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GLENGARRY ELLERSLIE, 87 MAIN HIGHWAY ELLERSLIE. PH 571 2567
MANAGER: MONIQUE ANTUNOVICH

Monique has done the miles in more ways than one. She's done the miles with us (she has to, she's family!), but a couple of years back she did the air miles with backpack and boyfriend. Having run our flagship store on Jervois Road for four years – no mean feat, being the store where Dida, my grandfather, started the whole Glengarry story off back in the 1940s – Monique headed to Europe where she dug down even further into our family's Croatian wine roots.

'It was amazing to go back to where it all began,' she tells me enthusiastically. She managed to squeeze in a bit of France, while a planned few days in Tuscany turned into 'four weeks of food and wine!' Returning home, she eased herself into our Westmere store, 'and loved it,' she offers. 'Yeah, I was back in Glengarry World, and Westmere has been so great, it's such a good community. People really do go to the fish shop, the butcher, then the wine shop; I seriously knew 90% of the people that came into the store and they were all so welcoming.'

If you've picked up the past tense and the wistful tone, it's because Monique is on the move again... to Ellerslie! Our newest store opened on September 1; Monique will be helming the whole gig, and she's clearly agog at the possibilities. 'Ellerslie seems like it has the same vibe as Westmere, which I'm excited about, and we really want to plug in to that community feel, not get all flashy and try and wow people with product knowledge. Although we do have that, of course! But it's more about immersing ourselves with other businesses, becoming part of it all and hopefully offering something that people want.'

And the new challenge holds some allure, it seems: 'I've never worked in a brand new store, I've always taken over something existing, so I'm excited about the opportunity to stamp myself on the shop. And it's looking cool. Everyone knows the place, it's located on the ground floor of the Southern Cross building, which was originally a picture theatre that opened in 1925.' Today, you'll find a gymnasium upstairs and clothing retail next door, and the building features as part of Ellerslie's historic walking trail. 'I can't wait to make that first impression with people, start from scratch...' and take on the world, again. Way to go.

JAK
Jak Jakicevich



MANAGER'S PICK MONIQUE ANTUNOVICH

Stoke Gold ¹⁰²⁴⁶

330ML 12-PACK **\$24.90**

We opened Glengarry Ellerslie on September 1st, so we think summer is just around the corner. And here's the beer to toast it with; made near Nelson (New Zealand's Sunshine Capital!) by the McCashin family, it has a slightly sweet, malty character that picks you up but doesn't weigh you down.

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Fearless Buys

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Crossroads

HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 12191

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Consistently great

Reappearing after a break, this is a cracking return to form and an expression of our national grape treasure that reminds Marlborough they don't have the only dibs on a great drop. Sourced from a cooler inland site and a superb vintage, the fruit was ripened slowly to perfection, its qualities harnessed gloriously in a tropical array of lime-zested passionfruit and warm, tropical fruitiness.



Rimu Grove BRONTE

NELSON Pinot Gris 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$16.90** 10450

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Not your everyday PG - brilliant!

We asked Patrick Stowe last June how the 2010 vintage looked: 'Brilliant! The best I've ever seen. The fruit was just perfect. In my eleven years, that's never happened!' (he's only eleven? talented!-Ed) And here's the pudding; an opulently styled Gris with lush, thick texture and exquisite, intense characters of pears and spice, smeared with Manuka honey. Aged in barrel and 'sur lie' makes for a weighty, impressive unique expression. Drink now or, erm, Stowe it.



YOU SAVE 32%

Spy Valley

MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2009

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 18331

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A top seller at Glengarry

This gets all the treatment. Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed, barrel fermented in French oak Alliers! Alliers! (a little in-joke for our visiting French wine enthusiasts. May a wonderful vinous experience be the only trophy you take home, zut alors!) Lolls about in oak for a year, bestirring itself occasionally for a little leesy action, resultant elixir being full-bodied, creamy as a Paris Brest (note the missing 'a'; it's a cake, not a cup, Cupcake) and with all the fresh Marlborough tropicality you'd expect.



Wild South

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$13.90** 11333

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

A bravely bold and fruit-driven style, this is all that's good about Pinot Noir - complexity, intrigue, glamour - without the associated pricetag. Fruit and flowers (with a whisper of oak, a hush, no more) with berry purity to the fore, the rich cherries and blackberries elevated with spice and twitching with florals.



YOU SAVE 30%

Brookfields OHITI ESTATE

HAWKES BAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 11363

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

'Ohiti' is almost onomatopoeic, for this exceptional site lies well inland, away from the sea spray and breezy influence, tucked in a little suntrap on the bed of the old Ngaruroro River. The fruit kicks back in its be-striped deck chair, puts over-sized shaded on its, um, stem and says, ripen me solar-baby. It does. Every year. Rich ripe and ready, with the structure, finesse and finish of a \$40 red.



Esk Valley GIMBLETT GRAVELS

Merlot Cabernet Malbec 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$16.90** 12813

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

This is a steal. Let's explain: highly reputed, multi-awarded and lauded winemaker; red fruit from one of the best red fruit-growing bits of dirt in the world. That's the context. Okay, Thomas, put your hands in: the wine is exhilarating plums, hillside herbs, just-so oak. It's worth \$50, retails for half that, we've got it for under \$20. Don't think twice, you need a case. You'll be unable to live with the regret, otherwise.



YOU SAVE 35%

Rua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Akarua Estate fruit with a little lovin' from lovely Wanaka for good measure. Punch-downs were twice daily: ah, such brutality to facilitate such beauty. The bursting-with-flavour heart of fruit is, we are also told, 'uninhibited by heavy oak influence', which is a nice way of saying 'it's a fruit-fest, pilgrims!' Said delicious fruit is tinged with spice and savoury highlights: even Rodney Wayne played a part, then. Hey, whatever it takes...



GOLD



THE CHARISMATIC AND ENTERTAINING CHRIS GAMBITSIS

In 1992, just three years after establishing the company, Lake Chalice released their first wine, a mere sixty-nine cases of Chardonnay. Today the privately-owned winery is a New Zealand success story, well established in both domestic and export markets. Lake Chalice was the vision of two friends with a passion for wines but from quite diverse backgrounds; in 1988 restaurateur Chris Gambitsis and police detective Phil Binnie bought the 11.5-hectare block now known as the Falcon Vineyard in Marlborough's Rapaura district.

To gain winemaking experience Chris worked at several wineries in New Zealand and Australia, while Phil enrolled at the Nelson/Marlborough Polytechnic where he gained a Certificate of Viticulture. In 1997 champion winemaker Matt Thomson joined the Lake Chalice team, adding his own brand of expertise to the winemaking operation.

The winery was named after the lake in the Richmond Range, 40km from the vineyard; the falcon that adorns the wine labels pays homage to New Zealand's endangered Karearea, and Lake Chalice has become a key sponsor of the Wingspan Trust dedicated to its preservation. Lake Chalice sources the majority of its fruit from its own estates, the original Falcon vineyard, the Quarry Block, the Eyrie vineyard and the Talon vineyard, as well as from Phil's hobby vineyard, Pinot Envy. Additional fruit is also selected from other Marlborough growers to provide greater blending options.



