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Pinot Noir, the grape variety behind the great wines of Burgundy, is a somewhat fickle friend to its protagonists. Temperamental, notoriously difficult to grow and known for driving more than one winemaker to the edge, at its very best, Pinot Noir is responsible for some of the most sublime wines in the world. Light of hue and body, it is nonetheless rich in flavour and character, with an innate ability to extract the most intricate subtleties from the region and the site in which it's grown. Very much the New Zealand wine industry's Great Red Hope, second only in plantings and pickings to Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir responds well to New Zealand's cool climate. As we sashay our way through this country's primary Pinot regions, we take the time to check in as well on what the rest of the world is doing with this most intriguing of grapes, tipping our hats to Pinot Noir Central, aka Burgundy, before sampling a touch of the Teutonic and immersing ourselves in the various stylings of the New World. Happy travels.



CHARD FARM

#### CENTRAL OTAGO



Central Otago's landscape is what you'd call geographically uncompromising and its winemakers can lean towards the flamboyant, but in spite of that (or perhaps because of it) some breathtaking Pinot Noir is being created. The key to Central's significance lies in its sub-regions, which have, over time, found their feet, revealing the breadth of their diversity and the importance of their individual terroirs.

#### ROCKBURN BANNOCKBURN 12273 THE ART PINOT NOIR 2016 **\$89.99** CASE OF 6 \$87.99 A BOTTLE

Rockburn's resident vinous Creative Director, Malcolm Rees-Francis, is let loose to practise his artistry on pristine fruit from a single vineyard on the slopes of Bannockburn. It's superbly spicy and textural, with an exquisite minerality and brilliantly ripe flavours.

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#### SADDLEBACK CENTRAL OTAGO 17120 PINOT NOIR 2016 **\$26.99** CASE OF 6 \$25.99 A BOTTLE

A drink-now, fruit-driven Pinot Noir from A-list Central Otago producers Peregrine. Bursting with floral notes and redcurrant aromas, it's opulently juicy, with spiceedged characters of raspberry and wild strawberry.



PEGASUS BAY



#### CHARD FARM GIBBSTON+CROMWELL 11156 RIVER RUN PINOT NOIR 2017 **\$34.99** CASE OF 6 \$33.99 A BOTTLE

A blend of fruit from Chard Farm's Cromwell Basin and Gibbston vineyards, this is a classic, early-drinking Central Otago Pinot Noir style with the emphasis on ripe fruit flavours and supple tannins. Sensually silky in the mouth.



#### MOUNT EDWARD GIBBSTON 12526 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$39.99 CASE OF 12 \$38.99 A BOTTLE

The Mount Ed vineyards are operated organically and BioGro certified. Singing Burgundian notes, fragrant with cherries, violets and a core of earth and oak, the mineral-tinged fruit seamlessly threaded throughout. Softens to a perfect round and finishes long.



#### CERES BANNOCKBURN 13647 COMPOSITION PINOT NOIR 2017 \$40.99

The Dicey families have a longstanding reputation for handcrafting wines that evoke their environment with flair. The winemaker is Matt Dicey of Mt Difficulty fame. Exceptionally expressive, elegant and lusciously styled, this is only available in very small quantities.



#### AMISFIELD CENTRAL OTAGO 15419 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$49.99 CASE OF 12 \$46.99 A BOTTLE

Amisfield epitomizes classic Central Otago Pinot Noir style. Rich and fruity, concentrated and defined, with good depth and structure, it delivers vibrant red and black fruits with earthy dried herb and savoury notes in an authentic expression of Central flavour.

19349	DEVIL'S STAIRCASE PINOT NOIR 2018	\$23.99
11167	RABBIT RANCH PINOT NOIR 2016	\$24.99
11120	TERRA SANCTA ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2016	\$33.90
15280	MONDILLO PINOT NOIR 2016	\$39.99
18432	PROPHET'S ROCK PINOT NOIR 2015	\$52.99

#### CANTERBURY

There is something in Canterbury's limestone-derived soils that Pinot Noir really responds to. While this is one of our older wine regions, with its vineyards first established in 1978, Canterbury remains one of New Zealand's unsung heroes. Nonetheless, glory is surely imminent, with an immense amount of talent in the region and a raft of new boutique wineries springing up.

#### WAIPARA HILLS WAIPARA VALLEY 19372 PINOT NOIR 2017

### \$14.99 CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

A succulent, early-drinking blend of sweet red fruits, with the dark cherry and red currant characters enhanced by subtle spice and cocoa notes complemented by an appealing earthiness and silky mouthfeel.



#### **\$24.99** CASE OF 6 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Second label of the brilliant Pegasus Bay. An alluring smoky, earthy bouquet weaves through dark fruit flavours, hints of spice and mocha. A spine of ripe, muscular tannins provides length and vibrancy.

THE 3RD MAN WAIPARA 15732 OMIHI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2015 \$32.99 CASE OF 6 \$31.99 A BOTTLE

Established in 2009 by Michael Darby, this is about small production and exciting talent. A balanced and elegant wine off the limestone-rich Omihi Vineyard, it's an exceptional evocation of the Waipara region.

