden with a coy blush of the pinks, the nose is vinous and rich with beckoning fingers of toast and a sprinkle of almonds. The palate is substantial, with superb mouthfeel, a good balance of the crisp, citrusy fruit and the yeasty creaminess from its time on lees. Finishes deliciously dry and with much panache.

Wine Wizards of Oz



THE BAROSSA VALLEY

This valley north of Adelaide is probably Australia's best-known wine region. That's largely to do with the fact that so many of the industry's titans, as Parker puts it, have set up shop here – Penfolds, Henschke, Blass, Orlando, Yalumba – and so, naturally, the Barossa wins hands-down for volumes produced.

But when this history-rich area at one stage looked set to fall prey to the big brands, enough individualistic producers, perhaps reflecting the spirit of those first Silesian pioneers in the early 1800s, took back the Barossa and re-established the production of wines that reflected its unique terroir, heritage and resource. Resource? Such a corporate term to describe the storehouse of 150-year-old Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre vines that are still cultivated in this veritable dustbowl, a viticultural inheritance matched nowhere else in the world.

Hence there's been a resurgence of those deep, inky, extraordinarily concentrated Barossa reds for which Penfolds' magical Grange set the benchmark back when Elvis was King and sales figures were calculated on the back of a coaster down the pub. The big guys, though, still play a crucial role in ensuring the Barossa remains top of the pops on the international wine stage; like the man says, big IS good, and the output from those titans is an important part of the patchwork Barossa quilt. Balance in the Barossa, eh...who would have thought?

Saltram PEPPERJACK BAROSSA Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$28.00 now **\$17.90** 22621

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Trophy and gold medal at the Barossa Wine Show makes this top place in its own place. Alluring in the glass, the aromatics are all blackberry shortcake with sweet toasty oak delightfully evident. The heart of the wine is a core of dark fruit with charmingly brambly edges, a palate of easy-going structure with a lengthy, balanced finish.



The fact that Australia's climatically inhospitable continent produces any wine at all sometimes seems like a prime example of tenacity over terroir, but our cousins are paragons of perseverance and obstinacy; tell them they can't make wine in that bit of soil, call it by this name and sell it to the world, and they'll do exactly that.

What gets forgotten, though, in this colourful tale of pioneering, spirit-driven success, is the quality story. Parker talks about 'rivers of mediocre swill'; we're forever hearing about the Great Australian Wine Glut, homogenous winemaking styles and the corporatisation of the Australian industry, ambitious yield levels, too much alcohol, too much oak, not enough finesse, etc. With an industry the size of Australia's, generalisations are worthless.

Now that the volume game has been won, what's emerging are the extraordinary levels of quality from the best Australian wineries, and while the great wines come from both big players and minnows, it is the minnows that excite. Barely boutique Barossans, micro-McLaren producers, compact Clare-ites, all turning the sod on relatively small landholdings where there's a distinct quality to the terroir that the guy up the dusty road doesn't quite have; these are attracting the world's attention.

And what all of these quality producers – from tiny Torbreck to the well-established Wynns – are telling the world is that they have a heritage, generations of winemaking knowledge and experience of their unique sites that is now informing a very exciting future. If you've drifted away from Australia of late, it's a good time to re-engage; we've cornered the outpourings from some magical maestros for your benefit to give us a timely reappraisal of the Lucky Country's most delicious libations.



Penfolds THOMAS HYLAND Shiraz 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$16.90** 25467

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

'Thommo' was the husband of Georgina Penfold and apparently 'took Penfolds from Adelaide to the world.' Owned a boat, then. Typically plummy and jammy, it's quite chewy, thrillingly spicy and immensely pleasurable. The taut and tailored finish encourages another judicious glass and some calculated cellaring beside the dusty golf clubs and the rusty swingball set.



Hewitson MISS HARRY

BAROSSA Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2009

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 21797

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

From dry-grown Shiraz vines embedded in vineyards dating back to the late 1800s, this shows up with mysterious, dark, earthy fruit notes, almost rainy but brightly-fragranced with flaring floral flourishes. Not monumental, it's more about elegance, a sumptuous style with much berryfruit action, finely-etched tannins and a long tail of trembling tastes that'll fire the most febrile imagination.



Yalumba PATCHWORK
BAROSSA Shiraz 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$17.90** 29875

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Comes from 'a patchwork of venerable Shiraz vineyards,' parcels selected from a mixture of the cooler slopes and the warm vineyard floor, a cross-pollination that delivers something uniquely Barossa. The deep well of Shiraz fruit – jammy, smeary, concentrated – harnesses a gentle tug of cinnamon spice and a hint of mocha. The opulence is shadowed by grainy but not scary tannins, the finish tight yet rich.



DAVID POWELL
TORBRECK

David Powell is as colourful and earthy as the dark Rhône-like reds that he conjures up from ancient vineyards in the Barossa. He tells his story with exuberance and laughs when I suggest this constant talk of 'David Powell seeking out ancient vineyards' would suggest he has a divining rod that hones in on neglected bush-grown Shiraz.

'After I'd travelled around for ten years, making wine all over the place, I didn't have any money, so I literally did use to drive around the back blocks of the Barossa and find old vineyards, particularly old vineyards that had been left unfarmed. I'd approach the owners and ask if they'd let me farm their vineyards; I'd farm them back to health then I'd make an arrangement with them where I'd do all the work and they'd get a percentage of the market value of the crop.

'I started making a bit of wine, making a bit of money, then I'd buy some fruit and I'd make a bit more wine... then I started buying vineyards, and of the six vineyards I used to sharefarm I've actually since bought four of them.' 200 acres of vines which he truly treasures. Why didn't anyone else see the potential?

'I'd worked in the Barossa, then gone overseas and been in places, particularly the Southern Rhône and thought, my God, we've got this incredible resource. It's not that people here didn't know it; it's that people here took it for granted. If you consider where the Barossa has gone and where Torbreck's gone, I'd be lying if I said I knew there was that much potential in the hidden value of the place, but I certainly thought the place was under-utilised and under-respected.'

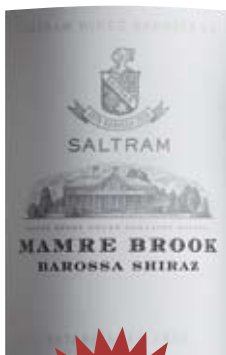
No longer the case. And it's the Rhône varieties he champions, convinced they're ideal Barossa fodder. 'The climate in the Barossa is, I think, not suited to Bordelaise varieties – I don't make any Cabernet, although a lot of people here disagree with me.' And it's said in the way that you can tell he doesn't give a vine root, either. Marvellous man, exceptional wines.

