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THE 2011 VINTAGE MARKS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR SACRED HILL AS THEY CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF WINEMAKING. TO COMMEMORATE THEIR 25TH VINTAGE SACRED HILL'S WINEMAKING TEAM HAVE CRAFTED A LIMITED EDITION WINE, THE SACRED HILL VIRGIN CHARDONNAY



SACRED HILL



Having been considering the production of a 'less-interfered-with' style of Chardonnay, the difficult conditions of the 2011 vintage in Hawke's Bay played right into the hands of Sacred Hill's winemaker and Chardonnay expert Tony Bish. Having to pick early (and thus at a lower physiological ripeness than would normally be considered ideal for a richer style of wine) has actually proved perfect for Sacred Hill's new offering, the 'Virgin' Chardonnay.

Indicative that the wine has been crafted rather than merely processed, all the fruit was hand-picked and whole bunch pressed, the stainless steel fermentation a given with the reductive, hands-off approach required for this style of wine. Indeed, as with the Sacred Hill 'Sauvage' Sauvignon, Tony has followed a lean French line with this exquisite and elegant expression.

That doesn't mean it's all hard-to-find subtleties, available only to those with decades of wine-drinking experience; it's simply a way of articulating the fact that this wine is at the other end of the continuum from the barrel fermented, barrel aged style epitomised by Sacred Hill's Rifleman's Chardonnay.

The two possess something in common though: outstanding quality, and the stamp of a winemaker who has an unequalled track record for creating great Chardonnay across a range of styles.

SAIL
 Jak Jakicevich



Sacred Hill VIRGIN

HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2011 18640

RRP \$33.90 **\$29.99** CASE OF 6 \$29.49 A BOTTLE

Along with its fine steely lines and flinty minerality, this also possesses significant weight and depth, the rich stonefruit flavours riding a creamy wave beneath the sound, vibrant lines of fruit acid. The overall impression is of sheer class in your glass; elegance, finesse and subtle, complex characters that will continue to open out for years to come.

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MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$19.90 now **\$14.99** 12295

CASE OF 12 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

Made by the Fairhall Downs team

Sometimes it's okay to wear a raincoat when it's raining, even if your mother told you to. Just as sometimes a \$15 bright, shiny Sauvignon filled with exuberant flavours and much Marlborough freshness is precisely what you need. Not the complications of wood or the dashed expectations of something overpriced that under-delivers; just value, satisfaction, quality, a simple and effective trifecta.



Laroche DE LA CHEVALIÈRE

SOUTH OF FRANCE Chardonnay 2010

was \$21.90 now **\$16.99** 48568

CASE OF 6 **\$16.49 A BOTTLE**

Five generations of great wine

Rumour has it that they call Michel Laroche 'The Milkman' because he always delivers, and here's further proof, Ruth: a wine that exudes class, drips finesse like Diddy drips gold, and delivers a fat furlong of fresh, tropical-touched fruit flavours that will have you twitching in your linen pants for just another drop, sir.



Paul Mas ESTATE

LA FORGE Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

was \$21.90 now **\$16.99** 43986

CASE OF 12 **\$16.49 A BOTTLE**

Single Vineyard, South of France

From fruit that ripens languidly in the Languedoc's sun-drenched hillsides, these modern, flavour-some takes on France's traditional varieties have allowed our Paul to assume a vanguard position in international wine warfare. This is all about concentrated blackberry flavours, with their juicy intensity let loose on a palate of soft, rounded fullness. Ripe, rich and ready.



Wild South

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2011

was \$19.90 now **\$14.99** 11394

CASE OF 12 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

Opening this little treasure is like creaking open the wrought-iron gate of a long-forgotten, much overgrown orchard. A damp earthiness creeps up through the intense bursts of cherry and ripe plums, while fragrant swishes of violets and thyme add to the intrigue, mystery and complexity. Like a whole Jane Austen novel for the price of a few pages.



Kaiken

ARGENTINE Malbec 2010

was \$19.90 now **\$14.99** 90519

CASE OF 12 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

Impressive Argentinean winery established in 2001 by Chilean superstar Aurelio Montes that repeats the feats he achieves regularly across the border: intense mono-varietal expressions of alarming intensity from vineyard sites better accessed by yeti than by yokel. Deeply coloured, richly warming, as fat and long as a primo cigar, of which, curiously, it faintly smells.



Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Rosé 2011

was \$22.90 now **\$18.99** 10219

CASE OF 12 **\$18.49 A BOTTLE**

There are smears of summer in the pinky-blue sky, providing meteorological excuses to lift the lid on this delightfully fragrant and deliciously decadent rosé from the kids Down South. Its array of attractive characteristics comes from fine, fine Pinot Noir, the licks of strawberry ice and hints of exotic spice eagerly spread across a texture of seductive creaminess.



Vasse Felix

MARGARET RIVER Cabernet Merlot 2010

was \$26.00 now **\$18.99** 20310

CASE OF 6 **\$18.49 A BOTTLE**

Planted at the end of the '60s, VF was the first commercial winery in Margaret River, Western Australia's standard bearing region of international renown. These days Virginia Wilcock crafts perfectly authentic expressions of some prime vineyard land, and this juicy, thickly-textured yet finely tannic Bordeaux blend is right on the button. Of your coat, ma'am here, let me give it a wipe...





The Gisselbrecht family have been involved in the wine business in Alsace since the 17th century. Serious credentials, then. Like most other winegrowers in the region, the Gisselbrechts originally sold their wines to négociants. Then in 1936, Willy Gisselbrecht branched out as an independent winemaker/merchant, becoming one of the first to bottle his own wines.

Today the company he founded is operated by his grandsons Philippe and Claude from Dambach-la-Ville, where the company owns 17 hectares of some of the finest vineyard sites. The family also own parcels in the Grand Cru Frankstein, and buy fruit from the Grand Cru Muenchberg and a select group of growers.

Winemaker Philippe's philosophy is to create quality wines with individual personality. To achieve this aim, he introduced a 'quality charter' that rewards growers by paying above-market rates. In return, he insists that yields are kept lower than the authorised AC limit and that best vineyard management practises are maintained.

In the winery Philippe combines the traditional methods acquired over generations with modern, temperature-controlled technology to produce Gisselbrecht's stunning range of offerings, a selection held in high regard around the globe.



Gisselbrecht OENOtheque GRAND CRU FRANKSTEIN Pinot Gris 2007

was \$52.70 now **\$39.99** 47010

CASE OF 12 **\$39.49 A BOTTLE**

Top-end, Grand Cru Pinot Gris from the variety's spiritual home

Frankstein is one of eight Grand Cru vineyards sited on well-drained granite/mica-based soils that provide fast heating during the day and rapid cooling at night. These ideal growing conditions have delivered a supremely elegant, beautifully balanced Pinot Gris that gradually reveals its spicy, floral, honeyed aromas and flavours before ending triumphantly in a fresh, lingering finish. Alsatian winemaking at its best.

ALSACE

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Gisselbrecht TRADITION
ALSACE Pinot Gris 2010

was \$28.00 now **\$21.99** 47008

CASE OF 12 **\$21.49 A BOTTLE**

A wonderfully aromatic offering that delivers complex candied fruit and orange blossom notes supported by a flick of spiciness. The palate has a weighty, almost lush, mouthfeel that ably accentuates the ripe fruit flavours. It continues to develop through the mid-palate and throw out spicy nuances before finishing delightfully on a lingering lime note.