Lake Chalice RAPTOR MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 13524

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

The Raptor is a careful blend of fruit from several vineyards, including Chalice's own Falcon vineyard, Quarry Block and Eyrie vineyard in the Waihopai Valley. Each vineyard delivered different flavour profiles, providing the final blend with complexity and distinctive regional characters. With aromas of passionfruit, crushed blackberry leaves and citrus, the palate is packed with pure, concentrated fruit flavours. Wonderfully fresh and zesty, an excellent aperitif and a match for all seafood.



MARLBOROUGH'S

LAKE CHALICE



Lake Chalice

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 13534

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

An interesting blend of Marlborough Pinot, largely harvested from company vineyards. The wines were separately fermented in open top tanks and aged in French oak for twelve months. Following the final blend the wine was lightly fined. Morello cherry and violet aromas integrate nicely with spicy oak, while the elegantly structured, medium-weighted palate is dominated by ripe fruit supported by spice, supple tannins and a silky texture.

Lake Chalice

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 13533

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Very inviting, remarkably fresh, with abundant aromas of gooseberry, capsicum and lime. The palate is nicely weighted and distinguished by a mouth-watering character. An elegant Sauvignon balanced by a streak of minerality that provides freshness and length to the finish.



Lake Chalice CRACKLIN' SAVIE MARLBOROUGH Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 13585

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Made for lovers of Sauvignon Blanc and sparkling wine, this combines classic passionfruit, gooseberry, tropical fruit and herb aromas and flavours with a gentle spritzig liveliness that's hard to resist. Slightly off-dry, with distinctive varietal flavours supported by a crisp, tingling finish. Great as an aperitif with antipasto and seafood.

13532	LAKE CHALICE PINOT GRIS 2011	was \$19.90 now \$15.90
13531	LAKE CHALICE CHARDONNAY 2010	was \$19.90 now \$15.90
13529	LAKE CHALICE VS MERLOT 2010	was \$19.90 now \$15.90
13527	LAKE CHALICE RIESLING 2010	was \$19.90 now \$15.90
13535	LAKE CHALICE ROSÉ 2011	was \$19.90 now \$15.90
13569	LAKE CHALICE CRACKLIN' ROSIE NV	was \$19.90 now \$15.90
13528	LAKE CHALICE RAPTOR CHARDONNAY 2010	was \$29.90 now \$24.90



Champagne

THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO CELEBRATE!

Piper
Cuvée Brut NV

YOU SAVE
33%

was \$74.90 now **\$49.90** 48118

Superbly stylish

Piper's livery switch from pale parchment to throbbing red pimpernel and the subsequent crimson tide of advertising was a piece of branding whizz-ad-ry that some of the people in this country fronting major campaigns could well take heed of. The champagne lives up to the hipster hype, an explosion of enlivening bubbles, a flick of zesty citrus, excitable, aflame bready notes and a 'let's have another' price tag.

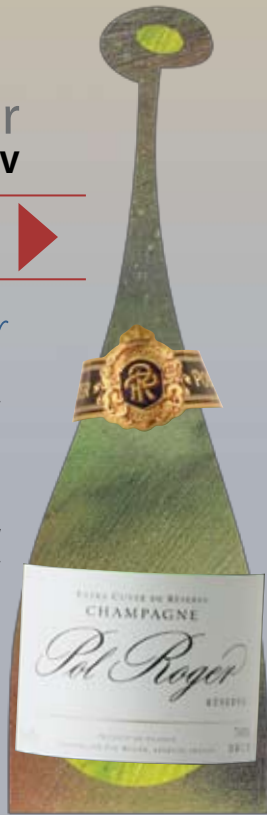


Pol Roger
Brut Réserve NV

was \$89.00 now **\$69.90** 48210

Consistent class, year after year

Jancis Robinson, who buys wine for the Queen, says this is a regal wine; she's been known to curtsy before each flute-full. Seriously, when she says this is 'indisputably a fine wine with lovely texture and real complexity' and Spectator says it has enough personality to be a vintage champagne, you know this is more than just prima donna puffery. Creamy yet crisp, subtle yet well-structured, persistent, flavoursome and balanced; a grand Grande Marque.



Bollinger
Special Cuvée NV

was \$122.00 now **\$87.90** 40820

Larger than life champagne style

It's a mature style, Bollinger, an evolved wine that tends to reel in epithets like 'robust' and 'fulsome'. But we're not at the saleyards, here. It opens with a fresh, citrus-influenced zestiness, chalking up some minerality and subtle yeast at the outset. Expansion occurs on your palate in the most joyous fashion, delivering delicious blow after blow of doughy/baked bread delights and nutty hints ridden by a wave of ample appley authority. The depth is unplumbable, the texture indescribable, the experience inimitable.



Drappier
CARTE BLANCHE Brut NV

was \$72.90 now **\$43.90** 43500

Such good champagne for this price

This is a vivacious, vibrant style of Champagne that you should acquaint yourself with at every possible opportunity. Fresh, inviting, invigorating, reminding you that any time is a good time to celebrate. Gushes with zesty and pastry characters, walking a lovely line between poise and party; you'll never settle for the merely good ever again.



YOU SAVE
40%

Drappier
CARTE D'OR Brut NV

was \$72.90 now **\$46.90** 43501

It's 90% Pinot, but doesn't seem that way, quizzically. Sure, the structure, the head to hang the hat upon is solid, robust and Pinot-like, however the creamy butteriness of Chardonnay plays a greater part than its minimal inclusion would suggest. Stonefruits abound, a hint of 'sweet briar', some complex minerality and then whoosh, a rush of lush richness that zooms out a long, long way from the beginning.



YOU SAVE
36%

Veuve Clicquot
Brut NV

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

I've seen this described as attention-grabbing, as if that were some sort of champagne shortcoming. Hello! Look at the label – it's hardly pale primrose, now, is it? Is Kanye West timid? Bold is good, and this has bold livery and bold insides, an explosion of white flowers, yellow fruits and delicious brioche brimmings, reminding you that 'veuve' is a characteristic as well as a character.



Moët & Chandon
Rosé Impérial NV

was \$112.00 now **\$69.90** 47206

Rosé Impérial is 'spontaneous' says Chef de Cave Benoit Gouez, 'with intense, summer red fruits like strawberry, cherry...' His accent is so ace he could read the Epernay phonebook and you'd be captivated. He talks about seduction, generosity and flesh which, when juxtaposed with the sexulicious ad campaign featuring Scarlett 'was that my glass' Johansson, leaves with one with a frisson of delight and an unexpectedly empty vessel. More? Trust me, I'm a doctor.



MADE IN New Zealand



While New Zealand is generally considered a newcomer in the New World, it is worth noting that Romeo Bragato was sent here to experiment with old world varieties back in 1895. Okay, so he started in Bluff but, you know, pioneering can be a bit hit and miss. Which says that for a long time now our soils, climate and aspect were flagged as being more than suitable for the production of top-quality wines.

Red tape, more than anything else, diluted the maverick man's findings and, like parts of Australia, New Zealand has had to wade through an era or two of fortified plonk and less than ideal imitations of international wines, until the 1970s, when Sauvignon Blanc was planted in Marlborough. Not an instant success, the intention signalled that we were serious, now, and slowly the Old Pale Gold was swept off the orange Formica kitchen bench and replaced with, gasp, a Chardonnay! And on.