Saltram MAMRE BROOK
BAROSSA Shiraz 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$17.90** 26833

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Like Penfolds (est. 1844), these guys are a pioneering family (est. 1859) and this is quintessential Barossa Shiraz, billowing with bruised plums and brooding blackberry fruit, touched by eucalyptic intentions and hand-shaken through to the palate by an optimal spice regime. It tastes of where it comes from and like it couldn't have come from anywhere else, and that, in winemaking terms, has to be the point.



Hewitson NED & HENRY'S
BAROSSA VALLEY Shiraz 2009

was \$28.90 now **\$22.90** 21798

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Hewitson wines are hewn from a different philosophy than their big barrelled brothers; this is matured wholly in French oak for a start. Bright fruits and black olives on a nose that's not dense but more elegant and aromatically defined/refined than many Barossa offerings. Very sweet fruit, slightly chalky tannins and a kind of charming rusticity in an overall picture of character and complexity. Startling.



Torbreck WOODCUTTER'S
BAROSSA Shiraz 2010

was \$38.90 now **\$29.90** 21078

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

A 15% alc/vol Shiraz usually delivers with over-dizzying effect, but this, from younger vines than the ancient ones normally fuelling the Torbreck output, is so exquisitely balanced that nothing protrudes obtrusively. It's a joyride of intensely flavoured, perfectly ripened fruit; not 'syrupy' as David would say, just juicy, tasty and powerful but perfectly controlled. Deeply complex, yet the multiple characters are crystal clear.

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THE CLARE VALLEY

It's a place of paradoxes, the Clare Valley. It's a valley, but it's 400m above sea level. Technically, it's a cool climate area, yet it has the lowest summer rainfall of any of Australia's viticultural regions. It's renowned for its steely-eyed Rieslings – and rightly so, they're world class – and yet port is produced here and Malbec thrives in a way unlike anywhere else in the Lucky Country.

Indeed this 'field of shocking green', as Oz Clarke describes it, with its myriad soil types and altitudes and aspects, all within its 25km length, is a collection of contradictions and accidents of nature that allows the production of varieties and wonderful elements – acid, elegance, delicacy – that you just don't expect when you're a loam soil's throw from the hot, dead heart of the continent. But the sea breezes, even though you're 130km from the Southern Ocean, temper the natural summer heat, while the three distinct rows of hillsides attract enough rain to make up for those summer drought conditions.

So? So the fruit tends to ripen slowly and beautifully, harnessing masses of exquisite flavours while still retaining an edge that makes them, and the Clare, a unique treasure on the Aussie wine map.

Clare Wine Co CLARE VALLEY Shiraz 2010

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 22287

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Intense nose of rich, ripe brambly fruits, a promise of sticky jamminess with a slight hint of something cooling and steadying. Very sweet fruit on the smooth and warming palate, where the eucalypt character is more distinct. The tannins are soft, and while it will keep, it already seems like quite a complete wine.



Clare Wine Co CLARE VALLEY Rosé 2010

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 22285

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Smells like a delicate but confident French red, all berry-fruit and earth. 55% Shiraz, 45% Cabernet, yet the cherry drenching makes it feel Burgundian. The palate displays an appealing tartness and a slight tropicality while some savouriness and weight suggest pairing off with some spicy lunchtime tempter.



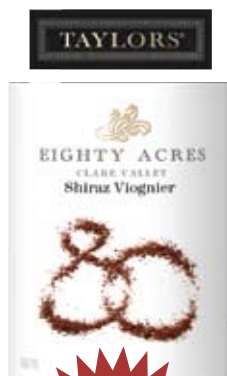
22286 CLARE WINE CO TWOSOME DRY WHITE 2010 was \$26.50 now **\$19.90**

Taylors EIGHTY ACRES Shiraz Viognier 2008

was \$21.00 now **\$13.90** 28075

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

From a 100% carbon neutral vineyard, this has a heady menthol/alcohol and plum nose with blackberries, cassis and a shadowy graphite touch. Finely drawn and medium weighted, it's slightly smoky, with pronounced ripe fruit flavours, sturdy tannic structure, some macerated prune characters and touching but not overpowering mintiness. Serious yet approachable, a really good glass of wine.



YOU SAVE 34%

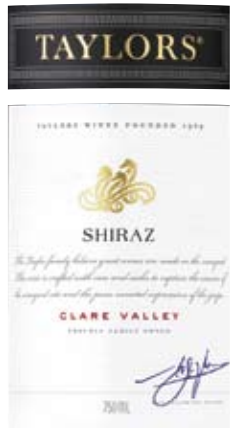


Taylors ESTATE CLARE VALLEY Shiraz 2009

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 28062

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

It's not all steely Rieslings here; the many soil/aspect combinations lending themselves to great expressions of a number of key varietals. Ipso facto this treasure which is, in Australian terms at least, a medium-bodied wine. Concentrated, intense black cherry flavours are lifted with spice and supported by toasty oak, then augmented magically by dust motes and lovely vanilla characters. A lot going on for not much moolah.



Taylors ESTATE CLARE VALLEY Chardonnay 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 28050

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The aromatics hint at the promise of a delicious butteriness while maintaining that certain steeliness of the cool Clare. The palate is layered, with tropical treats of pineapple and melon well integrated with some clean citrus and creaminess from the oak. Very stylish wine, as far from the high alcohol, oily, over-oaked Chards of Aussie-olde as Paul Keating is from Julia Gillard.



Taylors JARAMAN CLARE VALLEY+EDEN VALLEY Riesling 2009

was \$32.90 now **\$19.90** 28085

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Beautiful smoky nose, very limey/citrusy, focused and clean while a tiny touch of kero adds complexity. Richly mouthfilling, beautifully textured, still deliciously tart with tantalising acid sharpening up the waves of lime and lemon tanginess. Very precise, layered palate with good weight and exquisite balance. Don't overchill or you'll lose the inherent delicacy; at this time of year it hardly even needs a fridge.