Gisselbrecht TRADITION
ALSACE Riesling 2010

was \$27.40 now **\$21.99** 47009

CASE OF 12 **\$21.49 A BOTTLE**

The Tradition is largely derived from Gisselbrecht's own estate-grown fruit, supplemented with a portion harvested from selected sites. Cool fermented to dryness, it sports a seductive bouquet of apple and blossom followed by a lick of spice. Elegant, finely balanced, with a fresh grapefruit-like character.



41249	GISSELBRECHT PINOT BLANC 2010	was \$26.00 now \$20.99
47006	GISSELBRECHT GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2009	was \$32.00 now \$24.99
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CHAMPAGNE **Drappier**
CARTE D'OR Brut NV

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was \$72.90 now **\$44.99** 43501



CASE OF 12 **\$44.49 A BOTTLE**
One of the best value buys around

Carte d'Or is the epitome of the Drappier style; created from 80% Pinot Noir, 5% Pinot Meunier and 15% Chardonnay, it is a rich, golden cuvée with aromas of stonefruit and brioche and a hint of spiciness. It is a wonderfully distinctive wine, the preserved fruit flavours enlivened by a fresh, lively finish. Always superb value.

YOU SAVE
38%

CHAMPAGNE **Mumm**
CORDON ROUGE Brut NV

was \$89.00 now **\$54.99** 46445

CASE OF 6 **\$49.49 A BOTTLE**
Great price on case purchases!

Cordon Rouge is Mumm's flagship wine and one of the biggest-selling champagnes in the world. It has a high percentage of Pinot Noir, but its soft smooth character makes it particularly approachable. Boasting a nose of citrus, peach and vanilla, it has a silky, mouthfilling mousse and a lovely fresh, lingering finish.



CHAMPAGNE **Krug**
Grande Cuvée NV

YOU SAVE
32%

was \$362.00 now **\$245.00** 45824

This top-end NV champagne comes in a stylish giftbox

The vinous equivalent of Rolls Royce, Krug is made only from first pressings, oak fermented and aged on lees for an exceptionally long time. The style is characterised by a deep intensity, biscuit-like nutty aromas and a complex palate backed by a lengthy, lingering finish. This is an extraordinarily fine wine, made with consummate skill and known as the King of Champagnes.



Seppelt FLEUR DE LYS

BOTTLE FERMENTED Pinot Noir Chardonnay **2008**

YOU SAVE
35%

was \$22.90 now **\$14.99** 27240

CASE OF 6 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

A remarkably-priced vintage méthode that ticks all the right boxes; it has a steady stream of golden bubbles and lovely, floral-accented, citrusy/yeasty notes on the nose. Elegant and poised, it has creamy, nutty, toasty characters and a clean, finely balanced finish. Excellent as an aperitif or with shellfish.

Allan Scott BLANC DE BLANCS
MARLBOROUGH Brut NV

was \$33.50 now **\$24.99** 17421

CASE OF 6 **\$24.49 A BOTTLE**

A single vineyard, 100% Chardonnay sparkler with a distinctive citrus character embellished by hints of tropical fruit and yeasty notes on the nose and palate. The good concentration of fruit is supported by a creamy mouthfeel and complemented by a fine, fresh-tasting finish.



Akarua
CENTRAL OTAGO Brut NV

was \$33.90 now **\$29.99** 10118

CASE OF 6 **\$29.49 A BOTTLE**

A beautifully crafted Central Otago méthode blended from 71% Pinot Noir and 29% Chardonnay and lees-aged for 18 months. Well-defined fruit aromas and flavours are backed by classic notes of freshly-baked bread. Elegant and balanced, with a creamy texture and a crisp, lively finish.

CHAMPAGNE **Veuve Clicquot**
Brut NV

was \$99.00 now **\$69.99** 49810

CASE OF 6 **\$69.49 A BOTTLE**
Consistently great

With its distinctive Yellow label, Veuve is an instantly recognisable champagne brand; but it's what is inside the bottle that has made it one of the most admired in the world. Rich, fulsome and bursting with gutsy, yeasty, Pinot Noir-influenced flavours, it signs off with a gloriously lingering, soft and elegant finish.



Spain

WHERE TECHNOLOGY MEETS TRADITION



Rioja

Outside of sherry, Rioja is probably the most internationally recognised of Spain's wines. Heavily influenced by French wine-making techniques and philosophies when phylloxera was gallingly ravaging the Gauls in the late 19th century, here there are bodegas based on the grand châteaux, and barriques being used in great proportion. Traditionally, too great a proportion, perhaps, but today, investment, replanting and market expectations have seen a new wave of Rioja expressions – succulent, supple, fruit-driven Tempranillo-based wines, exhilarating and exciting in their youth yet still ageing as magnificently as the Rioja of yore.

Allende

RIOJA 2005

was \$55.00 now **\$45.00** 87800

CASE OF 6 **\$44.50 A BOTTLE**

With a flicker of minerality licking at the edges of the bright blackberry fruits and their tickle of spice this is a dense yet pure expression, a very modern take from a very forward-looking winery.



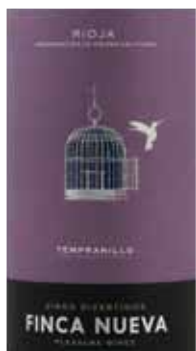
Finca Nueva

RIOJA Tempranillo 2010

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 89814

CASE OF 6 **\$18.40 A BOTTLE**

Part of the Allende stable, a searingly modernistic Rioja with a silky succulence and super savouriness to its boisterous berries that is a long way from those old-school chewy chaps. Simple, but effective.



89812 **FINCA NUEVA** CRIANZA 2007
89813 **FINCA NUEVA** RESERVA 2004

was \$31.00 now **\$22.99**
was \$36.00 now **\$24.99**



Solar Viejo

RIOJA Cosecha 2010

was \$20.00 now **\$16.99** 88014

CASE OF 6 **\$16.49 A BOTTLE**

An inviting headrush of bright, fragrant fruits of all hues, wave upon wave of rasp, strawb and blackberries with a strapping of spice and liquorice and a knowing grin. Affordable excitement; guilt-edged pleasure.

88009 **SOLAR VIEJO** CRIANZA 2009

was \$25.00 now **\$18.99**

MARQUES DE MURRIETA

The Marquis has some prime real estate – 300ha – at the southern tip of the excellent Rioja Alta sub-region near Logroño, the regional capital. One of the earliest bodegas (and one of the region's leading ones), Marqués de Murrieta marry experience, tradition and local viticultural knowledge with a detailed and thorough understanding of modern winemaking techniques.

The estate has changed hands only once in its 190-year existence, and has always been a family-run operation; characterful, detailed artisan-type craft is the process, and allowing the unique plots and native varieties to express themselves through a distinctive house style is where it's at.



MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA: EL CASTILLO DE YGAY

Marqués de Murrieta

RIOJA RESERVA 2005

was \$64.00 now **\$49.99** 81019

CASE OF 6 **\$49.49 A BOTTLE**

With fruit from the much renowned Ygay estate, this is wine of great substance and style, meaty enough to saddle up to a saddle of lamb, layered and complex to a degree that encourages you to pause and regard its finesse and character. The acid keeps it bright, while the plum and chocolate richness delivers the weight you'd expect.