Fast forward slowly, and our Sauvignon Blanc has redefined to a thirsty world just what that grape can taste like given certain conditions, and latterly our Pinot Noir has had the world scratching their heads in French, wondering if we are going to assert some global domination there as well. And our Syrah is showing strongly, too, much to Australian dismay.

Regionally, we've shown we can grow grapes just about anywhere, but crucially, we've also learned where we cannot grow grapes, what varieties simply will not work here. Which is another way of saying we learn from our mistakes. As pioneers do. So, take a trip down the islands; while we represent the beating heart here, take detours elsewhere, where everything from Arneis to Tempranillo is getting a root-hold in this green and pleasant land.

Which is our greatest wine? The next one, of course.

Marlborough

A lot of people had visions in the 1970s – it was a kind of hangover from the freewheeling decade that preceded them – but none more prescient than those of Allan Scott, the Spence Brothers from Matua and a few crucial others who first decided to plant Sauvignon Blanc in Marlborough.

Like most good ideas, its impact and consequences were far-reaching; Marlborough as a region asserted world-dominance with the great white grape and, in so doing, providing a firm yet slightly squelchy launching pad for the rest of New Zealand to vault across the seas on. Such a massive attack – particularly on the UK markets – from little guys adrift on the southern oceans was unprecedented in winemaking terms. And what was so gratifying? It was driven by quality rather than by price.

The 'savalanche', as lazy journos like to call it, enabled the other varieties the region excelled at – Chardonnay, Pinot, Riesling – to have a bit of a look-in as well and, naturally, where the door had already been opened wedged a Cuban heel firmly within, ensuring greater access for all.

Perhaps it's a bit of a leap to say Marlborough was solely responsible, but we might still be sitting around in striped flares on our cases of Dr Hogg Muscat twiddling our no doubt impressive moustaches without it.

Wild South MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$13.90** 11510

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

This is the first, and probably last time Banana Chews will appear in a tasting note, but they are cited by wine-maker Christy Brown and verified by our tasting panel: the 80s' best confectionery rides again. With a flock of others, being apple pie and Swiss Cremes ('strue) it's a total rededication to peaches and cream-style Chardies. With a cool climate edge. Hard to just sip, Mr Pip.



**YOU SAVE
30%**

Allan Scott

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$24.00 now **\$14.90** 17329

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

'Follow the path of the unsafe, independent thinker. Expose your ideas to the danger of controversy. Speak your mind and fear less the label of crackpot than the stigma of conformity.' Had Allan Scott not followed Thomas J. Watson's ethos back in the early 1970s when he planted Marlborough's first Sauvignon, we wouldn't have this brilliant expression, or thousands like it.



**YOU SAVE
38%**

Fairhall Downs

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2010

was \$22.90 now **\$16.90** 12277

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

This hand-harvested, single vineyard wine lends further weight to the argument that Marlborough makes some of the country's finest, and most finely-drawn, Pinot Gris. Classic varietal pear characters abound, bound together with fine fruit acids on a sea of rich, warm silken seduction. Understated yet fulsome, boldly beautiful yet inordinately charming: it's Keira Knightley!





Allan Scott MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

was \$28.50 now **\$19.90** 17487

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

By jingoes you'll be wanting to wrap your laughing gear around this, Johnny. Big Al has been making wine in Marlborough for decades, and knows how to use its unique qualities of soil and climate to great effect, harnessing the excellent vintage conditions to produce an arresting regional Pinot expression. It's a delight, serious but not sullen, brightly engaging with a fruit-led charm and earth & floral substance.

**YOU SAVE
30%**

Jules Taylor MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

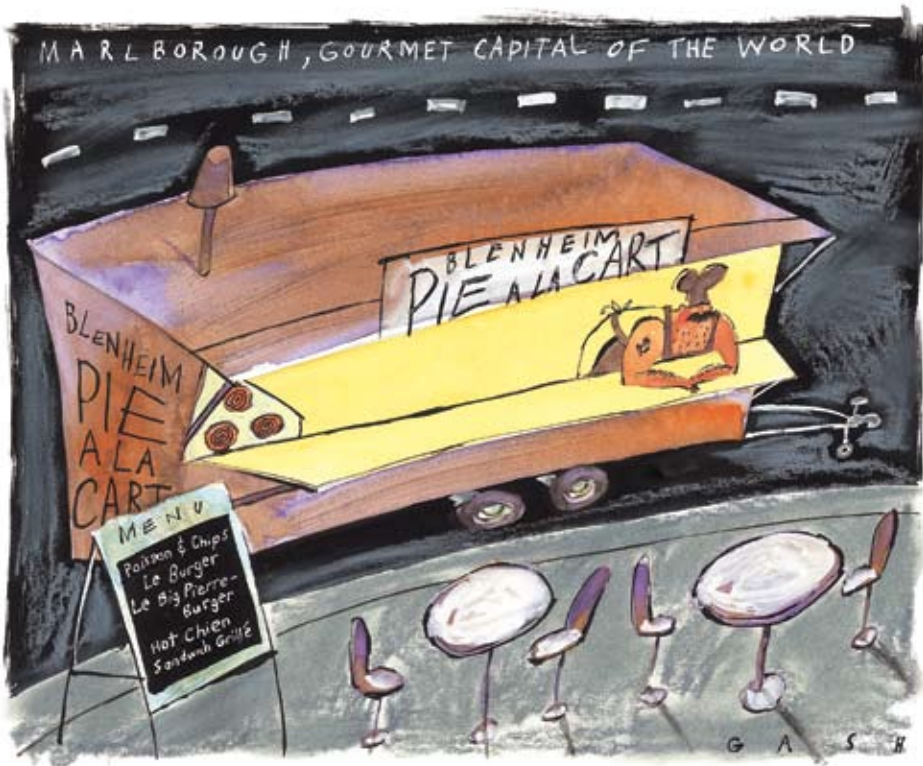
was \$36.00 now **\$24.90** 12456

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Floral, slightly dusty, a musky damson, a dusky maiden or a starry diadem? All three and more. Cherry drenched, soaked in splendour, a seductive yet demure, pretty thing, charming but a tad earthy too, bless her brogues. Very flavoursome, with a fruit-filled and savoury touched palate, generous of spirit, kind of heart and with a slight skip in its two-step that disarms with charm.



**YOU SAVE
31%**



Cloudy Bay MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2008

was \$43.00 now **\$33.90** 12126

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$33.40 A BOTTLE

This has a definite Chassagne/Puligny vibe; likely that's the slap of wet stone that shows through the ripe, rich sunrise of stonefruit. A cheesecake biscuit base provides a velvet footing for the fruit to get all a-quiver and pirouette upon, then it's grapefruit to the fore, and some rich toastiness, all pulled in tight like the drawstring on a velvet bag of thirty pieces of silver, yessir.



NZ Sparklers

An accident of latitude means that this country is perfectly placed to produce stunning sparklers. While the experimental nature of our winemakers means most wineries have had a crack at a bubbly, the most renowned and respected methodes come from Marlborough, its cool climate and prevalence of superb quality Chardonnay and Pinot making it a shoo-in for a champenoise-style.

Central Otago is jostling for position, though, as it too uses favourable conditions and experienced, talented winemakers to construct some exquisite expressions of celebratory panache. While plenty of roadworthy mainstream bubbles at good prices fill the shelves, check these artisan, crafted styles from true methode specialists, or did I say obsessives?