YOU SAVE 40%

28082 TAYLORS JARAMAN CABERNET 2008 was \$33.90 now **\$29.90**

McLaren Vale

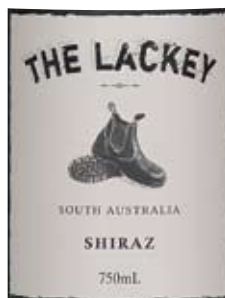
South of Adelaide, this region was known in the 1950s for its 'ferruginous' reds, so iron-rich, in fact, that they were shipped (in great volume) to the UK and prescribed by physicians as a 'tonic' to ladies of delicate disposition. I kid you not. 'No Complian for you Madam, but perhaps a little Emu Burgundy?'

Well, things have changed, and now 90-plus producers till small plots and make some of Australia's most astounding Rhône-like wines. Cabernet does well here, too, with the issue being over- not under-ripeness, the tempering sea breezes helping deliver that critical balance, as they do in the Clare. Grenache, in particular, takes to the dust like a Dodge Ram, and there has been a focus on Dryland-style expressions, where brave viticulturists eschew much-needed irrigation and produce wines of sweet fruit intensity from low-yielding vines.

Not a recipe for Branson-style bank accounts, then. This, the home of the small producers, who make the most of McLaren Vale's many meso-climates, is an invigorating and worthwhile stop on the Great Australian Wine Trip.

Kilikanoon THE LACKEY Shiraz 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 22339



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Bright frothing red, extraordinary to look at. Altar wine-like fruit on the nose, ripe, spiritous and lively, with soothing secondary dark fruit characters and a whiff of the eucalypt. There is so much juicy fruit jam-packed onto the palate it feels like it's spilling out of the corners of an overstuffed suitcase; kindly tannins sit on the lid.



d'Arenberg THE STUMP JUMP Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2009

was \$18.90 now **\$12.50** 20757

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

That bright cherry red is the universal signal for Grenache in the glass; a southern Rhône pungency aromatically completes the authentication process. Raisiny dried fruits, too, sweetly jolly Grenache underpinned by more sombre Mataro dark cherry characters, a lick of spice, loads of bounce and effusive charm. Plenty of flavoursome juiciness on the tailwind.

d'Arenberg THE HIGH TRELLIS McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$27.00 now **\$19.90** 20727



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

High Trellis vineyard has been producing grapes since the late 19th century, and this is the 40th vintage of straight Cabernet off a block that was the first to have the vines trained above knee height. Useful if you're lofty. You get: tobacco leaf, meat shop, bright fruits, menthol, a touch of dank earth. Great seamless texture, juicy, firm but even-handed.



Rosemount DISTRICT RELEASE McLaren Vale Shiraz 2010

was \$42.90 now **\$19.90** 26522

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

While well established in the Hunter Valley, there is a red winemaking arm of this mighty brand which deals with 325ha of excellent estate fruit. This – 5 stars and top wine in the recent Cuisine tasting – is the result. It's a very mouthfilling wine, reaching all corners of your palate with its exuberant, even pushy, blackberry flavours, plush texture and singing spices.

Rosemount DISTRICT RELEASE TRADITIONAL Cabernet Blend 2010

was \$42.90 now **\$19.90** 26528



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A succulent gathering of Cabernet, Merlot and the little seen Petit Verdot, with the finest characteristics of all three great Bordeaux varieties joining the party. Earthy, smoky tinges to the intense black fruits frame the nose, while sweet berryfruit folds into the palate structure like cream melting in a crepe. Mouthfilling and ripe with firm Cabernet tannins, Merlot silkiness and McLaren Vale-style concentration and power.

20709 **D'ARENBERG** THE FOOTBOLT SHIRAZ 2008 was \$27.00 now **\$19.90**
26526 **ROSEMOUNT** D.R. CABERNET 2010 was \$42.90 now **\$19.90**



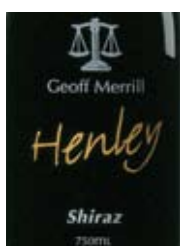
AUSSIES FROM THE cellar



22340 **KILIKANOON GREEN'S VINEYARD**
RESERVE SHIRAZ 2007
WAS \$88.00 NOW **\$75.00**
94 POINTS - JAMES HALLIDAY



28035 **TAYLORS ST ANDREWS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006
WAS \$120.00 NOW **\$99.00**
95 POINTS - JAMES HALLIDAY



22087 **GEOFF MERRILL HENLEY**
SHIRAZ 2000
WAS \$169.00 NOW **\$126.00**
93 POINTS - JAMES HALLIDAY



21071 **TORBREK RUNRIG**
SHIRAZ 2006
WAS \$324.00 NOW **\$259.00**
96 POINTS - JAMES HALLIDAY
96 POINTS - J MILLER



22273 **KAESLER OLD BASTARD**
SHIRAZ 2007
WAS \$174.00 NOW **\$149.00**
95 POINTS - JAMES HALLIDAY



28815 **WOLF BLASS GREY LABEL**
SHIRAZ 2008
WAS \$54.00 NOW **\$39.00**

28906 **WOLF BLASS BLACK LABEL**
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005
WAS \$183.00 NOW **\$79.90**
92 POINTS - J MILLER

22003 **RUSDEN BLACK GUTS**
SHIRAZ 2006
WAS \$105.00 NOW **\$84.00**
97 POINTS - J MILLER



COONAWARRA

400km south of Adelaide, by the Victoria/SA state line and in close proximity to the chill winds of the Southern Ocean lies, as Oz Clarke prosaically put it, a 'barren swathe of bogland.' Flat and featureless as it is, this is Australia's premium Cabernet region, the Bordeaux big-un accounting for over 60% of plantings on the 15km long, narrow limestone ridge that forms the basis of Coonawarra.

Soil is of paramount importance here: twelve ice ages have left limestone ridges with a faint dusting of terra rossa soil. These ridges are Rolls Royce real estate, beautifully, naturally free-draining vineyards in the middle of a marsh. Squally springs, wet winters and harsh summers make the vines work like dogs; the soil spoils them, the results are fragrant, piercingly flavoured reds of inordinate finesse and character and whites with a scintillating leanness to their riches.

So distinctive are the wines from this unique strip of rock and soil that millions of dollars have been spent by major wineries to define and defend the actual 'appellation' of Coonawarra - in the broad swathes of Australian vineland, this is terroir-critical winemaking at its best.



Wolf Blass
COONAWARRA Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$27.90 now **\$19.90** 28860

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A remarkable deep crimson/purple, beautifully fragrant with an intense, berry-filled nose and a pronounced floral touch. Rich, ripe, smooth, it boasts wonderfully varietal tobacco, with leather characters lashing the opulent fruit, itself tied to the mast of a solid Cabernet structure. Showing Coonawarra finesse, it doesn't so much take you over as put you under. Grand.