BLACK ESTATE NORTH CANTERBURY 14706 HOME PINOT NOIR 2016 \$37.99

A buoyant bouquet of strawberries, violets and spice accompanies the ripe, persistent raspberry flavours, nuanced with a dash of plum, some understated oak, velvet-lined textures and fine, mellow tannins.



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# Now

#### MARLBOROUGH

Once standing somewhat in Central Otago's lengthy shadow, we have been opining for some time now how good Marlborough's Pinot Noir has become. With the variety once planted on the plains as a base for Marlborough's sparkling wines, sites have now sprung up on the hillsides, utilizing the appropriate clones and making some of the best Pinot Noir wines in NZ.



#### JACKSON ESTATE MARLBOROUGH 14458 HOMETSEAD PINOT NOIR 2017 \$19.99

Jackson Estate now has three decades of winemaking excellence under its belt. Astonishing price for a Pinot Noir that drinks this well. Notes of brambly red fruits, subtle undercurrents of spice. Loaded with dense red fruits, this delivers a supple, silky-smooth mouthful.



#### SERESIN MARLBOROUGH 18628 OSIP ORGANIC PINOT NOIR 2016 \$24.99

Seresin's Osip wines are made without the use of any sulphur in the winery, a natural reflection of the Seresin vineyards and of the vintage from which they're drawn. Pure on the palate, with a subtle power and depth.

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#### FROMM MARLBOROUGH 12874 PINOT NOIR 2017 \$39.99 CASE OF 6 \$38.99 A BOTTLE

The boutique Fromm make great wines in a very natural way, placing terroir over technology and quality over quantity. Hand-harvested organic fruit is left in contact with its skins, no sulphur added. Beautifully complex.





#### NOVUM MARLBOROUGH 16509 PINOT NOIR 2017 \$42.99 CASE OF 6 \$41.99 A BOTTLE

A fragant array of plum and red berryfruit notes with dried herb and subtle earthy nuances accompanies a

dried herb and subtle earthy nuances accompanies a generous, layered palate of red fruits, ripe cherry, plum and spice. Finishes soft and long. Cellar this for a few years, if you can, to realise its potential.

14738	LAKE CHALICE THE FALCON PINOT NOIR 2017	\$16.99
14773	ZEPHYR PINOT NOIR 2018	\$27.99
14597	JULES TAYLOR PINOT NOIR 2017	\$29.99
12117	CLOUDY BAY PINOT NOIR 2016	\$46.99



#### MARTINBOROUGH

One of our most significant pioneering regions for Pinot Noir, the combination of Martinborough's variety-friendly terroir (not dissimilar to Burgundy's, its cool climate resulting in lower yields of highly concentrated fruit) and its winemakers' wellhoned experience delivers an exciting array of boutique wines that are held in high esteem across the globe.

#### NGA WAKA MARTINBOROUGH 14334 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$30.99 CASE OF 12 \$29.99 A BOTTLE

Elegantly evokes its unique Martinborough terroir. The nose is cherry, spice and understated oak, the generous flavours showing excellent depth of fruit with a touch of earthiness and a fine tannin structure.

BIG SKY MARTINBOROUGH 10312 PINOT NOIR 2015 \$36.99

Small, hands-on production off Big Sky's Te Muna vineyard and its beautiful old vines. Dark cherries, charming tannins, fresh acidity and lovely balance. Herbal and savoury in style rather than fruit-driven.

#### MA MAISON MARTINBOROUGH 16013 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$46.99 case of 12 \$43.99 A BOTTLE

These single vineyard Pinot enthusiasts produce an elegant, balanced drop via gentle, handcrafted viticulture and minimal intervention. Notes of cherry and plum shimmer with spice and earthy notes.

PALLISER ESTATE MARTINBOROUGH 16746 PINOT NOIR 2017

\$52.99 CASE OF 12 \$51.99 A BOTTLE

Planting in 1984, Palliser are Pinot pioneers in Martinborough, ergo in the country as a whole, with their fruit off old vines and concentration, richness and intensity coming as standard. Class and vibrancy.



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13296	THREE PADDLES PINOT NOIR 2016	\$22.99
13302	NGA WAKA LEASE BLOCK PINOT NOIR 2016	\$39.99
10287	ESCARPMENT PINOT NOIR 2016	\$39.99

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#### BURGUNDY

Ask the world's finest Pinot Noir producers where they draw their inspiration from, and many will answer, 'Burgundy.' Its greatest wines are produced on Burgundy's Golden Slopes, the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune. Inheritance laws have seen the vineyards divided into ever smaller family parcels, and it is not uncommon for a single vineyard to have numerous owners.



#### DOMAINE DE BELLENE BOURGOGNE 48405 MAISON DIEU 2016 \$33.99 CASE OF 6 \$29.99 A BOTTLE

A modern winery sited in abbey buildings dating back to the 1600s, Domaine de Bellene is the vehicle of Burgundian maestro Nicolas Potel. His haunting, earthy opulent Pinot Noir wines are superb, with the Maison Dieu the starting point in his impressive portfolio.



#### DOMAINE PARENT BOURGOGNE 45450 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$36.99 CASE OF 12 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

From one of the leading producers in Pommard, this is not labelled as a Pommard, but as the first step on the Burgundy quality ladder. The fruit does come, though, from a very old vineyard in the Pommard appellation, and has all of the region's hallmarks. This over-delivers for the dollars expended.