10307 **WAIPARA HILLS
MARLBOROUGH CUVÉE NV**
WAS \$21.90 NOW **\$14.90**

Crisp on the palate, appley and mouthfilling, appealingly tart and refreshing with plenty to offer, each component revealed a bit at a time.

17397 **ALLAN SCOTT CECILIA
MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV**
WAS \$29.00 NOW **\$19.90**

From the Godfather of the Grape down Jacksons Road way, a richly generous blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir; stylish, elegant, utterly approachable.

17230 **QUARTZ REEF
MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV**
WAS \$34.00 NOW **\$26.90**

Biscuity characters and citrus-tinged fruit carry the nose. Very stylish; Pinot dominated, with the elegance elevated by the Chardonnay component.

12122 **CLOUDY BAY PELORUS
BRUT NV**
WAS \$39.90 NOW **\$29.90**

Smells like open summer fields. Baked bread & apparent yeastiness augment a pronounced floral component that adds to the heady, jejune summery air.

12167 **No.1 FAMILY ESTATE CUVÉE No.1
MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV**
WAS \$43.00 NOW **\$29.90**

Daniel le Brun's Family Estate wines are a heaving success on every level. A blanc de blancs style, crisp, elegant and rather Champagne like.



CENTRAL otago

If you'd been heading to this 'if we were more drenched in history we'd drown' ex-gold rush headrush of a place say, 25 years ago, likely you'd have had apricots and cherries on your mind. Today, vigneron are as thick on the ground as the snow that just got dumped on the Remarkables, and their outdoor offices – those rolling slopes, peaks and troughs of line after line of wondrous vines marching toward the horizon – are battling the natural beauty as the dominating landscape around these extraordinary parts.

Central Otago's place in this country's wine pantheon has gone from minnow to whale in two short decades, as a few pioneering souls punted with Pinot Noir and found themselves saying whatever the winemaking equivalent of 'ka-ching' might be. Pinot is the new gold, and from its early roots in Gibbston Valley it has taken hold across the region, scooping up a variety of soils and a slew of awards as microclimates, sub-regions and calls for appellation contr  le (or indeed any kind of control) emerge amidst the victory cries of another trophy heading down south for a world-beating wine.

Lots of little producers,   la Burgundy, define Central Otago, but don't let Pinot Noir do the same: outrageously good Riesling and Chardonnay spill forth too, and sparkling wines as good as any in the land (or any other land) have solid reps and large followings.

Devil's Staircase

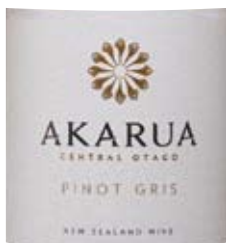
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 12386



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

The Devil, apparently, finds work for idle hands, so use your brass bands to unscrew the witches' brew within and pull up a divan. Diablo dabbling indeed. The palate is sweetie-pie cherry pies, a fruit and spice commingling that charms your breeches beyond your knees while the sexy succulence and lurid lewdness of the whole thing says you don't care one iota.



Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Gris 2010

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

A Public Service Reminder that the people of Central Otago can make white wines, too. Yip, and damn fine it is too, this, a spicy, stonefruit-citrus varietal maelstrom that'll shake up your preconceptions and anything else that might be jostling against your iPhone 4 which, neatly too, I note, you have in white. Flavoursome, finely made and satiating. Beep.

Rabbit Ranch

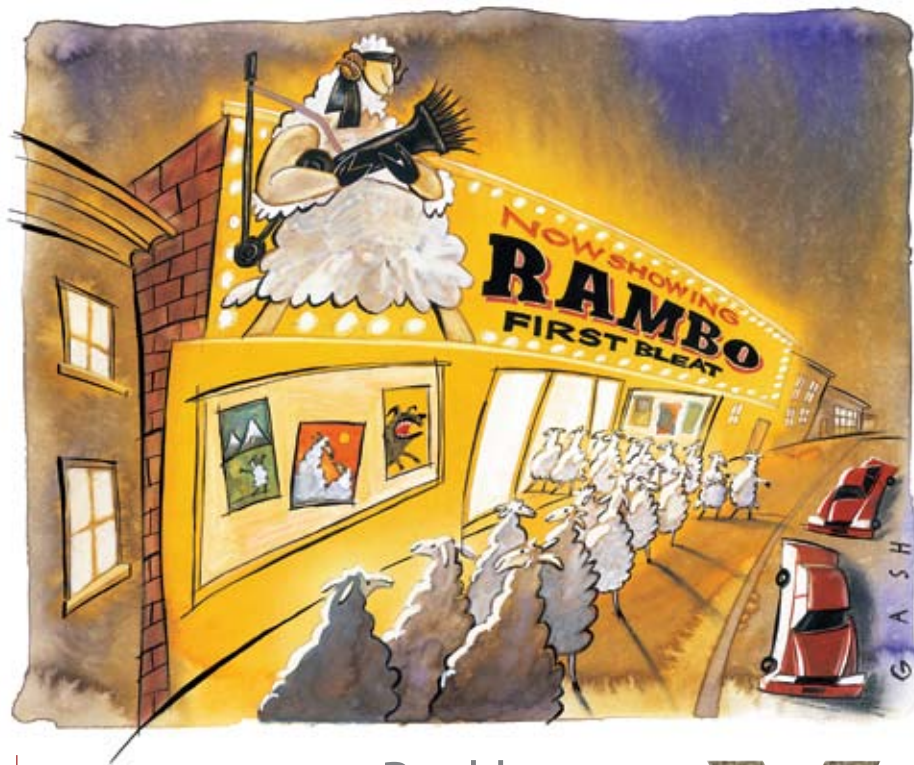
CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$29.90 now **\$23.90** 11167



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

Is it me or do the twitching ears look like two extended fingers? Just a thought. This collection of vineyards was once part of a big sheep station; think about it, it's not Dolly the Rabbit, is it? Deliberately fashioned in a fun-filled – but not frivolous – drink-young, fruit-first style, it gambols and leaps about gaily, yet provides enough meat (sorry) for serious comment. Oh, Thumper!



Rockburn

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$45.00 now **\$32.90** 12383



Three gold medals

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$32.40 A BOTTLE

Bright and crimson with a pinky-edged or an edgy pinky. Bar. Smells: serious. Haunting gardens, hanging gardens of brooding mystery, wet earth, pendulous, bulbous, voluptuous even, swollen dark fruits deeply entrenched in a river of smooth richness, and pellucid, medicinal charm. You look into its spicy depths and think, well, why not? Tattoo can drive, just this once.



Amisfield

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$50.00 now **\$35.90** 15411

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.40 A BOTTLE

They do seem to be able to get remarkable levels of extract in Central, and this is a brightly purplish, beautiful looking example. Dust and earth swirl about high-toned cherries and berries and milk-to-dark chocolate in a heady and brambly fusion of fabness. She eases gently and smoothly onto the palate, itself richly undulating slopes of exquisite flavour and texture. Effortlessly seductive.



Waipara

Talking to folk such as Alan McCorkindale and Nicholas Brown you get the feeling that Waipara, this little enclave north of Christchurch, has found a very special corner of their hearts. 'The soils are pretty special in this cocooned little valley,' says Alan, 'and they give quite a different flavour profile to, say, Marlborough,' something he has defined and exploited with his exceptional Rieslings.