PALACIOS REMONDO'S LA MONTESA VINEYARD

PALACIOS REMONDO

We've spilt much ink, and young girls many tears, over vinous heartthrob Alvaro Palacios. The man who has revolutionised the Bierzo and Priorat regions took over the Riojan family vineyards established by his father in 1945, and from 2000 has tipped them upside down in similar fashion.

A perfectionist with irrepressible energy, Alvaro powered into town on his palomino, lowered yields, heightened quality, emptied the coffers and filled his bottles with colourful, exciting, high quality expressions of the historic region. Palacios Remondo own all their own vineyards (a rarity in Rioja) and so have complete control, and vines that are getting some serious age, too. A rising star – both the winery, and the Rioja rocker himself.

**YOU SAVE
32%**

Palacios Remondo
RIOJA LA MONTESA 2008

was \$36.90 now **\$24.99** 88054

CASE OF 12 **\$24.49 A BOTTLE**

'La Montesa' is the beautifully appointed hillside vineyard located on the north-eastern slope of the Yerga Mountains. With its almost esoteric rusticity – hillside herbs, wild berries, sprinkles of earth – this is an enchanting and fulfilling wine. The palate spreads warmth like a tree spreads shade, with its thick, chewy fruit surrounded by splashes of exotic spice.



88060 PALACIOS REMONDO LA VENDIMIA 2010 was \$24.90 now **\$19.99**



Marqués de Cáceres
RIOJA Crianza 2008

was \$26.90 now **\$19.99** 87995

CASE OF 12 **\$19.49 A BOTTLE**

'Crianza' means this has spent a year in oak and 14 months in bottle before being allowed to flee for freedom. Hence the intensity, concentration and complexity: fruit, spice, judicious oak and much ripe smoothness. Or smooth ripeness. Hmm.

87980 MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES GRAN RESERVA 2004 was \$49.90 now **\$34.99**

Navarra

Grenache, or Garnacha, here plays the role Tempranillo does in Rioja, dominating production. In Navarra, hectolitres of Garnacha go into heaps of excellent Rosado, and it is really only since the 1990s, with the establishment of a huge, government-funded research station and the investment of some savvy vigneron, that the great grape has shown success in red wine expressions. Usually, for the richest reds, it's blended with Tempranillo; often, too, now, with Cabernet, Merlot and even Syrah. This autonomous region is nipping at the heels of its more recognised neighbour as the wines and their producers grasp the gasps of the wine-drinking world.



PAGOS DE ARÁIZ



PAGOS DE ARÁIZ

Modern Spain? Indeed, Gaga is old hat compared, the barrel room alone looking as if it could as easily house the construction of NASA rockets as age fine Garnacha.

Sloped-bottom tanks, automated pumpover

systems, individual hall temperature and humidity controls are not, amigos, the hallmarks of the wines of old.

Yet, the Diablo being in the detail, they vinify every variety and every wee plot separately, ensuring that what is created in the vineyard by nature is not lost in the winery by man and his dials. Hence Navarra nipping at the heels of Rioja: traditional winemaking knowledge hitched to the ultra-shiny sheen of modern oenological R & D. Look out Rioja? Look out world.

**YOU SAVE
40%**

Pagos de Aráiz
NAVARRA Tinto 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$14.99** 85080

CASE OF 6 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

Harvested at night, under cover of darkness for espionage España reasons. Deep purple in colour (is that smoke on the water, Pablo?) this is a typically vigorous and youthful style, very fruit driven both aromatically and palate-matically. The exuberant berriness is lent further charm by nuances of vanillin oak, all via a texture of supple, tasty and attractive freshness.



85082 PAGOS DE ARÁIZ ROSADO 2010
88087 PAGOS DE ARÁIZ CRIANZA 2007

was \$26.90 now **\$16.99**
was \$28.90 now **\$18.99**



PROTOS

Ribera del Duero

One of the oldest wine producing regions in the world, RDD is located on the banks of the Duero River (you worked that out, well done) which, incidentally, is the famous Douro in Portugal. She's a crazy climate, kids: low rainfall and a large diurnal variation, i.e. 40-degree days and chilly nights are not uncommon. All of this concentrates the flavours in the grapes and, along with the nosebleed heights they are grown at, ensures well-balanced, excellent fruit. Á la Rioja, Tempranillo – known here as Tinto Fino – dominates production, and, in the regenerated wineries and updated vineyards produces 'world-class wines of considerable majesty' (Parker).



**YOU SAVE
35%**

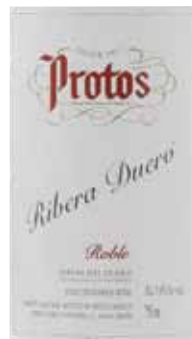
Aalto

RIBERA DEL DUERO 2007

was \$85.00 now **\$54.99** 88094

CASE OF 6 \$54.49 A BOTTLE

Mariano Garcia helped make Spain's greatest wine, Vega Sicilia, but in 1999 left VS, and along with the improbably named Javier Zaccagnini set up the thoroughly modern Aalto winery. Using very old vineyards they make highly characterful, hugely respected wines like this: all blackberry, plums, spice and smoky oak, layered in an astoundingly concentrated, remarkably exciting expression.



Protos ROBLE

RIBERA DEL DUERO 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.99** 88069

CASE OF 12 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

The structure is superb, perfectly balanced and poised with the cherry-pie fruit riding smoothly o'er the top; yet it's never over the top, y'see, being all control and (stainless) steely determination. Finishes long and fruit flavoured.

EMILIO MORO Cepa 21 HITO

RIBERA DEL DUERO 2008

was \$34.90 now **\$22.99** 87761

CASE OF 12 \$22.49 A BOTTLE

Drives a straight line in a modern, slick fashion, the heady berries and crumbling earth notes tumble forth in hit after hit of unearthly delight. The fruit is beautifully intense, a spiralling whorl of whirling dervish sweetness, cascading berries tripping over themselves and thus held in place by present but not domineering tannins.

**YOU SAVE
34%**



87750 **EMILIO MORO FINCA RESALSO 2007**
87755 **EMILIO MORO TINTO FINO 2006**

was \$29.00 now **\$21.99**
was \$51.00 now **\$44.99**



EMILIO MORO

This family-owned winery with its 120-year history is remarkable in many ways, not least in the riches it delivers in the bottle. With vines

planted in 1932 at vertigo-inducing heights 700m above sea level, they already have a head start in the 'look what nature gave us' stakes.

Add in the use of a very pure Tinto Fino clone transplanted from their earliest vines, and a family ethic that looks to produce heart and soul in each wine and you begin to realise you're drinking something very special before you've even sipped from your golden goblet. As the founding father said: 'Wine is an art, if you know how to listen it speaks to you.' OK, got your ears on, boy?

EMILIO MORO'S PAGO DE VALDERRAMIRO VINEYARD



Priorat

'Priorato is responsible for some of the heftiest reds in the world,' Oz Clarke wrote back in the mid-90s just as the revolution was taking place. Named after a priory established by Carthusian monks in the 12th century, that revolution, kicked off by the likes of René Barbier and Alvaro Palacios, means that, 20 years on, you can add 'most thrilling, most renowned and among the most expensive,' to Oz's remarks. Dark, intense, Grenache-based wines have set the world alight, and rocketed this tiny, rugged, challenging region into a heady orbit all its own. So, come sup on a star.