#### MICHEL GROS HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS 48312 FONTAINE SAINT MARTIN 2016 \$44.99 CASE OF 12 \$43.99 A BOTTLE

A single vineyard under the sole ownership of Michael Gros, classified as a Hautes Côtes de Nuits. Michel and his father have worked hard on this vineyard for many years, and he believes there is now sufficient difference to its fruit to bottle it as a separate cuvée. Richer and deeper than Michel's standard Hautes Côtes de Nuits.



#### DOMAINE DE BELLENE BOURGOGNE 42835 BEAUNE MONTÉE ROUGE PREMIER CRU 2010 \$69.99

Nicolas Potel views this wine as being for people who like tannin in their Pinot Noir. The red fruit displays an added creamy dimension and faint savoury notes. Full and round with ripe flavours, it's from the exceptional 2010 vintage, with nine years of aging. A rare treat.



#### AUSTRALIA

There are some exceptional Pinot Noir wines coming out of Australia's cooler regions. While something of a sweeping generalization, it can be said that Australian Pinots tend to be lighter expressions with fine, elegant tannins, bright, lively acidity and sweet, red-fruited palates. Tasmania, Mornington Peninsula and the Yarra Valley are leading the way.

#### DE BORTOLI YARRA VALLEY 20965 REGIONAL RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2017 \$15.99 CASE OF 12 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

De Bortoli deliver a regional blend of Pinot parcels that drinks like a more expensive wine. Graced with a fragrant, gently elegant and balanced palate, at this price you'll be back for a case.

STONIER MORNINGTON PENINSULA

22470 PINOT NOIR 2016

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#### \$35.99 CASE OF 6 \$34.99 A BOTTLE

Blended from longstanding Stonier vineyards, the 2016 is a seductive wine, displaying supple, savoury tannins and an abundance of dark plum and cherry characters with earthy raspberry notes.

#### DE BORTOLI YARRA VALLEY 29663 RIORRET THE ABBEY PINOT NOIR 2017 \$47.99 CASE OF 6 \$46.99 A BOTTLE

This extraordinary north-facing vineyard, planted in 1985 on deep red basalt soils, delivers a brilliant, highly aromatic Pinot Noir. Good drinking now, it will develop even more depth and complexity over 4-5 years.

#### TOLPUDDLE TASMANIA 17981 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$66.99 CASE OF 6 \$65.99 A BOTTLE

A single vineyard wine firmly positioned at the apex of the Australian quality pyramid. The fruit is exceptional, the tannins elegant. With its power, finesse, length, it's everything you'd want in a great Pinot Noir.





Defining Californian Pinot Noir in a few words is tricky, given that the styles and character can differ considerably. However, comparing Californian Pinot Noir to the rest, one can opine that, generally, the fruit is a little riper and sweeter, the wines more overt and generous, with a luscious rounded aspect.

#### LAND OF SAINTS CENTRAL COAST 36660 PINOT NOIR 2016 \$39.99

Kiwi Angela Osborn of A Tribute to Grace is the winemaker. The fruit is from organically farmed vineyards. Juicy cherry and berry flavours nurtured in the warm California sunshine, a core of clean minerality.

TWOMEY NORTH COAST 36661 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2016 \$129.00

A serious wine, sourced from three vineyards with 14 months in French oak. Fragrant berry, floral and herbal notes on a bold palate, with good depth, mature tannins and a strong finish. Will benefit from cellaring.

#### **GERMANY**

Known for its white wines, Germany nonetheless has a long history of Pinot Noir production. It leans more towards the fruiter styles of its New World counterparts than the ethereal Burgundian expressions, with the wines somewhat difficult to find here. In Germany, Pinot Noir is known as Spätburgunder.

#### CHAT SAUVAGE RHEINGAU 50019 PINOT NOIR 2014 \$46.99

From the heart of Riesling territory, this was too good to go past. Chat Sauvage utilize low yields and traditional winemaking methods. Fresh, fruity and elegant, with a rounded, silky palate and excellent balance.

#### FÜRST FRANKEN 50021 TRADITION SPÄTBURGUNDER 2016 **\$46.99**

'Rudolf Fürst is an acknowledged Pinot magician in Germany,' states wine critic Jancis Robinson. Drawn from iron-rich soils, it's a generous and fruity style of Pinot Noir with a wonderful opulence to the flavours.









EMILIANA

#### CHILE

Chile's winemaking focus was for many years centred around Santiago and the Central Valley, where the level of heat was no friend to Pinot Noir. With viticulture now flourishing from the tip to the toe of this long and narrow land, the climatic diversity provides patches where more moderate temperatures ensure slow, even ripening and Pinot Noir has found its Chilean home.



#### EMILIANA CASABLANCA VALLEY 90756 NOVAS GRAN RESERVA PINOT NOIR 2017 \$17.99 CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

Aromas of strawberry and blackcurrant, notes of damp earth and a light floral touch. The palate is lush, with smooth tannins and a generously fruity finish. A balanced wine with good complexity.