Nicholas, of Black Estate, says that 'there's a really nice match between climate and soil type which is wonderfully suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay,' clarifying what the insiders know: that this pocket of paradise produces a host of excellent expressions of the great, traditional varieties.

The limestone soil for which the region is uniquely renowned has a presence in the wines that is remarkable yet eludes definition, being, perhaps that 'je ne sais quoi' that the French bandy about. There is certainly plenty about Waipara and its tireless toilers that compel you to take a look at what's on offer and remark that even in a country as geographically small as New Zealand, we are truly blessed with such microclimates, wee microcosms of growing spaces that we have, and the talent available to plumb their exciting depths.

Alan McCorkindale THE MOUND Riesling 2010

was \$29.90 now **\$20.90** 10090



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'Undisputed master of NZ Riesling'

ROSEMARY GEORGE MW

The nose exudes florals, honey, hints of kero, mineral, citrus, and Alan's beloved orange marmalade character. Don't be fooled by the initial embrace of sweetness: as the flavours spread out across the palate, the warming richness is gently caressed by firm fruit acid so it's perfectly balanced and harmonious by the time the final chimes of oranges and lemons have left your delighted senses.

Black Estate OMIHI Pinot Noir 2009

was \$43.90 now **\$35.90** 14709

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.40 A BOTTLE

2009 was a top vintage here, and this is a shining example of what great vineyard management and fine winemaking can produce. A Vosne-like nose, all dewy garden and sensual sentiments; the palate flows beautifully, irresistibly smooth and seamless like a well-sewn bespoke silk suit, a lush flush of flavours bounded by firm but fair tannins.



Waipara Hills EQUINOX WAIPARA Pinot Noir 2009

was \$32.90 now **\$29.90** 10433



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

Medals galore and it's not surprising. Floral, slightly savoury and attractively gamey/burnt bacon-like, while Ghana's best dark choc rocks the world a bit in Pinot-esque cherry choc fashion. Sweet fruit entry on the palate is filtered through delightful savoury characters which quickly marshal themselves and add complexity. Subtle, but proud, more Captain Feathersword than Jack Sparrow and the more rewarding for it.

10322 **WAIPARA HILLS** WAIPARA CHARDONNAY 2010 was \$21.90 now **\$16.90**



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Hawke's Bay

Talking to Peter Robertson, owner/winemaker at Brookfields, on a miserable Auckland day recently, I was bemused to hear birds a-twitter throughout our chat. Sounded bucolic. It was. 'I'm standing outside, the sky is blue, the sun is shining and the Hawke's Bay is not a bad place to be in today!'

Peter's style is understated understatement and I greened; the Hawke's Bay is pretty much a great place to be every day. Even in winter it's glorious, the sinewy rivers, rugged ranges and vast plains of long-planted grapes an ever-present reminder that they've been doing the wine thing for a long time in The Bay, and that they do it like no one else.

Climate isn't everything, and the silty soils these old riverbeds throw up, the gravels of the, erm, Gimblett Gravels region, these all help make great grapes. But out Te Mata peak way it's different again, and there have been some cracking Merlots come out of Te Awanga, by the beach.

So, what's the haps, chaps? As with Central, there are lots of different pockets of excellence in Hawke's Bay, and while uniformly its high ripening potential has seen Bordeaux varietals, and recently Syrah, shine, it also produces fat, rich Chardonnay and even grand Sauvignon. You know how you were always told as a kid, you can't have everything? You go to Hawke's Bay and realise, actually, you can.

Nelson

Nelson's enviable reputation is that it's the sunshine capital of New Zealand. Whether that's the sunny disposition of its residents or the high number of GDDs (growing degree days), it is bathed in a permanent warm glow, or so it would appear. Grapes love sun, and ripeness is seldom an issue; amazing when you consider a screw cap's toss across the Richmond Ranges lies Marlborough, where winter can be, well, bracing.

Per hectare of vines planted, Nelson wins more awards than any other region, I am reliably informed, something that might stop you mid-sticky. Indeed, stickies ooze forth here in a uniquely Nelsonian style, while aromatics – Pinot Gris, Gewürz, Riesling – seem to acquire a piercing presence other regions struggle to emulate. Pinot of depth and character is now more common than not, while Nelson has always loved Chardonnay, an affection the grape clearly returns.

The thing about Nelson is it's a must to visit, with so much exciting stuff to do in-between trawling vineyards, all executed in a uniquely regional fashion; these guys are so laid back they're almost vertical. So, if that ethereal ethic 'Kiwi hospitality' seems to have deserted you during the World Cup, pack your back pack and motor to Moutere: there is, truly, nothing like it.

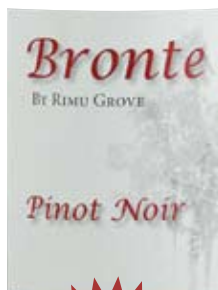
Trinity Hill

HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 19237

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Marlborough Sauvignon gets all the ink, but some of us like to sip on something with a tropical sway, which is why we head for the Bay. Passionfruit knocks heads with stonefruit, citrus barracks from the bleachers, Sancerre is named but not body-checked. Gushes its charms.



Rimu Grove **BRONTE**
NELSON Pinot Noir 2009

was \$29.00 now **\$19.90** 10425

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Made on the Bronte Peninsula, this is translucent but not threadbare in the glass, seductive aromatically with soft, ripe, sexy fruit and a hint of gossamer florals. It's mostly cherries, but if you try really hard you'll find a raspberry, as the bishop said. A late, well-mannered grip integrates beautifully in this, an exercise in balance and restraint.

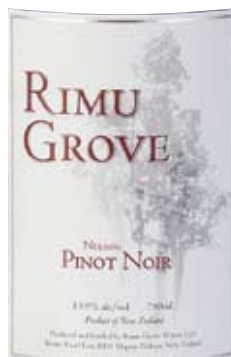


Rimu Grove
NELSON Pinot Noir 2007

was \$45.00 now **\$39.90** 10457

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

Delightful, inspirational even, with a romantic, Keats-ean, haunting and evocative fragrance. Flowers then beautiful fruit, clear as a bell, a single note of presence and profound perfumery, are warmly embraced by earthy characters. The seamless palate shows softly sketched fruit notes framed by acid and supported by low-key tannins.



Sacred Hill HALO

HAWKES BAY Merlot Cabernet Franc 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$18.90** 18715

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

The red Bordeaux varietals just sing in the Bay, and this meisterwerk of mainly Merlot will cosy right up your fan tutti in true operatic fashion. Sacred indeed the vineyards which count as their issue the monumental Helmsman Cabernet and Brokenstone Merlot; this comes from the same source and aims squarely for the same target: your soul, your heart and your palate.



Grower's Mark ANDREW STEWART

HAWKES BAY Syrah 2010

was \$26.90 now **\$21.90** 10758

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Even as you tip the glass for viewing the aromatics start spilling out and filling the room, being cherry-led, with more sombre floral notes tucked in behind. Mouthfilling, loads of flavour, chewy, tasty, gorgeous, a right tarty little poppet, her bounce balanced by brooding adolescent qualities. The brambliness that edges the rich fruit would compel one to say that this is just the thicket, really.