Jim Barry THE COVER DRIVE
Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$26.90 now **\$20.90** 22111

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Jim Barry are mostly Clare focused, but this makes use of their small Coonawarra holdings which actually were the original cricket ground. The pitch and pavilion have been left intact, the vineyards round about mined for the fruit for this gem. Beautiful jammy blackberry and blackcurrant fruit is pitched(!) on a soft, easy-going palate. Gentle tannins edge the fruit into the right places; tasty, stylish, nicely controlled.



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Katnook FOUNDER'S BLOCK COONAWARRA Shiraz 2008

was \$23.90 now **\$18.90** 20055

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So bright you could land planes by it, and amazing for a four-year-old wine. A stretch in oak provides strong support for the rich raspberry and plum fruit, while supple, yet subtle, cedary oak notes and spice lend weight and gravitas to the monumental finish.

Katnook FOUNDER'S BLOCK COONAWARRA Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$23.90 now **\$18.90** 20059

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Coonawarra specialists whose name reflects the estate that Coonawarra founder John Riddoch, um, founded way back in 1890. Earthy, minty and dark-fruited the varietal authenticity is established and stamped by sweet leather-meets-cassis characters. Soft, rich and full bodied with a gentle tannic presence, the finish is long and lifted. It benefits greatly from being paired with meat of a similar Marxist hue.



YOU SAVE 55%



Wynns COONAWARRA Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$43.90 now **\$19.90** 29215

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

'53rd vintage' it says proudly on the label, and this truly is one of Australia's greatest wines. Almost bottomless depths of colour and concentration; the aromas are heady, intoxicating and inspiring. Inky purple richness on the glass is inked purple fruits, earth, florals – violets mostly – all intensely concentrated. Thickly textured, richly flavoured, layer after layer of treasures perfectly balanced by the guiding hand of firm tannins.

29205 WYNNS CABERNET SHIRAZ MERLOT 2009 was \$23.90 now **\$15.90**



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SUE HODDER
SENIOR WINEMAKER
WYNNS
COONAWARRA ESTATE

When you are making wine from vineyards planted in the 1890s by John Riddoch, essentially the father of Coonawarra, and when your 'office' is the famous triple-gabled winery that he had built in 1891, you can't help but feel the weight of history. No pressure, then, on Sue Hodder, senior winemaker at Wynns since 1998. So how do you use that history beneficially?

'The learning from the heritage is the most significant reason to acknowledge it. To learn from tasting the wines and what's gone ahead of you is so important, and if we can't do that we really have some serious soul-searching to do. We need to be respectful of heritage but innovative on the other hand.'

With Sue at the helm, the Wynns wines have developed in stature, with critics and awards (she was Gourmet Traveller's Winemaker of the Year in 2010) endorsing her track record. Having worked all over Australia, and the world, Sue came to Wynns because, 'hackneyed as it sounds, I always really loved the wines.'

I suggest to her that she is still there, partly, because no two vintages are alike, no day the same. 'Definitely. One thing people always want you to do is liken the current vintage to a previous one, and it's so hard to do. Obviously, with 54 years of Wynns Cabernet it's just too hard to do.' That is an extraordinary record, to produce a wine from the same plots for over half a century. 'Halliday says even in the world he can't think of producers that can line up 54 vintages of Cabernet from the same vines. Obviously we've introduced newer vineyards but included in that are the same vines that made the very first vintage.'

Ahh, the joys of being phylloxera free. There's that weight of history, again, bearing down on her. 'The weight, the respect and the value,' she qualifies, another in a long line of fine Wynns winemakers who are deft exponents of cool climate winemaking in one of the world's most fascinating strips of vineyard land.



Wynns LIMITED RELEASE JOHN RIDDOCH Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

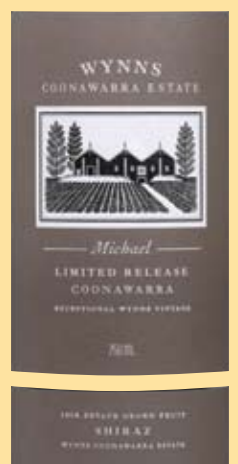
was \$104.00 now **\$59.00** 29229

Being a Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon specialist with access to possibly the best fruit on The Strip, it's only logical that Wynns make a supreme expression of the variety. Launched in 1982 in honour of the man who first saw the region's viticultural potential, this uses the top one percent of Wynns' Cabernet fruit, in the vintages that are considered good enough to make it. Mighty, profound, unique.

Wynns LIMITED RELEASE MICHAEL Shiraz 2008

was \$104.00 now **\$59.00** 29233

The Michael Shiraz first oozed out of the barrels back in 1955 when owner David Wynn sidelined two distinctively excellent barrels from the vintage and instructed that they be bottled separately. Bless him, the great wine was named after his son, and in outstanding vintages ever since, a Michael has been made. Showing French leanings and Coonawarra class, it is an Australian classic.



victoria

How do you coax good flavours out of cool surroundings? That is the challenge facing most of the 600-plus producers in this eclectic region. There is no shortage of variety: the coolness of the Pyrenees generates excellent Pinot, Chardonnay and sparkling wine production, while the unique weather patterns around Rutherglen in the north-east make for world-renowned and sticky wines.

Prior to the gold rush, phylloxera and financial collapses at the end of the 1880s and the resultant implosion of the Victoria wine industry, hundreds of producers had slaked the thirst of the pioneers, but by the 1980s there were only 30 wineries in the entire state. However, these days things have taken a turn for the better.

With varieties planted in sympathetic environments, greater knowledge of the many climates within the hills and vales and the application of some serious expertise, Victoria has regained its highly-regarded and hard-won status as a region to rival South Australia. The game here is quality, not quantity, they'll tell you wryly, and anyone who's had a top-flight Heathcote Shiraz or a coal-black Bendigo Cabernet would nod their corked hat in benign agreement.