#### CASA MÁRIN SAN ANTONIO VALLEY 90766 CARTAGENA PINOT NOIR 2017 \$22.99 CASE OF 6 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

Casa Márin wines are markedly different to the Chilean norm; owing to the steepness of the land, the soil and the proximity to the sea, they are cooler in nature. With notes of red fruits, blueberry and cherry, the palate is gentle and fruit forward, the finish softly elegant.



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MONTES COLCHAGUA VALLEY

Montes established the benchmark for Chile's industry. Ripe, bold, savoury and meaty on both nose and palate, neither red nor black fruits dominating. Long, powerful and well-rounded, with good aging potential.

#### VIÑA AQUITANIA MAIPO VALLEY 90721 SOLDESOL PINOT NOIR 2012 \$40.99 CASE OF 6 \$39.99 A BOTTLE

Aquitania is a joint venture between Chile and France. The SoldeSol fruit comes from the Malleco Valley, where the cooler climate is suited to Pinot Noir. The aromatics are excellent, the wine showing a lovely natural acidity and complexity, with a taut, austere mineral quality.

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# **EN PRIMEUR**

#### FOR FANS OF BORDEAUX

Also known as Wine Futures, En Primeur refers to the process of buying wine before it is bottled and released onto the market. The wine is normally delivered two years later. This year's En Primeur campaign is due to start in April (or, to be more accurate, when the châteaux decide to release). In preparation for this, we have our dedicated website www.enprimeur.co.nz ready to go. You can log on now, create wish lists and get everything in place. Glengarry GM, Liz Wheadon, is off to Bordeaux to taste her way through the 2018 vintage and report back first-hand. Liz is there mid-April, and you can follow her thoughts on twitter @lizziewine or via our blog www.aboutwine.co.nz

And the 2018 vintage? It's superb.



CHLOE GABRIELSEN



41918 CHÂTEAU PLINCE POMEROL 2015
44340 GOULÉE BY COS D'ESTOURNEL 2015
42556 CHÂTEAU LA SERRE SAINT-ÉMILION 2012

\$79.99 \$82.99 \$89.99



# LAKE CHALICE

Established in 1989, Lake Chalice has been a class Marlborough act from the get-go. There have been a host of changes there recently, with Chloe Gabrielsen now at the helm of the winemaking. Chloe has wasted no time in channelling Lake Chalice's unique terroir from the vineyard into the glass. The Raptor range consists of small parcels of unique fruit, sometimes (though not always) from a single vineyard, that stand out as superior examples of a particular variety in a given year.

14624	LAKE CHALICE	THE RAPTOR	SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018	\$19.99
14425	LAKE CHALICE	THE RAPTOR	CHARDONNAY 2017	\$19.99
14614	LAKE CHALICE	THE RAPTOR	PINOT NOIR 2015	\$19.99





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In a celebration of heritage and longevity, the new Yalumba range is named for its founder, Samuel Smith, who got things rolling right back in 1849. The Samuel's Collection caters to an emerging hankering for good quality, easy drinking wines at wallet-friendly prices. Indeed, these vinos drink like they could cost a lot more than they do. They serve as a gateway to Yalumba's premium tier wines, with the whole set sustainably grown and vegan friendly.

#### YALUMBA SAMUELS COLLECTION

29857	EDEN VALLEY VIOGNIER 2017	\$19.99
29854	BAROSSA SHIRAZ 2017	\$19.99
29855	BAROSSA SHIRAZ CABERNET 2017	\$19.99
29853	BUSH VINE GRENACHE 2018	\$19.99
29856	BAROSSA GSM 2017	\$19.99



### AUTUMN

#### ALPHA DOMUS MARLBOROUGH 15265 THE COLLECTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 \$16.99 CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

The Alpha Domus wines are single vineyard and estate grown. Vibrant aromas of passionfruit, guava, lime, a hint of mango. A balanced and juicy palate with great depth of flavour and rounded texture.

#### JACKSON ESTATE MARLBOROUGH 14459 STICH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017 \$18.99 CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

From one of Marlborough's premium producers, the Stich is superbly aromatic, the fresh stonefruit, melon and citrus flavours enhanced by a textural mouthfeel and a lingering, mineral-edged finish.

#### GREYWACKE MARLBOROUGH 13820 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 \$24.99 CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

Flinty and mineral, with some reductive French characters, this is rich and concentrated, the power beautifully contained. Sourced from 90% organic vineyards, using natural ferments and minimal intervention.

#### LAKE CHALICE MARLBOROUGH 13664 THE NEST PINOT GRIS 2017 \$12.99

A bright, clean appearance with fresh straw hues, lifted aromatic notes of pear and almond and a slight mealy biscuit note. A medium-bodied, dry Pinot Gris with a juicy and refreshing palate.

#### CHURCH ROAD HAWKES BAY 15181 PINOT GRIS 2018

#### \$16.99 CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Displaying a certain Alsatian sensibility, with appealing aromatics of peach, pear, florals and spice, the silky, medium-sweet palate showing good balance and depth of fresh, ripe flavours.

#### PALLISER ESTATE MARTINBOROUGH 16740 PINOT GRIS 2016 \$24.99 CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE

### From a winemaking team with 30-plus years of expertise under their belts, a gently concentrated, off-dry Pinot Gris with notes of stonefruit

belts, a gently concentrated, off-dry Pinot Gris with notes of stonefruit and honeysuckle and an attractive mineral edge to the flavours.