GISBORNE

With all the clamour about Central Otago, or the swooning over Marlborough's achievements in getting our tiny country a place at the world's wine-drinking tables, or even the gallons of ink spilled about Waiheke's world-class reds, good ole Gisborne often gets forgotten. 'Hey, it all started here,' Gisborne-ites could rightly profess; and it continues, with exceptional Chardonnays, in particular, issuing forth from the sun-drenched hillsides and river valley sites.

Gisborne is made to make wine: high sunshine hours, minimal rainfall, loam soils, perfectly posited for growing fine wine in the right hands. And Gisborne is in excellent hands: Matawhero pioneered the region (and the country, frankly) from the early 1970s, when collars were wide, grins were wider and the preferred mode of transportation around the vineyard sites was a Valiant Regal.

While Chardonnay remains the most recognisable of Gisborne's excellent vineyard expressions, seriously good Viognier and Chenin Blanc can be found here. And Gewürztraminer has found a way of excelling that nowhere in the country can rival. Like all great wine regions (Bordeaux excepted) Gisborne is absolutely beautiful – rolling green hills and rollicking green waves make for a captivating combination.

Craggy Range

GIMBLETT GRAVELS Merlot 2009

was \$32.90 now **\$24.90** 11350

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

The Gimblett Gravels 'appellation' is 800ha of unique terroir that largely follows an old riverbed in the heart of Hawke's Bay. Recognised ten years ago as spesh, it throws up from its gravelly throat intense, world-beating reds like this one, where concentration and intensity are a given, complexity comes standard and class, well, that's a Craggy Range hallmark. Staggering stuff.



Matawhero

GISBORNE Chardonnay 2010

was \$25.90 now **\$18.90** 10767

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

'We've tried to keep that individual thing to Matawhero by doing a Chardonnay that's a little bit different: full malolactic and no oak.' And exceptional fruit, Kirsten Searle may well have added, coming as it does from the legendary soil of Paul and Jenny Tietjens' vineyard in the 'Golden Slope' region in Gisborne. Peachy and creamy, with lush textural zones and a hedonistic opulence.



Brookfields MARSHALL BANK

HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2009

was \$33.90 now **\$29.90** 11345

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

An exquisite fragrance of fruit – peaches nectarines, grapefruit and citrus – expertly intertwined with seasoned oak, a toastiness that is an enhancement, not clutter. Fleshy, weighty, beautifully textured with the gorgeous flavours perfectly knit together, this is a powerful yet stylish journey, a Hawke's Bay classic that canters to a finish along a picturesque and even road of unabated joy.



Grower's Mark PAUL TIETJEN

GISBORNE Malbec 2010

was \$26.90 now **\$19.90** 10757

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Glaringly bright in the glass, a crimson tide of clarity and wonder. Very floral, quite brambly with a surge of toasty oak and a sweep of luscious plum characters. Delicious palate of spiced-up fruit (pimp my plums, baby) with floral subtleties and warm blackberry riches. Great to see a straight Malbec, especially from Gissie. Yes we can, they chant in unison.



Brunton Road

GISBORNE Merlot 2008

was \$20.90 now **\$16.90** 13875

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The Searle Family's other brand, more generically representative of the region, joins the Matawhero fight back: 'The bigger companies have been taking the fruit from here, doing whatever they want with it, and not crediting the region,' says Kirsten. 'Hopefully we can showcase the region and show it can do high quality wines.' Red, no less, with gamey-influenced berryfruit in a soft and charmingly drinkable style.



MartinBOROUGH

Responsible for only 3% of NZ's total vineyard planting and only 1% of the country's wine production, high volume, large scale winemaking this is not. Fewer than 700 hectares farmed by a few score, mainly family-owned producers working tiny blocks to great success, brings to mind Burgundian epithets, and they are not entirely inappropriate here, particularly as Pinot Noir is king.

Buy the Escarpment Pinot that we feature here and you are tasting 20-plus years of vision; for it was, indeed, Escarpment winemaker Larry McKenna – and a few choice others – who had the nouse to plant Pinot on alluvial terraces that had seen nothing but sheep and cows prior to their appearance.

Then the wines began to appear, a trickle dribbling forth in inverse proportion to the massive local and international acclaim they immediately received. It was heady stuff, with largesse being heaped on this tiny district to a degree that the hills began to bow on the horizon with the weight. Prices became stratospheric, production soared, quality, um, levelled out, and then Pinot was discovered in Central Otago, and the battle for best New Zealand region firmly began.

Dust (and prices) have settled, new parts of Martinborough are planted, and it's become clear that very special wines come forth with alarmingly regularity from this blessed place just a short train ride from our be-suited capital.

Pencarrow MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$28.50 now **\$20.90** 17052

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Intense cherries with cinnamon spice through a rich strawberry shortcake character and a hint of toastiness. Decadent richness, a firm drive of excellent fruit/spice/earth straight to the point and straight to your heart. While savoury characters put their heads around the door to make themselves known, the fine fruit is a thread that hooks you in deliciously.



Escarpment MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$53.00 now **\$45.90** 10287

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$45.40 A BOTTLE

Delightfully perfumed, all floral ethereals and fruited fecundity, with gorgeous darker fruit right down at the core of the fragrance, while some well-titled earthiness makes itself present. The sweetly-tinged, jammy juiciness is judiciously delivered; it gently opens the throttle on your palate until you're suddenly aware of the stars exploding and your immediate need to take a breath and a seat.

Nga Waka MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

was \$34.90 now **\$24.90** 15855

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Very French in the haunting beauty of its bouquet, layers of ripe fruit resonate with darker notes of earth and damp. Fulsome, voluptuous, curvy and rich, with a refreshing acid lift to the rivers of fruit and a finish that, in elliptical and almost spiritual fashion, takes you right back to the start. Beautifully integrated, very well made, still exciting.



AROUND AUCKLAND

KUMEU MATAKANA WAIHEKE ISLAND

Kumeu River ESTATE KUMEU Chardonnay 2009

was \$39.00 now **\$32.90** 18200



Fiercely Auckland-focused, Kumeu River is world-renowned, a large part of that glowing global rep built on their wondrous ways with Chardonnay. There is a French air to the proceedings, as always, a touch of minerality to the creamy peach and butterscotch characters. Layered, rich and elegant, it'll keep on giving yet provides hours of luscious pleasure right now.



Ti Point MATRIARCH MATAKANA COAST Syrah 2010

was \$44.90 now **\$39.90** 18995

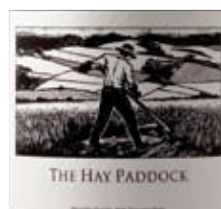
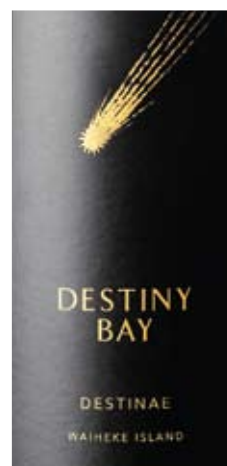
2010 was deliciously dry in Auckland and the Matriarch's ripe, rich fruit characters reflect that meteorological miracle. Spicily seductive, with cinnamon sticks and violet branches swishing through rich pools of lush black fruit. Achingly fragrant, artfully styled and, while built to last, she oozes charm already.