ALVARO PALACIOS

Encouraged by regional pioneer René Barbier, Alvaro Palacios sold his motorbike, borrowed a car and followed his calling: 'I was looking for a place with old vines and monastic origins,' he says. He replanted old vineyards and got working with Garnacha, a grape he considers to be 'the only variety that transforms heat and aridity into a beautiful, refreshing liquid.'

His vision took off when in 1993, he brought the tiny L'Ermita vineyard and found himself producing a global smash. While the family winery in Rioja and his interests in Bierzo demand his attention, his once weekly trip to Priorat is clearly a homecoming. 'Life goes too fast!' he complains; these wines with their centuries-old heritage are a scintillating reminder of the passage of time.



Alvaro Palacios

PRIORAT GRATALLOPS 2009

rrp \$99.00 now **\$69.99** 88086

CASE OF 6 **\$69.49 A BOTTLE**

A softer style of Priorat from a good vintage, the Gratallops shows all the class and finesse expected from this world-renowned producer, and the wonderful complexities and character for which his reputation has been duly earned. Smoked herbs (is that legal?), roasted meats and deep, mysterious fruits coalesce to a point approaching vinous Nirvana. Don't. Miss. It.



Bierzo

Mencía is the local grape in this, for Spain, at least, temperately tempered region, and little M had been trucking along producing rivers of passable reds for thirsty locals for years. Into town comes, oh yes, I know, him again, Alvaro Palacios and his nephew Ricardo (and some other pioneers/mavericks/vigneron superstars) and, in a story of astounding familiarity, they saw the potential of the variety and the oft-neglected vineyards, did some replanting, a bit of tilling and hoeing and, ho-ly! Intense, internationally-renowned, thrilling reds. Who would have thought? Al did, of course, That's why he's him and we're us.

DOMINIO DE TARES

Deliciously lyrical, DDT say their wines are of 'great equilibrium' and are 'cradled in noble woods.' So cute! Internationally recognised as responsible for putting this once moribund region back on the map, they're just over a decade old; an infant in Spanish wine terms, but they are giants in their approach, using ancient vineyards and painstakingly artisan-like practices to bring to bear Bierzo expressions as pure and characterful as can be coaxed from the multiple microclimates in which they operate.

With a fierce focus on improving vintage by vintage, and harnessing some of the best oenological minds in Spain, they are a benchmark winery for their practices and, course, their delicious output.



Dominio de Tares BALTOS

BIERZO Tinto 2008

was \$39.90 now **\$32.99** 88115

CASE OF 6 **\$32.49 A BOTTLE**

From 40-year-old, dry-farmed bush vines with only a short stay in new(ish) oak, this is about the fruit. Mencía has a very attractive and intriguing minerality which, when sidled sideways to some toasty oak and ultra-fresh berries, makes for an intoxicating concoction. Ripe fruits, haunting violet nuances and a solid heart of oak-touched flavour, it's a Bierzo beauty-bomb.



DESCENDIENTES DE J. Palacios

BIERZO PETALOS 2009

was \$35.00 now **\$29.99** 88056

CASE OF 12 **\$29.49 A BOTTLE**



Exquisite parchment label that says parch your thirst with this exotic, Alvaro-created red. Starred with spangly spices which sliver like a river through the blueberry shortcake fruit, this is heady, vibrant, wickedly modern and dangerously seductive.

Rias Baixas

The DO Rias Baixas lies in the province of Pontevedra on the Atlantic coast between Santiago and the Portuguese border, named after the flooded coastal valleys, or 'rias'. Floods?! Yes, after the heat and dryness of most of the other regions, this north-western oasis is a welcome change, and the wines, concomitantly, are, invariably white, clean, pure and delightfully refreshing. The Albariño grape is queen here, planted on steep slopes and in small parcels, the final wines often – but not always – correspondingly expensive. They are also highly regarded across Spain and, since a technological and oenological clean-up in the 70s, around the world.



PAZOS DE LUSCO

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The 'pazo' in question is a 16th-century manor house that the Lusco estate own, nearby which is a winery facility that is as modern and industrial as the manor house is ancient and romantic.

They also happen to have one of the best vineyard plots in the region, the 4.8ha Pazo Pineiro vineyard, responsible for delivering up some of the most exquisite, high quality and highly characterful Albariño from anywhere in Rias Baixas. Complex, bursting with fruit and defined by a long-lived minerality, these are remarkable wines from a fine producer.



GRANBAZÁN

AGRO DE BAZÁN

A new addition to the bulging Glengarry Spanish portfolio, Agro de Bazán was established in 1982 with the Albariño-focused Granbazán winery near Pontevedra, the coolly beating vinous heart of this lush green region. Mas de Bazán, located on the other side of Spain and to the west of Valencia, followed in 1995.

With 13ha of their own fruit complemented by the best from 300 little fellas' landholdings, Granbazán have the choice from a choice region, and use their gifts wisely, producing a small range of great Albariño expressions that, through innovative and experimental techniques, show qualities and characteristics in the grape perhaps not thought possible. Welcome, again, to the new Spain.

Agro de Bazán CONTRAPUNTO

RIAS BAIXAS Albariño 2011

rrp \$24.99 now **\$19.99** 81082

CASE OF 6 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

'The fruit leaves the aftertaste of a physical explosion' says the winery, and this deliberately early drinking-styled white does exactly that. As the aim of the winery was to unite a whole bunch (sorry) of tiny landholders, so this wine is a harmonious mingling of myriad flavours and sensations, finely fruity with a touch of the florals and a hint of citrus.



Pazos de Lusco ZIOS

RIAS BAIXAS Albariño 2010

was \$37.90 now **\$22.99** 88111

CASE OF 12 \$22.49 A BOTTLE

For Pazos de Lusco, this is a kind of entry-level wine, a 'slip past the velvet ropes and have a wee peek at what we're about' expression. It's a rich, expansive offering, with orange-tinged citrus and a smoky minerality ensuring complexity, and a thread of acid that binds it all in a feat of seamless integration. More cockles, vicar?



MAS DE BAZÁN



Utiel-Requena

MAS DE BAZÁN

Located off the eastern coast of Spain in the DO of Utiel-Requena, this winery was purchased by Agro de Bazán in 1995, when the opportunity to buy a historic (1905) cellar and use it to house one of the region's most modernistic wineries proved to good to pass up.

This beautiful building now brims and buzzes with ultra-sterile and technologically advanced equipment, and where Granbazán is all about the blanco, Franco, Mas de Bazán is amassing a rep for its excellent reds.

Mas de Bazán BODEGAS FOR Crianza Coupage 2007

rrp \$24.99 now **\$16.99** 81086

CASE OF 12 **\$16.49 A BOTTLE**

A real focus for this forward-looking winery, this is an exhilarating blend of, well, read the label, a whole bunch of big red varieties. The Bobal brings a real flex of acid muscle to the mix and some good deep colour, while the others provide the fleshy, succulent balance, with their plums, dark berries and spice. Intense, yet refreshingly carefree, a heady pup with a jejune air.