#### WAIPARA HILLS WAIPARA VALLEY 19367 CHARDONNAY 2017

\$14.99 CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Unobtrusive oak and creamy, buttery nuances from the partial malo add their flair to the peach and tropical fruit proceedings. Fresh, crisp and tasty, with a silky texture and a lightly lingering finish.

# LEFT FIELD HAWKES BAY 19062 LIZARD FISH CHARDONNAY 2017 \$15.99 CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Glows in the glass with a knowing Hawkes Bay swagger, its stonefruit and citrus characters infused with an assured elegance augmented by silky textures and a gentle vanillin oak presence.

#### MAIN DIVIDE MARLBOROUGH 13607 CHARDONNAY 2017 \$18.99 case of 6 \$17.99 A BOTTLE

Aromas and flavours of peach, plum and zesty citrus, with subtle notes of buttered toast and wood smoke adding a savoury element. The palate is creamily textural with good concentration and fruit weight.

# MATAWHERO GISBORNE 13994 SINGLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2018 \$20.99 CASE OF 6 \$19.99 A BOTTLE

The Mendoza Chardonnay clone used was grown at the famed Tietjen vineyard in Gisborne's Golden Slopes region. Lush aromatics of stone-fruit and butterscotch accompany the rich, weighty palate.

# TERRA SANCTA CENTRAL OTAGO 13907 RIVERBLOCK CHARDONNAY 2017 \$27.99 CASE OF 12 \$26.99 A BOTTLE

The Riverblock evokes its stony soils and Bannockburn's wild side. Native yeasts create complex earthy flavours lifted by the vibrant fruit. Beguiling layers reveal themselves slowly. Beautifully complex.

FRAMINGHAM MARLBOROUGH 12692 CLASSIC RIESLING 2018 \$19.99

Under the astute guidance of Andrew Hedley, Framingham turn out brilliant aromatic wines. Fragrant, delicately honeyed and creamily textural, with rich fruit, soft, juicy acidity and a long, mineral-edged finish.



# WINES



#### ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUGH 17273 ROSÉ 2018 \$16.99 case of 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Fresh, fragrant aromatics of cherry notes with a dash of strawberries and cream. The palate is off-dry and textural, displaying raspberry and strawberry characters with a hint of watermelon.

#### BROOKFIELDS HAWKES BAY 14777 FIESTA ROSÉ 2018 \$17.99 CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE

From Hawkes Bay maestro Peter Robertson, the Fiesta is an aromatic celebration of florals, strawberry, melon and spice. Elegant, fresh and fruit-driven, in a dry style, it is excellent with antipasto dishes.

#### ARMAND DE CHAMBRAY FRANCE 47153 BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV \$12.99 CASE OF 6 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

Great value French sparkler with a fresh floral nose and a clean, crisp taste. A lemon sorbet character fills the mid-palate, while bright citrus notes at the end leave you in a state of contentment.

#### GRAHAM NORTON'S OWN 62590 PROSECCO DOC NV \$16.99 CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Graham Norton's Own Prosecco is produced to the efferevescent entertainer's own specification, using 100% Glera grapes from the home of Prosecco. A welcome addition to your next picnic, party or pizza.

#### MORTON 15424 PREMIUM BRUT NV

#### \$15.99

Morton Estate have been making this for ever. This silkily creamy, longstanding Kiwi sparkler garners much respect, and is a reminder that something done well needs little tweaking. Complex, elegant, iconic.

#### PERELADA PENEDÈS 88015 STARS BRUT NATURE RESERVA CAVA 2015

#### \$17.99

'Brut Nature' signifies this is dry, without dosage, or added sweetness. The 'Reserva' tag indicates it was on lees for a minimum of nine months. An excellent dry vintage cava from a premium Spanish producer.

#### DANIEL LE BRUN MARLBOROUGH 12145 MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV \$24.99

A balanced, subtle Marlborough méthode with aromas of crisp apple, brioche and citrus enhanced by subtle biscuity notes, the delicate mousse and soft, creamy mouthfeel underpinned by lively acidity.

#### QUARTZ REEF central otago 17230 Méthode traditionnelle **brut nv**

\$29.99 CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

This sets a benchmark for New Zealand sparkling wines with its delicate aromatic presence, a stylish robustness underpinning the exquisitely long flavours and cool, creamy acidity.

#### LANSON CHAMPAGNE 46313 BLACK LABEL BRUT NV \$46.99

Lanson's flagship cuvée. Aromas of pipfruit and tropical characters are embellished with brioche-like notes, the vivacious palate boasting a seductively plump mouthfeel, silky mousse and refreshing finish.

#### DRAPPIER CHAMPAGNE 43568 ROSÉ DE SAIGNÉE BRUT NV \$59.99 case of 6 \$58.99 a bottle

An exquisite rosé champagne with a low sulphur content, sourced from organically farmed grapes. Dry in style, the colour is vibrant from the addition of Pinot Noir made as a white wine to the saignée (bleed) wine.