Destiny Bay DESTINAE WAIHEKE ISLAND 2006

was \$76.00 now **\$68.00** 15359

95 pts - Bob Campbell

Destiny Bay focus on producing top end, Bordeaux-styled expressions of their tiny amphitheatre vineyard of precious fruit. Their entry-level wine is a seamless, well-knit delight of predominantly Cab Sav and Merlot. Fruit-focused with a firm but gentle tannic grip, it's hitting its leather-tinged straps this very minute. Your destiny, angels, is calling.



The Hay Paddock WAIHEKE ISLAND Syrah 2007

was \$77.00 now **\$69.00** 13257

You think Destiny Bay are as boutique and artisan-like as it gets, then you stumble across these guys. That's the joy of Waiheke, the sands they are always a-shifting. An extraordinary, concentrated, spicy Hermitage-style expression that quietly challenges Hawke's Bay assault on Syrah supremacy.

Stonyridge LAROSE WAIHEKE ISLAND 2009

was \$245.00 now **\$199.00** 10949

94 pts - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate

Describing Larose in 60 words is like being asked to Tweet on the Mona Lisa. We'll have a go. Quite possibly New Zealand's greatest red wine for its pedigree, longevity, its exquisite balance of elegance and power, of extraction and softness, of bright, deep flavours and because it's been this extraordinary for nearly 25 years. Retweet that.



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RECIPE BY DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL

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- 120g SALMON FILLET CUT INTO LARGE CUBES
- 1x ARTICHOKE HEART CUT INTO QUARTERS
- 4x PIECES OF CAPSICUM
- 4x CUBES OF CUCUMBER

INGREDIENTS FOR THE DRESSING

- 3x TABLESPOONS PLAIN YOGHURT
- 1x TABLESPOON OF J. FRIEND & CO BEECHWOOD HONEYDEW HONEY
- 1x TEASPOON OF WASABI ZEST AND JUICE OF HALF A LEMON
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*A consistently great value
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*This Aussie Chardonnay
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Taylors ESTATE
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Bordeaux 2009

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Don't be fooled by the simple Bordeaux classification, because at this price it's a steal, a Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc blend that is deliciously approachable. The nose exudes plenty of ripe berry and cassis aromas embellished by spice and cedary notes; the palate has well focused fruit complemented by easy tannins and a savoury finish. An excellent food wine.

CHÂTEAU Roc de Levrault
Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

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CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Food-friendly, great value

A 60% Cabernet and 40% Merlot blend traditionally vinified and aged for twelve months before release. It is a moderately complex wine with currant and blueberry aromas and hints of liquorice and spicy oak. A food friendly, well integrated red that offers ripe dark cherry flavours enhanced by a nicely rounded mouthfeel. Very good value.



CHÂTEAU Haut Prieur
Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

was \$27.90 now **\$19.90** 41182

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Family-owned for the last 150 years

Owned by the same family for 150 years, Château Haut Prieur is located in the heart of the Saint-Émilion appellation. This is a 90% Merlot, 10% Malbec blend traditionally vinified and oak aged. It is a dark ruby wine with cherry, plum and raspberry aromas. The full-bodied palate shows ripe fruit flavours, with hints of cocoa and herb wound around the supple tannins. Finishes on an extended, flavoursome note.



CHÂTEAU Dubourg
Saint-Émilion 2009

was \$37.90 now **\$29.90** 41119

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Classy Merlot-dominant red

This 2.5-hectare Saint-Émilion estate was purchased in 2005 by the Dubourg family, who've been making wine in the region for more than 200 years. An 80/20 blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, aged for eight months in new French oak, with abundant dark fruit aromas backed by vanillin cedar notes. Classy and beautifully focused.



CHÂTEAU La Sauvegarde
Bordeaux 2009

was \$23.00 now **\$17.90** 41187

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Gold medal wine

Two great things for the price of one! Not only is this from the legendary 2009 vintage, it's a gold medal winner as well. Sauvegarde is a small Bordeaux estate that has taken the wonderful 2009 growing conditions and the resulting excellent fruit and turned it into their best wine yet. Rich, smooth and velvety, with great deep red fruit notes. And all for under \$20.



CHÂTEAU La Verriere
Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

was \$27.90 now **\$18.90** 41167

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Rich plum, blueberry and spice

Like the majority of the châteaux on the right banks of the Garonne and Dordogne rivers, La Verriere is dominated by Merlot; in this case 85%, with the balance made up of Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc. The nose shows rich plum, black cherry and floral aromas supported by vanillin nuances. The palate reveals plum and blueberry flavours enriched by spicy notes, supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste.



a taste of italy

NEW WINES FROM
THE CECCHI STABLE

Villa Cerna RISERVA
Chianti Classico DOCG 2007

YOU SAVE
30%

was \$49.90 now **\$34.90** 62766

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Located in the Chianti Classico heartland and inhabited by Caesar Cecchi himself, Villa Cerna is Cecchi's Home Estate, its superior wines constituting Cecchi's flagship range. Only produced in the best years, this elegant wine is aged in barriques for fourteen months following fermentation. The rich floral aromas and deep flavours are embellished by nicely understated oak.



Val delle Rose
LITORALE Vermentino 2010

was \$29.90 now **\$19.90** 62770

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Situated in Italy's Maremma district in Tuscany, the Val delle Rose winery is another Cecchi acquisition. Vermentino is a white grape variety widely planted throughout Italy, but it does best in sunny coastal regions such as this. Tangerine and lime aromas are supported by flinty nuances and echoed on the palate. A good alternative to Chardonnay for those with a desire to try something different.



YOU SAVE
33%

62765 **VILLA CERNA CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2009**
was \$36.90 now **\$23.90** CASE OF 6 \$23.40 A BOTTLE

62407 **CECCHI ORVIETO CLASSICO DOC 2009**
was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** CASE OF 6 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

62404 **CECCHI BONIZIO SANGIOVESE IGT 2009**
was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** CASE OF 6 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

62303 **CECCHI VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO DOCG 2010**
was \$21.90 now **\$18.90** CASE OF 6 \$18.40 A BOTTLE



a taste of SPAIN

Pagos de Araíz
Tinto 2008

YOU SAVE
32%

was \$24.90 now **\$16.90** 85080

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A blend, from Navarra, of Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Graciano fruit, harvested at night, traditionally fermented and matured for five months in French and American oak casks. Dominated by ripe berryfruit and vanilla notes, it's silky-smooth with good depth of fruit flavours supported by a supple tannin structure.



Finca Nueva
Tempranillo 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 89811

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

The Finca Nueva wines are a new style created by Rioja's renowned Allende winery. This Tempranillo is very much in the New World style, aged for just four months in oak to preserve the fresh, ripe fruit characters. The wine is dominated by upfront berry aromas and flavours embellished by hints of liquorice and a smooth, satisfying mouthfeel.



88009 **SOLAR VIEJO RIOJA CRIANZA 2007**
was \$25.00 now **\$17.90** CASE OF 6 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

88060 **PALACIOS REMONDO LA VENDIMIA RIOJA 2009**
was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** CASE OF 6 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

88069 **PROTOS RIBERA DUERO ROBLE 2008**
was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

88044 **PERELADA 5 FINCAS RESERVA 2005**
was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

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REDISCOVER THE WINES OF THE LUCKY COUNTRY WITH OUR PICK OF THE BEST AUSSIES ON OFFER



Taylors EIGHTY ACRES
CLARE VALLEY Shiraz Viognier 2008

was \$21.00 now **\$14.90** 28075

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
Family-owned for 3 generations

A classic Rhône-style blend of Shiraz with a touch of Viognier, harvested from Taylor's original eighty-acre Clare Valley vineyard planted back in 1969. Aged in American oak and minimally fined and filtered, the bouquet offers aromas of plum and cherry together with hints of apricot underscored by spice, mocha and vanilla. The medium-weighted palate is characterised by persistent, juicy plum and berry flavours complemented by well integrated spicy oak nuances.