81087 **MAS DE BAZÁN RESERVA 2006**

was \$36.99 now **\$29.99**



MAS DE BAZÁN

Penèdes

The largest delineated wine region in the fiercely autonomous Catalonia region, a viticultural expanse that produces 95% of Spain's sparkling wine, known as Cava, after the coolly aloof caves or cellars in which the wines are aged. The proscribed varieties are perfect as a base for fine sparkling wine, being lean and lightly flavoured. The climate is relatively mild, another factor that encourages sparkling production, not that it needs much of a kick in its bubbling bottom: cava is recognised as a high quality sparkler the world over, and 120 countries (last time we counted) import it by the burro load.



CASTILLO PERELADA



PERELADA

The Perelada castle houses Spain's largest privately-held library, within which parchments detail wine-making practices that date back to the Middle Ages. With the viticultural part of the Perelada activities revitalised in

the 1920s, and much fame achieved in the 1960s, this is one of Spain's most significant producers, the wines a scintillating blend of centuries' worth of knowledge and cutting-edge modernism.

The wines, for there is more than just sparkling, have almost become standard issue at royal and government functions, such is their consistent quality and the esteem in which they are held. It's almost surreal. Well, the Dalí museum, after all, is but a cork-pop away from Castle Central. Gotta go, my watch is melting...

CASTILLO Perelada

CUVÉE ESPECIAL Brut Nature Cava 2009

was \$29.90 now **\$24.99** 88043

CASE OF 6 **\$24.49 A BOTTLE**

100% naked Chardonnay (Dalí could've doubtless worked wonders with such an image), this is deliciously clean, crisp and vibrant yet also in possession of much age/yeast-derived stuffing. The dominant fruit has a crisp, apple character elevated by hints of honey, while the biscuity richness below folds it all into a full, flavoursome oneness.



88051 **PERELADA BRUT RESERVA CAVA NV**

was \$19.90 now **\$14.99**

88047 **PERELADA CUVÉE ROSADO BRUT 2008**

was \$29.90 now **\$24.99**

88046 **PERELADA 3 FINCAS CRIANZA 2008**

was \$24.90 now **\$19.99**

88044 **PERELADA 5 FINCAS RESERVA 2005**

was \$29.90 now **\$24.99**



Freixenet CORDON NEGRO Brut Cava NV

was \$20.50 now **\$14.99** 85010

CASE OF 6 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

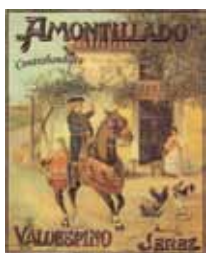
15 months on lees, which shows itself in the confident structure that supports the myriad fruit-ilicious goings-on all over its sturdy frame. Lively and elegant, with zesty, citrusy flavours licking around the edge of the breadly riches.

85019 **FREIXENET EXTRA BRUT CAVA NV**

was \$18.50 now **\$12.99**



VALDESPINO



Jerez

Spain's most recognisable wine region, Jerez is part of the Denominacion de Origen (DO) of Andalucía, the crucible of Spanish winemaking. Sherry is king, the best expressions made from the Palomino grape grown in bushes in the unique chalky white albariza soil that sizzles under the scorching sun. Whether you're being floored by the nutty nuances of a flor fino (its uniqueness coming from the, erm, thick white scum that forms during oxidation) or the fat tang of an amber Oloroso style, there is a massive paint box of flavours and textures to splash about in. Come on in and get dirty. Dismiss them, and you dismiss one of the wine world's greatest sensory experiences.

REAL TESORO

The name a reflection of a Marquisate bestowed by King Alfonso XIII (unlucky for some) in 1760 on Don Joaquin, who'd helped the war effort, grooved an armada or two, etc. It means Royal Treasure, BTW.

Anyway, this, one of Spain's largest sherry houses, was founded in 1897 by DJ's grandson, and even then had two centuries' of reserves to start the brand off, due to the judicious salting away of some of the region's best wines by a very smart chap called Condé. Those wines, in a sense, inform the liquid stored in the solera today: the only increases on perfection have been continual up-grading of excellent vineyard sites and the accumulated wisdom of many years' family experience.

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33%**

Real Tesoro

JEREZ Oloroso Sherry

was \$29.90 **now \$19.99** 89851

CASE OF 6 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

Because Oloroso styles are fortified to ensure the flor that makes fino so unique doesn't develop, they are higher in alcohol (this is 18%) and tend to be richer and stronger in character than their more delicate cousins. This, then, is a deep amber, with strong hazelnut aromatics and intense dried fruit notes spread across its flowing smoothness.



VALDESPINO

Valdespino are the oldest sherry bodega (winery) in Spain. Now that's a claim in a region that drips history out of every cornice. The origins of the bodega date back to 1264, to Don Alfonso Valdespino, the current operation having been in family hands since 1875.

Located in the town of Jerez, in buildings with architectural value and character akin to the wondrous liquid that is concocted within, Valdespino are unique in their use of oak barrels in the blending process, ensuring distinctive wines with an additional dimension. Traditional practices meet modern technological understanding in a marriage made in heaven for sherry nuts. Which could well be you, should you raise your copita, Peter.



Valdespino DELICIOSA

JEREZ Manzanilla Sherry 375mL

was \$19.90 **now \$16.99** 89828

CASE OF 12 \$16.49 A BOTTLE

Sourced from near the town of Sanlúcar de Barrameda, home of the region's best Manzanilla styles as the high humidity encourages an even thicker flor than elsewhere in Jerez, ensuring wines of extraordinary density and concentration. With its fresh aromatics and its fino-like salty dryness, this is a delight, its delicacy balanced by a roundness of palate and presence on the finish.

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| 89827 | VALDESPINO INOCENTE
SINGLE VINEYARD FINO SHERRY 375ML | was \$23.90 now \$19.99 |
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PEDRO XIMINEZ SHERRY 375ML | was \$27.90 now \$22.99 |

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TARTE DE SANTIAGO

RECIPE BY DIDA'S HEAD CHEF, VINCENT MARSHALL



INGREDIENTS

PASTRY	500g	PLAIN FLOUR, SIEVED
	325g	CASTOR SUGAR
	250g	UNSALTED BUTTER
	1	ORANGE ZEST
	2	EGG YOLKS
	1	ORANGE ZEST
	1	PINCH OF SALT
FILLING	350g	BLANCHED ALMONDS
	155g	CASTOR SUGAR
	50g	BUTTER
	1	ORANGE ZEST
	6	EGGS
	60mL	PEDRO XIMENEZ SHERRY
QUINCE	50g	QUINCE PASTE
PURÉE	200mL	BOILING WATER

TASTY TIP



FOOD TIPS FROM DIDA'S GM, LIZ WHEADON

Quinces are normally in season here around the time Easter arrives, but if the fruit set on my two quince trees is anything to go by, they won't be plentiful this year. You know the fruit is ripe when it becomes a soft lemon-yellow colour. A quince looks a little like a cross between a peach and an apple; they can't be eaten raw, but are just brilliant when stewed, made into a jam or boiled down to make a paste – a warning though: when the mixture becomes very hot, it spits at you!