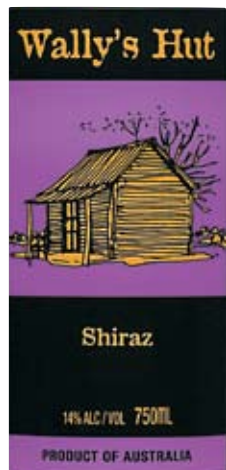
Balgownie BLACK LABEL BENDIGO GRAMPYANS Shiraz 2008



was \$27.90 now **\$19.90** 20127

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Bendigo is one of the old gold rush towns, long-forgotten until a vibrant Victoria wine industry re-established itself. Extraordinary nose, Rhône-like in its earthy intensity, with rich baked black fruits and some welcoming warm, toasty notes. Juicy, not jammy, with that cool-climate knowingness that delivers the delights (of which there are many) in a controlled and tantalising fashion.



Wally's Hut Shiraz 2009

was \$16.90 now **\$9.90** 28432

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Cooler climate style from Victoria's King Valley, said hut being a stockman's abode used by our Walter when he policed the fenceline on what was once a vast grazing acreage. The vines that replaced the pasture pop up the fruit for this beauty, with its delightfully developed berry characters, touches of tasty spice and oak structural support.

NSW

The changes in the NSW wine industry over the past two decades have been monumental. It's not just about the Hunter Valley anymore, although excellent wines continue to issue forth from this legendary region. Some big players still dominate NSW production, McWilliams 'farming' the Hilltops region, Hardy's throwing their lot into the Canberra District and de Bortoli producing excellent expressions across a range of varieties from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

But it's the lofty little spots hugging the western side of the Great Dividing Range that are causing the ripples with their tipples. Orange, for example was described last year by wine guru Max Allen as 'Australia's most exciting'. How'd that happen? Orange is very cool, being Australia's highest altitude region in one of the cooler parts of NSW. Nearby Cowra has long made great Chardonnay, so Orange's ripening as a region is not the strange fruit it may seem. The altitude cools the scorching summer temperatures, nearby Mt Canobolas provides rich volcanic soils and having the longest ripening period in the whole country ensures beautiful, deep flavour development across the key varietals.

Climbing Shiraz 2009



was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 21909

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Orange's Cumulus Estates manage these vineyards at 600m above sea level; it might be vines in the sky but it's boots in the dirt, for this is well-crafted and finely made. Intense aromas of black cherries on the nose lead to a palate that is chewy and ripe with a definite cool-climate finesse. Even, integrated and stylish.

De Bortoli DB FAMILY SELECTION Merlot 2009



was \$19.90 now **\$9.90** 20922

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Some may recall the heatwave of summer 2009 in NSW; fourteen days of 40-degree temperatures made life, and the end of vintage, challenging. Savvy viticulture means richly ripe (but not baked) fruit; there's still a lovely edge to the opulent berries and plums and a tingling spiciness that offsets the creamy vanillin oak. Outstanding value.

20919 DEEN DE BORTOLI VAT 9 CABERNET 2008 was \$19.90 now **\$14.90**



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MAN O' WAR

WAIHEKE ISLAND

In 1980 the Spenser family purchased four neighbouring farm properties at the eastern end of Waiheke Island that they had long admired for their spectacularly rugged beauty. The intention was to continue farming the land, but captivated by the outstanding quality of the wines being produced on the island, the family planted Man O' War's first vineyard, overlooking the Hauraki Gulf, in 1993. The name of the property is derived from Man O' War Bay, named by Cook when he dropped anchor in 1769.

The first Man O' War wine from that vineyard was released in 1996, but since then the company has carefully developed almost 90 separate blocks. The patchwork of vine sites are mostly sited on hillsides (including a block on Ponui Island) and enjoy distinctive soils types and meso-climates. Viticulturist Matt Allen has selected individual rootstocks, varietal clones and planting densities to suit each site.

The fruit from each block is meticulously managed, thoroughly assessed and hand harvested. The diversity of fruit provides winemaker Duncan McTavish with an excellent palette from which to blend these high-quality wines. Duncan is a vastly experienced winemaker who has worked in many of the world's leading wine regions. He joined Man O' War in 2008 and made an immediate impact; his wines are listed in top restaurants around the world and have won gold medals and trophies, as well as accolades from the likes of Stephen Spurrier and Robert Parker.

There are two ranges; the White Label consists of classically styled, fruit-driven wines that are expressive of their variety, while the Black Label range is the company's flagship selection, multi-layered and complex wines with a superb sense of place and the structure to age beautifully.



Man O' War DREADNOUGHT

WAIHEKE ISLAND Syrah 2009

was \$52.90 now **\$42.90** 12494

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$42.40 A BOTTLE

Trophy winner, London International Wine Challenge

The Syrah fruit was hand harvested, fermented on wild yeasts and aged in a combination of new and seasoned French barriques. A lovely wine, dense, dark and glossy with a stunning bouquet of blueberry, violet and pepper embellished by floral, herb and subtle oak. The palate is warm and lively, with waves of seductive fruit flavours backed by fine-grained tannins.

Man O' War

WAIHEKE ISLAND Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$26.90 now **\$21.90** 12492

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Cool fermented in stainless steel tanks and stopped to retain a shade of natural sweetness. Pure, fragrant aromas combine tropical fruit, herb and mineral notes, while the palate displays subtle peach and apple flavours enhanced by a fresh, lime-influenced finish.



Man O' War

PONU I ISLAND Pinot Gris 2010

was \$26.90 now **\$20.90** 12489

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

The cooling sea breezes on Ponui provide excellent conditions for Pinot Gris. With distinctive melon and grapefruit aromas on the nose, the nicely weighted, off-dry palate displays an abundance of ripe fruit enhanced by a viscous texture and a fresh finish. A lovely food wine.

Man O' War

WAIHEKE ISLAND Chardonnay 2010

was \$30.90 now **\$23.90** 12482

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

Fermented on indigenous yeasts in a combination of seasoned oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. The bouquet offers aromas of pipfruit, honey and biscuit. A richly flavoured and well balanced Chardonnay with a fine, textural mouthfeel and clean, citrus finish.



Man O' War

WAIHEKE ISLAND

Merlot Cabernet Franc Malbec 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$23.90** 12488

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

Each variety was separately fermented and matured for eleven months in oak. Invitingly deep and dark, with a complex bouquet of berryfruit and cassis carrying hints of chocolate, spice and oak. Succulent and beautifully structured, with a fine, lingering finish.

INSTORE NOW

organic

WHITES

Organic wine production has grown in popularity worldwide, and New Zealand is no exception to the trend. In NZ, wines labelled organic must be certified by an accredited organisation such as BioGrow New Zealand, their standards covering every aspect of the property and winery operation. At Glengarry we have a good selection of local and imported organically-produced wines.