PIPER-HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE 48105 VINTAGE 2008

#### \$69.99 A spectacular vintage at a non-vintage price

Opulent and elegant, 20 Grand and 1er Cru vineyards went into this. From a superb vintage, it will cellar comfortably for a further ten years. Rated 'best vintage champagne in the world', it's draped in accolades.

VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE 49810 BRUT NV \$69.99

Force meets finesse in a delicious blend of florals, dried fruit, brioche and spice, creamy Chardonnay-derived flavours surging at the finish. Boasts an almost unrivalled cachet and an avid group of followers.





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# GOLDEN VALUE

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#### VIDAL MARLBOROUGH 19429 ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

Juicy, succulent fruit makes its presence felt on a vibrant palate threaded with fine lines of acid, guava, gooseberries and a sweet seam of peach. Attractively priced Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

### \$12.99 A BOTTLE WHEN YOU BUY A 6-PACK



#### LEEFIELD STATION MARLBOROUGH 12271 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

Marlborough's expansive Leefield Station is owned and managed by The Ned's Brent Marris. A relatively recent addition to the world-class wine labels from that region, this is a lean, mineral and brilliant gold medal wine.

### \$15.99 A BOTTLE WHEN YOU BUY A 6-PACK



#### MUD HOUSE WAIPARA VALLEY 13894 RIESLING 2018

Aromatic fresh limes, spicy ginger and spring florals. A full, crisp and refreshing palate full of wonderful fruit concentration. The finish is enticingly mouth-watering with a hint of natural sweetness.

\$12.99 A BOTTLE WHEN YOU BUY A 6-PACK





Villa Maria have had much success with Pinot Gris. Here, the fruit shines in a spicy, apple and pear fashion. There is a baked bread character, with plenty of midpalate richness and a finish that is long and voluptuous.

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#### RAPAURA SPRINGS MARLBOROUGH 17927 MERLOT 2016

A straightforward red wine with fresh flavours of plum and currant, and a solid but not overwhelming tannin structure. There is enough weight there to support the ample fruit, and acidity to balance.

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#### **COOKOOTHAMA** DARLINGTON POINT 21086 SHIRAZ 2015

Old World tradition meets New World tech, with fruit sourced from NSW's Riverina district. Aromas of plum and berry, hints of chocolate, spice and vanilla, the concentrated fruit flavours underscored by peppery notes.

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#### ST HALLETT BAROSSA 27404 GAMEKEEPER'S RED 2017

With a wealth of regional experience and a rich resource of old vines, St Hallett are quintessentially Barossan and globally lauded. Plush cherry and plum characters with spicy, peppery notes and floral nuances.

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#### CHURCH ROAD HAWKES BAY 15210 GRAND RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2017

Fragrant aromas of stonefruit, citrus and toasty oak. Fruit flavours are complemented by subtle oak nuances and a silky, textural mouthfeel that is balanced with a lingering, mineral-infused finish.

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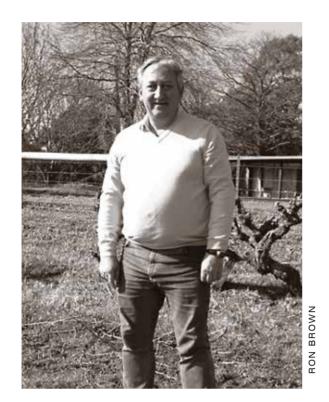
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### MAVERICK

BREAKING THE MOULD



#### MAVERICK EDEN VALLEY 22449 TRIAL HILL RIESLING 2017 \$47.99 case of 6 \$46.99 a bottle

Maverick's austere two-hectare Riesling vineyard is situated on a northeast-facing natural amphitheatre high in the Eden Valley. Mouthfilling, poised and elegant, with a soft minerality and fine, silky finish.

MAVERICK EDEN VALLEY 22450 TRIAL HILL CHARDONNAY 2017 \$61.99 CASE OF 6 \$60.99 A BOTTLE

The high altitude, cool climate Martin's Block is Maverick's premium Chardonnay vineyard. 100% barrel fermented, this is an elegant and subtle expression with an underlying minerality and a dry finish.

#### MAVERICK

22451	PARAVIEW SHIRAZ 2008	\$63.99
22445	<b>GREENROCK RISE</b> BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ 2010	\$91.99
22446	TRIAL HILL EDEN VALLEY SHIRAZ 2014	\$108.00
22447	TRIAL HILL OLD VINE GRENACHE 2012	\$118.00
22448	AHRENS' CREEK GRENACHE 2012	\$118.00





Established in 2004 by Ron Brown, Maverick is a relative newcomer to Australian wine, though the vineyards themselves are anything but young, with half the vines over a hundred years old. Brown's goal has been to position Maverick as one of the top premium boutique wineries in Australia. The wines are handcrafted from 100% biodynamically-farmed vineyards, with Maverick's Vine Vale winery certified biodynamic. These are exceptional offerings that may prompt you to review any preconceptions you might be harbouring about the nature of Australian wine. Elegant and restrained, beautifully executed, as they break the mould, they won't disappoint.

ALL WINES BELOW ARE ORGANICALLY FARMED

#### MAVERICK BAROSSA VALLEY 22440 BREECHENS GRENACHE 2014 \$21.99 CASE OF 12 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

Maverick's first 100% Grenache, crafted as a light, easy-drinking red. Fruit is off old vines in the Barossa Valley and Maverick's cool climate Grenache vineyard in Eden Valley. Delightfully fresh, soft and supple.