RUB SOFTENED BUTTER IN FLOUR, SUGAR, SALT AND LEMON ZEST. ADD EGG YOLKS TO FORM A DOUGH AND REST IT, WRAPPED, FOR 2 HOURS IN THE FRIDGE.

BLITZ THE ALMONDS IN A FOOD PROCESSOR.

COMBINE BLITZED ALMONDS, SUGAR, SHERRY AND ORANGE ZEST IN A BOWL AND ADD THE EGGS ONE AT A TIME. MIX WELL. MIX THROUGH THE BUTTER, COVER WITH SOME CLING FILM AND REFRIGERATE FOR AN HOUR.

ROLL THE PASTRY OUT INTO A WELL-GREASED AND FLOURED TART CASE AND BLIND BAKE IT (PRE-BAKE) FOR 15 MIN AT 160° CELSIUS.

RENDER DOWN QUINCE PASTE WITH BOILING WATER. ALLOW TO COOL, THEN SMEAR IT OVER THE BASE OF THE TART.

POUR OVER THE FILLING. BAKE FOR 20 MIN OR UNTIL COOKED.

QUINCE PASTE

A traditional quince paste from Andalusia in Spain, this is a wonderfully natural product, free of preservatives, additives, trans-fat and gluten. The ecologically-friendly production ensures the quince's authentic deep colour is retained. Quince paste is traditionally served with Manchego cheese; you can also add water and turn it into a quince glaze for lamb, add it to stews or bake with it.



55456 **CORAZÓN DEL SOL PURE QUINCE PASTE 240G \$8.00**

HOLY BALLS OF CHEESE!



From one of our star cheese producers, Over the Moon, come the thrillingly-named Moon Jars of Venus (or at least that's what we think they should be called), delightful balls of cream cheese marinated in oil with pepper corns, sundried tomatoes and herbs. Silky and smooth, these other-worldly morsels come in an elegant, sealed glass jar. Fabulous when spread over warm toast, tossed through a salad, on an antipasto platter or straight from said jar. Preserved in oil, they'll last well in the fridge.

95445 **OVER THE MOON VENUS 150G \$10.90**

TASTINGS & EVENTS

7PM FRIDAY 13TH APRIL AT DIDA'S VICTORIA PARK

TRINITY HILL + JOLIVET WINEMAKERS DINNER
WITH JOHN HANCOCK & CLEMENT JOLIVET

This fabulous dinner was so popular last year that we're getting John Hancock back from the Hawkes Bay and Clement Jolivet all the way from France. We'll be trying the latest release of their special joint project, Metis, a superb New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc with a French twist. Clement will also be presenting his Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, and John some of the top Trinity Hill wines, all matched with a stunning multi-course dinner produced by our Dida's wizards. This will sell out again, so book early.

Limited spaces. \$130 per person

Bookings: 0800 733 505 or www.glengarry.co.nz/tastings

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THE INNOVATING
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Villa Maria took almost 90% of the Chardonnay gold medals handed out last year. Yep, they're Show Ponies, all right. Still family-owned and as consistent as Peter Dunne's limpet tendencies, they refuse to stand still long enough to gloat; through their intensive R&D programme, the Marias are constantly exploring new territory while measuring and polishing their bottles. Here's a quartet a bit outside the norm, Norm. Keep up with the new frontier and try 'em out...

VILLA MARIA

- 19641 **R&D** PINOT GRIS GEWÜRZTRAMINER VIOGNIER 2010 RRP \$42.00 **\$26.99**
- 19535 **CELLAR SELECTION** ARNEIS 2011 RRP \$22.90 **\$17.99**
- 19556 **IHUMATEO VINEYARD** VERDELHO 2010 RRP \$28.90 **\$21.99**
- 19751 **RESERVE** GIMBLETT GRAVELS GRENACHE 2007 RRP \$69.90 **\$50.00**

Huntaway
 RESERVE

As far as we know the Huntaway, or NZ Sheepdog, doesn't drink a great deal of wine; however, there he is lounged on the label looking right at home. The Huntaways (the winemakers, not the dogs) have been turning out high quality regional wines since 1996, managing to pick up some gold – locally and internationally – along the way. So dip your toe in, the wine's fine.

HUNTAWAY RESERVE

- 12054 GISBORNE PINOT GRIS 2011 RRP \$24.90 NOW **\$17.99**
- 12015 GISBORNE CHARDONNAY 2011 RRP \$24.90 NOW **\$17.99**
- 11996 GISBORNE/HAWKES BAY MERLOT CABERNET 2009 RRP \$24.90 NOW **\$17.99**
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Waipara Hills are no slouches when it comes to winemaking, so when they release the latest models of their premium range it's time to drop the dishcloth and pick up your tasting glass. Buy any two bottles of these new Equinox wines and go in the draw to win a limited edition Melissa Sharplin print valued at \$1,000. Not that you'd really need the incentive...

WAIPARA HILLS

10477 EQUINOX SAUVIGNON BLANC 2011	RRP \$32.90	\$24.99
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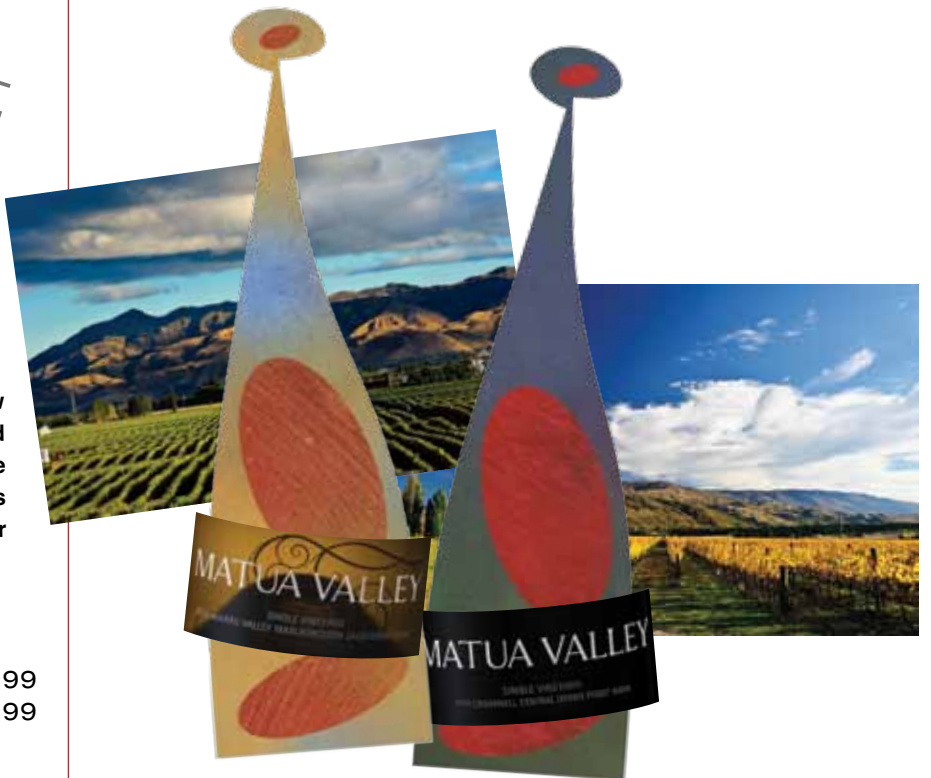
Matua VALLEY

SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

NZ's pioneering Matua Valley have emerged with a stunning new collection of premium, single vineyard wines, all of them lavished with the utmost TLC, each grape individually pressed between the thighs of maidens as they roll cigars with one hand. Well, perhaps not, but you get the picture: a lot of time and care has gone into their production, and two of them we feature here. Well worth a look.