Saltram MAMRE BROOK
BAROSSA Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

YOU SAVE 35%

was \$29.00 now **\$18.90** 26836

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE
Flagship Barossa producer

Mamre Brook is the name of the original homestead built on the Saltram Estate in the Barossa Valley in 1844. The wine was fermented in traditional open-top tanks and matured for eighteen months in new and seasoned French and American oak barrels. It is a rich and intense red with berry, plum and coffee aromas supported by oak nuances. The palate has tiers of berry, mulberry and chocolate-like flavours enhanced by supple tannins and a long, flavoursome finish.

Taylors ESTATE
CLARE VALLEY Merlot 2009

YOU SAVE 31%

was \$22.90 now **\$15.90** 28056

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE
Smooth, lingering flavours

To provide ripe varietal characters, the Estate Merlot was fermented in stainless steel and matured for twelve months in a mixture of new and seasoned American and French oak barrels. The distinctive plum and black cherry aromas are supported by chocolate and spicy oak nuances. The palate displays abundant ripe fruit flavours, a velvety-smooth mouthfeel and a lingering, savoury finish.



Yalumba
THE SCRIBBLER Cabernet Shiraz 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 29884

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE
Australia's oldest family-owned winery

The Scribbler is Yalumba's homage to Australia's most recognised and distinctive wine style, a dense, purple-fringed, crimson wine with an appealing bouquet of blackcurrant, liquorice, olive and spice. It possesses a generously flavoured palate displaying layers of plum and currant beautifully integrated with some subtle oak. Enjoyable now, but will cellar handsomely.



YOU SAVE 35%

Annie's Lane
CLARE VALLEY Shiraz 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$16.90** 29030

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
One of Clare Valley's top wineries

Named after Annie Wayman, a legendary Clare Valley character whose cart became bogged down while she was delivering lunch in a lane bordering one of the Valley's best vineyards. This release shows aromas of blackberry, violet and spice backed by hints of mint and subtle oak. The medium-weighted palate has rich fruit flavours and an elegantly supple structure.



Cape Mentelle TRINDERS
MARGARET RIVER Cabernet Merlot 2008

was \$37.90 now **\$27.90** 20517

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$27.40 A BOTTLE
Margaret River pioneers

Since it was launched in the early 1980s, the Trinders has won many prestigious awards both in Australia and internationally. With it, Cape Mentelle seek to emphasise varietal characters that reflect regional uniqueness. An opulently-styled red with rich blackcurrant, mocha and herb aromas, it has concentrated fruit flavours, with hints of tobacco and liquorice coiled around a firm backbone and enhanced by a smooth texture.



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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 Dog Point MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$28.00 now **\$21.90** 18390

CASE OF 12 \$21.40 A BOTTLE

A delightfully fresh Marlborough Sauvignon with concentrated aromas of tropical fruit and citrus. The well weighted and generously flavoured palate is balanced by a fine mineral edge.



2 Perelada SPAIN Brut Reserva Cava NV

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 88051

CASE OF 6 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A lively and beautifully crafted Spanish sparkler with distinctive citrus-tinged, mineral-edged aromas and flavours. The refreshing palate is enhanced by a silky, well balanced mouthfeel. Terrific value.



3 Gros Frère & Soeur 2008 HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS Bourgogne

was \$39.00 now **\$28.90** 41005

CASE OF 12 \$28.40 A BOTTLE

100% Pinot Noir, this red Burgundy displays soft summer fruit and cherry aromas supported by some understated oak. The well balanced palate has a silky texture and lingering savoury/fruit flavours.



4 Rimu Grove NELSON Gewürztraminer 2010

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90** 10451

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

With fruit sourced from Nelson's Moutere Hill region, Rimu Grove's Gewurz shows classic varietal aromas of lychee and exotic spices, the palate distinguished by persistent ripe and spicy flavours.



5 Johanneshof MARLBOROUGH Troocken/Dry Pinot Gris 2010

was \$33.00 now **\$21.90** 14284

CASE OF 12 \$21.40 A BOTTLE

'Troocken' is German for dry, an appropriate description of this Marlborough Pinot Gris, where tropical fruit aromas and flavours are tempered by a balancing swirl of citrus.

YOU SAVE 34%



6 Sacred Hill HALO MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$18.90** 18494

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

This is an excellent-value Pinot that punches well above its price point. The nose shows ripe berry and earthy aromas, while the palate is rich, balanced and enhanced by a supple tannin structure.



7 Clayridge MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$23.50 now **\$17.90** 12889

CASE OF 6 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

The distinctively varietal and vibrant passionfruit and cantaloupe aromas are backed by herbal notes, while the ripe tropical fruit flavours are enhanced by a weighty mouthfeel and a fine lingering finish.



8 Matawhero GISBORNE Pinot Gris 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 10763

CASE OF 6 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Crafted from fruit grown on the Briant vineyard, this is a deliciously viscous wine displaying aromas and flavours of stonefruit and pear wound around a silky-smooth texture and balanced by a fresh finish.



9 Taylors JARAMAN CLARE VALLEY + MCLAREN VALE Shiraz 2009

was \$33.90 now **\$24.90** 28089

CASE OF 6 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

A classic south Australian Shiraz blended from Clare Valley and McLaren Vale fruit aged in American oak. The nose and palate show berry and violet supported by mocha and oak nuances. Lovely drinking.



10 Torea MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 12289

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Great value Marlborough Pinot Noir with raspberry and cherry aromas supported by some subtle oak. Well balanced and silky-textured, it finishes on a fine savoury note. An excellent, food friendly wine.



SAUVIGNON BLANC

BENCHMARK NEW ZEALAND WINES

CLOUDY BAY, MARLBOROUGH

11339 **Craggy Range** Avery Vineyard
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2010
WAS \$21.90 NOW **\$16.90**

12290 **Fairhall Downs**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2010
WAS \$22.90 NOW **\$16.90**

10753 **Grower's Mark**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009
WAS \$22.90 NOW **\$16.90**

12457 **Jules Taylor**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2011
WAS \$25.90 NOW **\$19.90**

18936 **Tiki**
Wairau Alpine Valley Sauvignon 2010
WAS \$27.90 NOW **\$19.90**

19969 **Wither Hills** Rarangi
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2010
WAS \$29.90 NOW **\$19.90**

19684 **Villa Maria Reserve**
Wairau Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2010
WAS \$29.00 NOW **\$21.90**

12492 **Man o' War**
Waiheke Sauvignon Blanc 2010
WAS \$26.90 NOW **\$21.90**

15159 **Brancott B**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2010
WAS \$42.00 NOW **\$29.90**

18558 **Tupari**
Awatere Valley Sauvignon 2010
WAS \$29.00 NOW **\$24.90**

18468 **Sacred Hill Sauvage**
Hawkes Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008
WAS \$41.90 NOW **\$36.90**

12142 **Cloudy Bay Te Koko**
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007
WAS \$55.00 NOW **\$44.90**