MAVERICK BAROSSA VALLEY 22441 BREECHENS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014 \$22.99 CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

Sourced from Maverick's Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in Vine Vale in the Barossa Valley, famed for the sandy soils there that produce outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

MAVERICK BAROSSA VALLEY 22442 TWINS GSM 2017 \$31.99 CASE OF 12 \$30.99 A BOTTLE

The Twins wines are a blend of two vineyards, combining the dry heat of Barossa Valley grapes with cooler, high altitude Eden Valley fruit, the combination synergetic and electrifying. Warm, supple, brooding.

MAVERICK BAROSSA VALLEY 22443 TWINS BARREL SELECT CABERNET BLEND 2017 \$31.99 CASE OF 12 \$30.99 A BOTTLE

Paintings by noted Australian surrealist painter Charles Billich grace the Barrel Select labels. A vibrant blend of Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot displaying great flavour and intensity.

#### MAVERICK BAROSSA VALLEY 22444 TWINS BARREL SELECT SHIRAZ 2017 \$33.99 CASE OF 12 \$32.99 A BOTTLE

From the top terroirs in Maverick's Twin Shiraz vineyards, the hot, dry Ahrens' Creek in Vine Vale and Pewsey Vale's cooler, high altitude Trial Hill, the remarkable combination creating a voluptuous, elegant wine.



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### BIODYNAMIC COUSINS

#### NZ'S MILLTON AND AUSTRALIA'S CASTAGNA LEAD THE WAY

From opposite sides of the Tasman, James and Annie Millton and Julian and Carol-Ann Castagna go back many years, linked by their collective and long-held determination to make their wines in ways that don't impact negatively on the environment or the human body, using organic and biodynamic methods. They are our pioneering trend-setters. From the start, they were foundation members of the Renaissances des Appellations, representing their respective countries. Since 2004, from Bordeaux to New York, James and Julian have flown the biodynamic flag, at times in the face of considerable scepticism and derision. However, as is so often the case, over time comes change, and what was once seen as fringe behaviour is now not only accepted, but embraced as legitimate and important practice. In these challenging times for our planet and humanity's future, it all makes a great deal of sense. The Milltons and the Castagnas have instigated events in our own backyard, events that were formative and head-turning for many winemakers in Australia and New Zealand, and almost the turnkey for many of our well-respected producers. James Millton puts it thus: 'Now, in 2019, I feel confident that we are all considered normal within the trade and out in the paddock, and that we all have a great degree of providence there.' And the wines? They're brilliant, of course.



JAMES MILLTON

#### MILLTON GISBORNE 14645 OPOU VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2017 \$31.99 CASE OF 6 \$30.99 A BOTTLE

A beautifully crafted Chardonnay, certified organic and barrel fermented with indigenous yeasts. Notes of citrus and stonefruit augment a richly flavoured palate with a creamy, nutty mouthfeel, clipped with cleansing acidity and framed by silken tannins.





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#### MILLTON GISBORNE 14600 RIVERPOINT GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2017 \$26.99 CASE OF 6 \$25.99 A BOTTLE

Gewürztraminer is the undisputed king of the aromatic wines and this is one of our best. Rich, spicy flavours deliver consumate length on a dry but generous palate that delivers a balancing acidity. A lushly fragrant nose of honeyed ginger and cloves adds the x-factor.

18078MILLTON OPOU VINEYARD RIESLING 2018\$29.9914653MILLTON RIVERPOINT VINEYARD VIOGNIER 2016\$26.9914605MILLTON CLOS DE STE. ANNE CHARDONNAY 2015\$79.9914695MILLTON CRAZY BY NATURE SIRIUS WHITE 2018\$19.9914659MILLTON CRAZY BY NATURE COSMO RED 2016\$23.99



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Pet project of assistant winemaker, Adam Castagna, The Red is made from the best fruit available, with the 2014 a 70/30 blend of Nebbiolo and Shiraz. A soft and delicate mix of raspberry and cherry flavours, subtle florals and light tannins, aged in large concrete eggs.





#### CASTAGNA BEECHWORTH 21648 GROWERS SELECTION CHARDONNAY 2016 \$65.00 CASE OF 6 \$64.00 A BOTTLE

A classically styled Beechworth Chardonnay, this is very fine and precise. Citrus undertones are evident, but there is also a lovely nutty Meursault-like character that adds much interest and complexity. As with all of the Castagna wines, this will have a long life ahead of it.