MATUA VALLEY SINGLE VINEYARD

14068 WAIRAU VALLEY SAUVIGNON 2010	RRP \$34.90	NOW \$24.99
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THE RHÔNE VALLEY AN EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE

French winemakers must have enjoyed a very satisfying Christmas in 2009, coming as it did after one of the best vintages for a good number of years. The accolades from commentators all over the world started to flow in almost before the first wines were tasted. Most of the hoop-la was, predictably, about the Bordeaux wines, and deservedly so as they have lived up to the hype.

Bordeaux, however, was not the only French region to enjoy an exceptional vintage; Robert Parker, who has championed the Rhône Valley for more than three decades declared, '2009 has turned out to be an excellent vintage...' Commentators have favourably compared the 2009 to the stellar vintages of 1999, 1978 and the legendary 1929.

Star wine producer Yves Cuilleron (Les Vins de Vienne and Cave Cuilleron) has praised the vintage for producing 'beautiful red wines with ample and rich structures.' Our panel endorses this view, but the really good news is that even the wines of modest appellations are currently representing exceptional value.



PAUL JABOULET'S LA CHAPELLE VINEYARD



Paul Jaboulet LES TRAVERSES CÔTES DU VENTOUX 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$15.99** 45419

CASE OF 12 **\$15.49 A BOTTLE**

One of the Rhône's most respected wineries

This impressive wine from Jaboulet displays all the class of the superb 2009 vintage. A blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah, it's bristling with youthful vigour and expressive cherry, pepper and liquorice notes on the nose. The concentrated palate has layers of ripe, succulent summer fruit embellished by peppery notes, spice and supple tannins. A beautifully balanced, food-friendly Rhône red.

Paul Jaboulet SECRET DE FAMILLE CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2009



was \$24.90 now **\$16.99** 45398

CASE OF 12 **\$16.49 A BOTTLE**

Made only in small quantities, Jaboulet's Secret de Famille is dominated by Grenache, with the balance Syrah. Deep and dark, it has aromas and flavours of berryfruit and spice complemented by nicely rounded tannins.



Paul Jaboulet PARALLÈLE 45 CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2009

was \$23.90 now **\$17.99** 45418

CASE OF 12 **\$17.49 A BOTTLE**

This vibrant and classy, Grenache-dominated Côtes du Rhône red displays an alluring bouquet of spicy plum and violet notes, followed by a palate of crushed dark fruit backed by silky tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Ortas LES VIGUIERS CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2009



was \$27.00 now **\$19.99** 43312

CASE OF 12 **\$19.49 A BOTTLE**

Derived from vines that are 30 years old-plus, this Rhône red from Cave de Rasteau's Ortas label is packed with violet and berry aromas and flavours supported by cinnamon and subtle toasty oak notes. Medium bodied, nicely rounded.



Vins de Vienne LES CRANILLES CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2009

was \$29.90 now **\$24.99** 41356

CASE OF 12 **\$24.49 A BOTTLE**

A classically-styled CDR from the winemaking supergroup of Cuilleron, Villard, Gaillard and Villa, Les Cranilles is a Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend, with plush, velvety tannins backing the rich, ripe, spicy fruit. Great winemaking in an outstanding vintage.

DOMAINE Nicolas Boiron CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2009



was \$31.00 now **\$24.99** 41306

CASE OF 12 **\$24.49 A BOTTLE**

This exceptional wine has an impressively exuberant character, with beguiling black fruit aromas seamlessly leading onto the palate. Rich, spicy and smooth, it embodies the quality of this superior vintage.

a taste of italy

APPASSIMENTO

The unique winemaking method of drying grapes to produce Amarone, known in Italy as *appassimento*, has been practised since Greek and Roman times. The technique involves hand harvesting perfectly ripened grapes that are not bunched together, so air can circulate freely. The grape bunches are spread out on special racks or boxes and stacked in large airy rooms where they gradually dehydrate to a raisin-like consistency.

The process takes about three months, depending on the amount of water in the grapes. While the resulting dehydration increases the grapes' sugar concentration and alcohol, it also dramatically reduces the total fruit weight by about two thirds.

Italy's best known appassimento-derived wines are those of the Veneto region. They include the dry Recioto Della Valpolicella Amarone and the sweeter styles, Recioto Della Valpolicella and Recioto di Soave.

Pasqua PASSIMENTO VENETO IGT 2009

was \$24.50 now **\$19.99** 66091

CASE OF 6 **\$19.49 A BOTTLE**

*Try this with an aged
cheese from Dida's*

The grapes Corvina, Croatina and Merlot were hand harvested, traditionally dried, fermented and then aged in French oak. The wine is a deep ruby red, bursting with curranty richness and dry cherry aromas supported by chocolate and tobacco notes. The full bodied palate boasts concentrated, spicy fruit flavours enhanced by a velvety tannin structure. Beautifully balanced, with a mellow mouthfeel and a fine aftertaste.



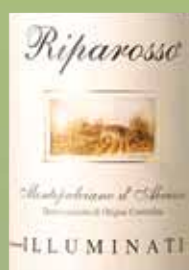
PASQUA

Pasqua LE COLLEZIONI Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2010

was \$14.90 now **\$10.99** 62496

CASE OF 6 **\$10.49 A BOTTLE**

A satisfying, value-for-money red full of luscious fruit aromas of crushed berry and violet supported by hints of herb. An approachable, well integrated, fruity style with a soft, easy mouthfeel.



Illuminati RIPAROSSO Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$16.99** 62800

CASE OF 6 **\$16.49 A BOTTLE**

A Montepulciano varietal with cranberry, cherry and red currant aromas echoed on the palate. Well-structured and balanced, with ripe fruit flavours, fine grainy tannins and a fresh, lingering finish.

Santa Margherita VALDADIGE Pinot Grigio DOC 2010

was \$28.90 now **\$21.99** 62547

CASE OF 12 **\$21.49 A BOTTLE**

Created 50 years ago, Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio is Italy's top-selling, benchmark PG. It is a fresh, stylish wine with a fragrant bouquet and the taste of apples supported by a tantalising hint of mineral.



Villa Cerna Chianti Classico DOCG 2009

was \$36.90 now **\$24.99** 62765

CASE OF 6 **\$24.49 A BOTTLE**

This is a great expression of the Chianti Classico style; it is very well integrated, with intense aromas and flavours of violet and berry prevailing right through from the first whiff to the last sip.

Marchesi di Grésy Barbera d'Asti DOCG 2009

was \$39.90 now **\$29.99** 62500

CASE OF 6 **\$29.49 A BOTTLE**

A very moreish, rich Barbera with distinctive cherry and violet aromas. On the palate, ripe, mouthfilling fruit is woven around a supple core of tannins and balanced by a fresh, tasty finish.



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PENNY'S HILL MCLAREN VALE WINE AND FOOD AFICIONADOS

This boutique winery had its genesis in 1988 with the purchase, by Tony and Susie Parkinson, of a 32-hectare bare block in the foothills of McLaren Vale. Between 1991 and 1996, the Parkinsons established the winery infrastructure and home vineyard. Today, Penny's Hill has expanded its total holdings to 44 hectares.