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| 13871 | BRUNTON ORGANIC CHARDONNAY 2009 | WAS \$18.90 | \$12.90 |
| 15305 | URLAR SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 | WAS \$24.90 | \$15.90 |
| 19422 | VIDAL ORGANIC SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 | WAS \$24.90 | \$16.90 |



CENTRAL OTAGO

Pinot Noir

NEW RELEASES

Pinot Noir is the variety most closely identified with Central Otago, and with good reason; it is by far the most widely-planted variety there, but more importantly it is the consistent quality of this elusive variety within the confines of the region that sets Central apart, so that its new releases are eagerly anticipated by Pinot aficionados the world over.

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| 17124 | PEREGRINE PINOT NOIR 2010 | WAS \$42.00 | \$37.90 |
| 19779 | WOONG TREE PINOT NOIR 2009 | WAS \$45.00 | \$39.00 |
| 11128 | CARRICK PINOT NOIR 2009 | WAS \$49.90 | \$39.90 |

Sauvignon Blanc

WITH A DIFFERENCE

The racy vitality and tingling zesty character of drink-young Sauvignon is seemingly the way most of us like our largest-selling variety, but some winemakers have started to introduce techniques that provide greater complexity and aging potential. By managing the vineyard to produce riper fruit and by using indigenous yeasts, extended lees aging, barrel and malolactic fermentation and oak maturation, they deliver us versatile, multi-dimensional expressions that test our preconceptions.

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| 12291 | FAIRHALL DOWNS
HUGO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008 | WAS \$29.90 | NOW \$24.90 |
| 13524 | LAKE CHALICE
RAPTOR SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 | WAS \$29.90 | NOW \$24.90 |
| 18468 | SACRED HILL
SAUVAGE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008 | WAS \$41.90 | NOW \$29.90 |
| 12142 | CLOUDY BAY
TE KOKO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2007 | WAS \$55.00 | NOW \$44.90 |



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Ohau Gravels
REGION Variety 2010

was \$23.90 now **\$15.90** 15347



New release, great wine

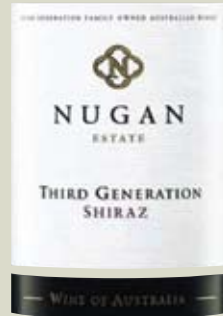


Rockburn
Chardonnay 2008

was \$26.90 now **\$14.90** 12368



*End of vintage clearance by
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Nugan THIRD GENERATION
Shiraz 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$9.90** 20146



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Riesling 2004

was \$25.90 now **\$11.90** 15843



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Martinborough
TE TERA Pinot Noir 2010

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HAWKES BAY Riesling 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$11.90** 11317



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Mt Difficulty 2010
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was \$27.90 now **\$24.90** 14935



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was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 18007



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Hawke's Bay white*

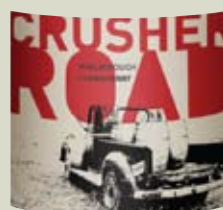


Fairhall Downs
Chardonnay 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$14.90** 12286



End of vintage clearance



Crusher Road
Chardonnay 2009

was \$14.90 now **\$10.90** 13422



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a taste of **France**

FRENCH WHITES TO COMPLEMENT ALL THOSE AUSSIE REDS



Arrogant Frog LILY PAD WHITE
SOUTH OF FRANCE Chardonnay 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 43976

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
Sunkissed in the South of France

The Chardonnay fruit is from family estates located in the hills of the Languedoc. Winemaker Jean-Claude Mas has produced a particularly approachable wine with melon and peach aromas supported by hints of vanilla and toast in the background. It is a well poised and elegant wine with pervasive flavours of tropical fruits enhanced by a svelte mouthfeel and a finely-judged, citrus-edged finish. An excellent food wine.



Pierre Brecht
ALSACE Pinot Gris 2009

was \$31.00 now **\$19.90** 42411

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
Our top-selling Pinot Gris

Alsace's winemakers have been making Pinot Gris for generations, and the province consistently enjoys beneficial dry autumns leading up to harvest. This is a beautifully crafted wine with an alluring bouquet of stonefruit and spice with a hint of almond. The palate is characterised by ripe fruit flavours balanced by a squeeze of citrus and complemented by a lush, weighty mouthfeel. Great value, versatile food wine.

Laroche DE LA CHEVALIÈRE
SOUTH OF FRANCE Chardonnay 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 48591

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Made by Chablis superstars Laroche

Fifth-generation Chablis producer Michel Laroche surprised many Burgundians when he extended his winemaking to the South of France. He bought near Béziers in the Languedoc, planted a 45-hectare vineyard and built a modern winery. This lustrous golden Chardonnay reflects the warm climate of the region; the nose shows lovely cantaloupe and peach aromas embellished by unobtrusive toasty oak, the palate has ripe fruit flavours and a creamy, textural mouthfeel.



Jean Chartron
CLOS DE LA COMBE Chardonnay 2008

was \$38.00 now **\$24.90** 41451

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE
Top Burgundian white wine producer

Jean Chartron is a top white Burgundy producer, and with this entry-level offering we get a taste of his class. This is a 100% Chardonnay from the Clos de la Combe vineyard located in the middle of Puligny-Montrachet. With an intense bouquet of pipfruit and grapefruit backed by subtle vanillin oak, the palate has well-defined fruit flavours balanced by citrus notes and complemented by a smooth mouthfeel.



Gisselbrecht TRADITION
ALSACE Pinot Blanc 2009

was \$26.00 now **\$19.90** 41248

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
Great match to all kinds of food

Pinot Blanc has an interesting family tree; it is a mutation of Pinot Gris, itself a mutation of Pinot Noir. The variety is widely planted throughout the world, but the best examples are usually to be found in Alsace. There, the variety produces still wines and Crémant d'Alsace. This offering from Gisselbrecht is a pale straw wine with stonefruit aromas and a touch of spice. The medium-bodied palate has a supple, fruity quality enlivened by a fresh, crisp finish.



Gros Frère & Soeur
HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS Blanc 2007

was \$62.00 now **\$49.00** 43142

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$48.50 A BOTTLE
White Burgundy at a great price

The Gros family have been involved in Burgundy's wine industry since 1830. When Jean Gros retired in 1995, the estates were divided up among his three children, Michel, Bernard and Anne, who set up their individual Domaines. Domaine Gros Frère & Soeur is managed by Bernard, who consistently produces top-quality reds and very stylish whites. This is an early-drinking style, the citrus and stonefruit flavours underscored by mineral notes and subtle use of oak.