Since the outset, the vineyards have been meticulously overseen by David Paxton and Toby Bekkers, with particular attention given to canopy management and low cropping regimes. Three different sites provide winemaker Ben Riggs with a diversity of individual terroir nuances that are beautifully reflected in the finished wines.

In 2005 Tony Parkinson and Ben Riggs established the Galvanised Wine Company to market their stylish and individual wines. Their winery-based restaurant, The Kitchen Door, embraces local and seasonal produce and has twice won the national Restaurant & Catering Awards title of Best Restaurant in a Winery.



PENNY'S HILL WINEMAKER, BEN RIGGS



Penny's Hill EDWARDS ROAD MCLAREN VALE Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$37.90 now **\$29.99** 26606

CASE OF 12 **\$29.49 A BOTTLE**

Harvested from the well-established 2-hectare block bordering Edwards Road, the Penny's Hill Cabernet's complex bouquet offers aromas of black cherry, blackberry and spice supported by hints of leather and a touch of earthiness. The palate displays tiers of plum and berryfruit nicely integrated with subtle oak and complemented by a suave texture and a lingering finish.

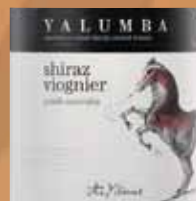


Yalumba Y SERIES SOUTH AUSTRALIA Shiraz Viognier 2010

was \$17.00 now **\$11.99** 29879

CASE OF 12 **\$11.49 A BOTTLE**

Viognier has added a distinctive floral dimension that enlivens the spicy Shiraz characters on the nose and palate. A medium-bodied, well rounded wine with cherry and blueberry flavours complemented by a supple tannin structure.

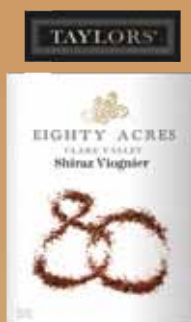


Taylors EIGHTY ACRES CLARE VALLEY Shiraz Viognier 2008

was \$21.00 now **\$14.99** 28075

CASE OF 6 **\$14.49 A BOTTLE**

Great value Clare Valley red with a bouquet of spicy plum and subtle apricot aromas. The ripe, upfront plum and berry flavours are supported by hints of stonefruit and complemented by subtle oak nuances.



Geoff Merrill FLEURIEU Cabernet Shiraz 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.99** 22157

CASE OF 12 **\$19.49 A BOTTLE**

A classic Australian Cabernet-Shiraz blend packed with ripe berryfruit aromas and flavours enriched by hints of black pepper, spice, liquorice and understated oak. Rich, well balanced and enhanced by a lingering aftertaste.



Hewitson MISS HARRY BAROSSA VALLEY GSM 2010

was \$25.00 now **\$19.99** 21787

CASE OF 12 **\$19.49 A BOTTLE**

The current incarnation of Miss Harry displays attractive aromas of plum and strawberry backed by hints of spice and subtle oak. The palate has a concentrated core of ripe berryfruit enhanced by mocha nuances and a silky mouthfeel.



Wolf Blass GOLD LABEL BAROSSA Shiraz 2009

was \$27.90 now **\$20.99** 28900

CASE OF 6 **\$20.49 A BOTTLE**

Harvested from low-yielding Barossa Valley vines, this 100% Shiraz is outstanding value. A complex wine with spice-accented plum and blueberry aromas and flavours supported by liquorice, coffee and subtle oak.



The GLENGARRY TOP 10

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

1 Kilikanoon KILLERMAN'S SOUTH AUSTRALIA Shiraz 2010

was \$29.90 now **\$24.99** 22344

CASE OF 12 \$24.49 A BOTTLE

A boldly-styled Shiraz packed with ripe plum and mocha aromas supported by nuances of spice and oak, the generously flavoured palate complemented by integrated oak, mellow tannins and a long finish.



2 te Pa MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2011

was \$26.90 now **\$19.99** 13069

CASE OF 6 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

An intense, complex Sauvignon brimming with melon and passionfruit aromas enlivened by notes of lime. The lively palate is awash with succulent tropical fruit flavours neatly balanced by a dash of mineral.

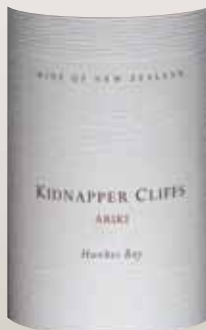


3 Kidnapper Cliffs ARIKI HAWKES BAY Merlot Cab Franc 2009

was \$57.00 now **\$47.99** 19090

CASE OF 6 \$47.49 A BOTTLE

A Pomerol-inspired, Merlot-dominant blend with that variety's smooth lines augmented by the grace and floral notes of Cab Franc. Notes of chocolate and freshly-baked brioche enhance the full, silky palate.



4 Mudbrick VINEYARD WAIHEKE Merlot Cabernet 2010

was \$45.00 now **\$36.00** 14677

CASE OF 12 \$35.50 A BOTTLE

Bright cassis, blueberry and spice aromas lead onto a generously flavoured palate of dark, ripe fruit that is enhanced by nuances of coffee and complemented by a finely textured and well-rounded mouthfeel.



5 Montes ALPHA CHILEAN Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

was \$28.90 now **\$24.99** 90515

CASE OF 12 \$24.49 A BOTTLE

Nuances of Blackcurrant, chocolate and spice are embellished by cedary notes. A full bodied, well balanced, elegantly structured wine with persistent black fruit flavours complemented by supple tannins.



6 Sacred Hill HALO HAWKES BAY Chardonnay 2011

was \$25.90 now **\$19.99** 18633

CASE OF 12 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

A barrel fermented Chardonnay with a bouquet of stonefruit, spice and citrus backed by toasty oak. The rich, flavoursome palate develops a mealy, silky texture and finishes elegantly fresh and crisp.



7 Ti Point HAWKES BAY Syrah 2011

was \$24.90 now **\$18.99** 19913

CASE OF 12 \$18.49 A BOTTLE

This wonderfully aromatic Syrah shows cherry, plum and classic varietal spiciness. The palate offers up vibrant berryfruit, gently seasoned with oak, around a core of supple tannins. Excellent drink-now value.



8 Akarua CENTRAL OTAGO Chardonnay 2010

was \$26.90 now **\$19.99** 10203

CASE OF 12 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

Subtly oaked Bannockburn Chardonnay displaying distinctive stonefruit and citrus aromas, with the rich, peachy flavours supported by hints of vanillin oak, a creamy texture and a lingering mineral finish.



9 Three Paddles MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2010

was \$25.90 now **\$19.99** 15854

CASE OF 12 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

The classic cherry and spice aromas are backed by earthy notes and understated oak, while a seductive, silky-textured palate delivers ripe, red fruit flavours supported by spicy notes.



10 Jules Taylor MARLBOROUGH Grüner Veltliner 2011

was \$25.90 now **\$19.99** 12459

CASE OF 12 \$19.49 A BOTTLE

This relatively new Austrian variety provides wines with an attractive bouquet of spring blossom and peach, the palate showing lovely stonefruit flavours supported by spicy orange nuances.



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