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Cecchi
Chianti Classico DOCG 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$22.90** 62427

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

The Chianti Classico zone sits at the heart of the original Chianti League that was formed back in the 13th century. The wines of this historic sub-region are acknowledged as the most typical and expressive in the whole of the Chianti appellation. Hailing from the village of Castellina, this displays cherry and violet aromas supported by some subtle oak. The concentrated palate is firm, smoothly textured and finishes on a long, savoury note.

Santa Margherita
Prosecco Superiore DOCG Brut NV

was \$28.90 now **\$24.90** 62538

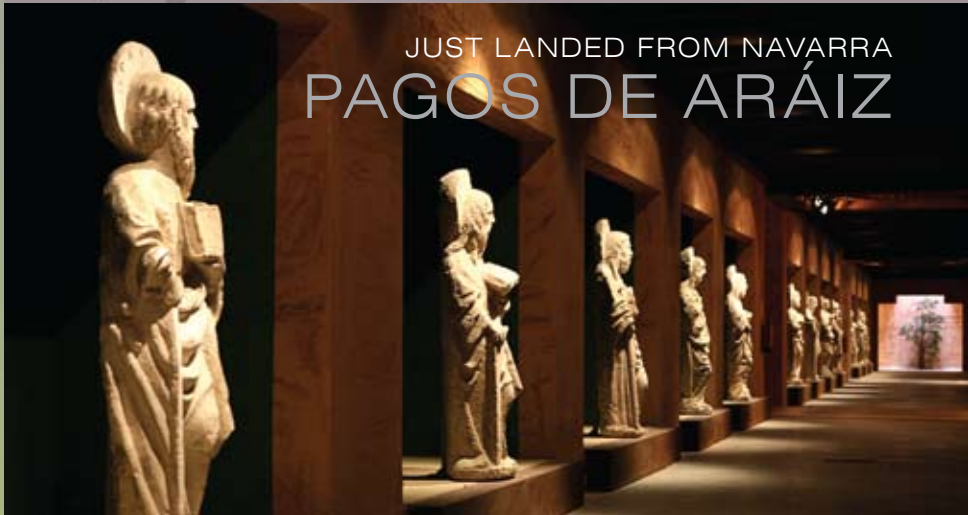
CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

It's hard to resist this seductive bubbly made from the Prosecco variety grown in the cool Valdobbiadene region of north-east Italy. Within its steady stream of bubbles are fragrant aromas of blossom, peach and pear, and the palate exhibits a lively character that beautifully complements the fruit flavours. A delicious and stimulating aperitif that will also match seafood dishes superbly.



- 66093 **PASQUA LE COLLEZIONI MERLOT 2010**
was \$14.90 now **\$10.90** CASE OF 6 \$10.40 A BOTTLE
- 66026 **PASQUA LAPACCIO PRIMITIVO IGT 2009**
was \$21.90 now **\$14.90** CASE OF 6 \$14.40 A BOTTLE
- 62463 **CECCHI CHIANTI DOCG 2009**
was \$20.00 now **\$16.90** CASE OF 6 \$16.40 A BOTTLE
- 62547 **SANTA MARGHERITA PINOT GRIGIO DOC 2010**
was \$28.90 now **\$24.90** CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

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SPAIN & PORTUGAL



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PAGOS DE ARÁIZ

The impressive 400-hectare Pagos de Aráiz estate, near the medieval town of Olite, is planted in Tempranillo, Garnacha, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard is scrupulously managed and includes a water stress system controlled via satellite. Artfully combining tradition and modern practices, the Pagos de Aráiz wines are produced in a cutting-edge winery complex, and the company's innovative and creative approach in both the vineyard and the winery is delivering magnificently expressive wines.

- 85080 **PAGOS DE ARÁIZ TINTO 2008** RRP \$24.90 **\$16.90**
- 85082 **PAGOS DE ARÁIZ ROSADO 2010** RRP \$26.90 **\$18.90**
- 85081 **PAGOS DE ARÁIZ CRIANZA ARAIZ 2006** RRP \$28.90 **\$21.90**

SHERRY & PORT
FOR WINTER



- 79701 **BARROS TAWNY PORT** WAS \$38.90 **\$29.90**
Packed with spicy plum aromas supported by mellow oak characters. The seductive palate is richly flavoured, elegantly smooth, beautifully poised.
- 79015 **QUINTA DE LA ROSA RUBY PORT** WAS \$44.00 **\$29.90**
Scented cassis and currant aromas with a hint of smoky oak in the background. Elegant, smoothly textured, finishes on a sweet(ish) note.
- 89851 **REAL TESORO OLOROSO SHERRY** WAS \$31.50 **\$19.90**
85% of the wines are fermented in wooden casks, contributing to the deep amber tones and nutty character.
- 89826 **VALDESPINO EL CANDADO 375ML** WAS \$30.00 **\$24.90**
100% Pedro Ximenez grapes sun-dried to raisin consistency. Incredibly concentrated aromas, lushly flavoured, velvety smooth, exceptional.

DIDA'S

DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE
JERVOIS RD

RED WINE-POACHED PEARS WITH CRÈME FRAICHE & GIUSTI BALSAMIC

RECIPE BY DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL



INGREDIENTS (SERVES 6)

- 1 TBLESPN ARROWROOT
- 1 BOTTLE RED WINE
- 90g CASTOR SUGAR
- 1 CINNAMON STICK
- 6 CLOVES
- 6 LARGE RIPE PEARS
- ZEST OF 1 ORANGE
- ZEST OF 1 LEMON
- 100g CRÈME FRAICHE
- 100ml GIUSTI RICARDO BALSAMIC VINEGAR

MIX THE ARROWROOT WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF WINE AND SET ASIDE

PEEL THE PEARS LEAVING THE STALKS INTACT

HEAT THE REMAINING WINE WITH THE SUGAR, SPICES AND ZESTS UNTIL SUGAR DISSOLVES

PLACE THE PEARS INTO THE WINE SYRUP AND POACH GENTLY FOR 25 MINUTES, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY

REMOVE THE PEARS FROM THE COOKING LIQUOR AND STIR IN THE ARROWROOT MIXTURE, RETURN TO THE HEAT AND REDUCE THE MIXTURE UNTIL THICKENED

REMOVE FROM THE HEAT, PLACE THE PEARS BACK IN AND ALLOW TO COOL

SERVE WITH A DOLLOP OF CRÈME FRAICHE AND DRIZZLE THE BALSAMIC OVER THE PEAR



TASTY TIP

FOOD TIPS FROM DIDA'S GM, LIZ WHEADON



Where does the name Tapas come from? There has been much written on the subject, and as you travel around Spain, ask the question and you'll continually get a different answer. It is said the name originates from 'tapa' meaning to cover, referring to the piece of bread, cheese or meat that was placed on the top of your glass of sherry or wine; some say to keep the flies out, others to hide the smell of the wine, some to ensure that the person would eat while drinking.

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GIUSTI BALSAMIC VINEGARS

Emilia Romagna is home to one of the richest cuisines in Italy; it's also home to the town of Modena and Balsamic Vinegar. The oldest producer in Modena, Giusti can trace their commercial activities back as far as 1598; they remain a small company, with only fifteen employees making balsamic in the traditional manner. Giusti possess an impressive collection of wooden barrels, many of which are at least 200 years old, some even older. The Giusti name has always been synonymous with quality and has been awarded the King's Seal. Try it for yourself instore at Dida's this month; it's something quite unique.

55350	GIUSTI RED LABEL	BALSAMIC VINEGAR	250mL	\$19.00
56414	GIUSTI GOLD LABEL	BALSAMIC VINEGAR	250mL	\$34.00
56413	GIUSTI WHITE LABEL	BALSAMIC VINEGAR	250mL	\$41.00
55353	GIUSTI RICARDO	BALSAMIC VINEGAR	250mL	\$53.00

MANCHEGO



While there are many 'Manchego-style' cheeses made throughout Spain, the original Manchego, awarded the Denominación de Origen, is a sheep's milk cheese that is produced in the expansive rolling hills of the La Mancha area in Central Spain. Manchego is a firm cheese, aged in caves for a minimum of 60 days. On average, a round of Manchego weighs in at 3kg. It can be eaten sliced and served on a cheese board or antipasto platter, in place of parmesan or after dinner with quince paste and a glass of sherry.

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55586 **MANCHEGO** 12 MONTH 100g **\$9.90**

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7:00PM THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST
DIDA'S TAKAPUNA, 178 HURSTMERE ROAD

COOKING CLASS: THE ART OF PASTA
WITH DIDA'S CHEFS VINCENT MARSHALL & BRENDAN KYLE

Vinnie and Brendan share with you how to make authentic pasta delicacies, and of course we'll include some great Italian wines!

Limited spaces. \$45 per person.

Bookings: phone 489 4728 or go to www.didas.co.nz

6:30PM MONDAY 15TH AUGUST
DIDA'S WINE LOUNGE, 54 JERVOIS ROAD

WINEMAKER'S DINNER: AKARUA
WITH AKARUA WINEMAKER MATT CONNELL

Dinner courtesy of the Dida's culinary team matched with wines from the awarding-winning Akarua winery in Central Otago.

Limited spaces. \$85 per person.

Bookings: phone 376 2813 or go to www.didas.co.nz

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the GLENGARRY Top 10

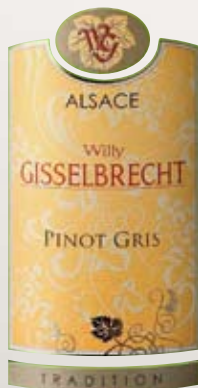
EACH MONTH, FROM THE HUNDREDS OF WINES SUBMITTED TO US, THE GLENGARRY TASTING PANEL SELECTS OUR TOP TEN WINES

1 Gisselbrecht TRADITION ALSACE Pinot Gris 2009

was \$29.00 now **\$22.90** 47007

CASE OF 12 \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Fragrant French Pinot Gris displaying spicy berryfruit aromas supported by hints of roasted almond and spring blossom. The exquisitely savoury and juicy palate is silky smooth and beautifully balanced.



2 Forrest Estate MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$17.90** 10538

CASE OF 12 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Partial barrel fermentation has delivered a complex wine with stonefruit and citrus aromas and flavours enhanced by spicy, toasty oak nuances and a buttery texture. Neatly proportioned and long in flavour.



3 Te Mata ELSTON HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2010

was \$39.90 now **\$29.90** 19106

CASE OF 12 \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Produced from Te Mata's oldest Chardonnay vines, the Elston is a rich and complex wine that elegantly combines stonefruit, citrus and subtle oak with a mealy texture and a fresh, crisp, lingering finish.

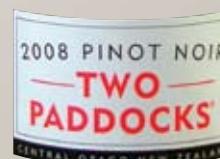


4 Two Paddocks CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008

was \$55.00 now **\$42.90** 19316

CASE OF 12 \$42.40 A BOTTLE

The latest Pinot from Two Paddocks has distinctive cherry and plum aromas embellished by hints of spice and herb. Seductively seamless and poised, with a silky mouthfeel and a savoury finish.



5 Sacred Hill HALO HAWKES BAY Syrah 2010

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 18507

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

An approachable, fruit-forward wine, the Halo Syrah is derived from selected small parcels of fruit. The nose and palate show berryfruit and peppery notes mingling with spice and vanillin oak.



6 Matawhero GISBORNE Chardonnay 2010

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 10767

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

An early-drinking, stylish Gisborne Chardonnay with rock melon and peach aromas supported by spicy nuances. The fruit-forward palate boasts a creamy texture and a lingering citrus finish.



7 Ti Point RUBY MATAKANA Rosé 2011

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 18994

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Using Merlot fruit from the Haslam family estate in Matakana, this is a lovely and versatile food wine, with creamy, spicy berryfruit aromas and flavours, a well weighted palate and a clean finish.



8 Waipara Hills CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 10438

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

An enticing Central Otago Pinot Noir that's alive with cherry, plum and spice notes supported by hints of mocha and subtle oak. Elegantly structured, richly flavoured, delightful.



9 Te Mata WOODTHORPE HAWKES BAY Syrah 2010

was \$23.90 now **\$17.90** 19132

CASE OF 12 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A beautifully-crafted Syrah from a Hawke's Bay icon, the wine displays aromas of violet and blueberry embellished by a hint of apricot and classic peppery notes on the nose and palate.



10 DOMAINE Nicolas Boiron CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 41344

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Grenache-dominated and blended with Cinsault and Syrah, the Boiron has spice-accented plum and berry aromas and flavours. A full bodied, well integrated red with a supple texture and a fine finish.





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