21640	CASTAGNA GENESIS SYRAH 2015	\$120.00
21641	CASTAGNA UN SEGRETO 2015	\$120.00
21642	CASTAGNA LA CHIAVE 2015	\$120.00
21645	CASTAGNA SPARKLING GENESIS 2009	\$145.00



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#### PYRAMID VALLEY

15717 FIELD OF FIRE NEW ZEALAND CHARDONNAY 2016 \$125.00 15718 LION'S TOOTH NEW ZEALAND CHARDONNAY 2016 \$125.00 15106 EARTH SMOKE NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR 2016 \$125.00 15719 ANGEL FLOWER NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR 2016 \$125.00



A TASTING WI **MILLTON & CASTAGNA JAMES MILLTON & JULIAN CASTAGNA** AUCKLAND **GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK 118 WELLESLEY ST** 7:00PM WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY **WELLINGTON GLENGARRY THORNDON 53 HUTT RD** 6:00PM THURSDAY 2ND MAY

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There have been considerable changes at the globally-lauded and uncompromising Pyramid Valley biodynamic vineyard of late, leaving aficionados wondering if their beloved winery would still be the same. With its founders moving on, Pyramid Valley has been purchased by Steve Smith MW and Brian Sheth. The new team also includes ex-Escarpment winemaker Hugh Kinch. Those troubled fans can breathe easy: Pyramid Valley is as good as it ever was, and in some instances, possibly better. There are two distinct ranges: The Appellation Series is a set of wines where the fruit is sourced from various parts of New Zealand and the wine made at Pyramid Valley using its key practices, while the Botanical Series consists of four wines from the four very distinct aspects of Pyramid Valley's own terroir.

#### PYRAMID VALLEY CANTERBURY 15313 NORTH CANTERBURY ORANGE 2018 \$32.99 CASE OF 6 \$30.99 A BOTTLE

Mainly Pinot Gris, with Muscat and Gewürztraminer from Guy Porter's biodynamic vineyard in North Canterbury. A beautifully made, fault-free orange wine with superb fruit aromatics.

PYRAMID VALLEY MARLBOROUGH 15312 CHARDONNAY 2017 \$37.99 CASE OF 6 \$35.99 A BOTTLE

 $\heartsuit$ Old vine Mendoza Chardonnay fruit off the Sutherland Vineyard. An enticing nose of peach and nectarine, delicate oak and a firm mineral core. Elegantly bold, the balancing acidity is spot on.

#### PYRAMID VALLEY MARLBOROUGH 15712 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 **\$42.99** CASE OF 6 \$40.99 A BOTTLE

Hand-picked and only a little malo. Grapes are off the biodynamic Churton vineyard, made using indigenous yeasts. Pure Marlborough, and thanks to the cleverly subtle barrel work, it's all about the fruit.

PYRAMID VALLEY CENTRAL OTAGO 15716 PINOT NOIR 2017 \$42.99 CASE OF 6 \$40.99 A BOTTLE

The new team have purchased Lowburn Ferry, adding a significant source of prime Central Otago fruit to their portfolio. Tiers of flavour, fine tannins and nice weight. Great value wine in the Appellation range.









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#### FROM THE RHÔNE TO CHAMPAGNE

#### LE COLOMBIER RHÔNE VALLEY 45317 SIX RATS SYRAH 2016 \$19.99 CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

100% Syrah fruit from the Méditérranée IGP in the southern Côtes du Rhône. Boasts a fragrant, floral nose and an elegant palate replete with tight, silky tannins. No oak here, with owner Jean-Louis Mourre preferring to let the fruit speak.

DOMAINE BOIRON RHÔNE VALLEY 41306 CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2016

\$20.99 CASE OF 12 \$19.99 A BOTTLE

The Boiron family have produced Rhône wines for five generations. Silky and spicy, overlaid with delicate aromatic notes and soft tannins this accomplished Boiron Côtes du Rhône is dominated by Grenache, with a decent portion of Syrah adding depth and flavour.

### CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE côtes de provence 42749 LOVE BY LÉOUBE ROSÉ 2018 \$23.99 case of 6 \$19.99 a bottle

Lying on the Mediterranean coast, Léoube is certified organic and follows biodynamic principles, producing superbly subtle and elegant rosés. A blend of 50% Cinsault and 50% Grenache, this is quintessential Provence rosé at it's best.

SEGUIN-MANUEL BURGUNDY
 43489 MÂCON-VILLAGES BLANC 2017
 \$27.99 CASE OF 12 \$26.99 A BOTTLE

Stainless steel the whole way, no oak touching the Chardonnay fruit. Lees contact for six to eight months delivers a forward and creamy nose that leads through to a rich, creamy palate. Well made.

#### PAUL BARA CHAMPAGNE 48370 RÉSERVE BRUT NV \$67.99 CASE OF 6 \$66.99 A BOTTLE

Paul Bara have been producing superb grapes off the same 11 ha for seven generations A Grand Cru Pinot Noir with power and drive, the high percentage of reserve wines providing impressive richness and complexity. Spent three years in the cellar prior to release.



#### GOOD DRINKING ITALIAN REDS

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#### ILLUMINATI ABRUZZO DOC 62800 RIPAROSSO MONTEPULCIANO 2016 \$14.99 CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Italy's Montepulciano grape, top sites in Abruzzo yielding expressive, savoury fruit. A little spice for good measure, the wine perfectly poised with just the right amount of fruity, gentle tannins and lively acidity.

RIVERA CASTEL DEL MONTE DOC 62825 RUPICOLO ROSSO DOC \$14.99 CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Rivera inhabits the world stage as a benchmark producer of Puglian wine. The attributes of this easy-drinking Italian DOC red have been duly recognised by Wine Spectator, with 89 points and a Best Value tag, and The Wine Advocate, who awarded it 88 points.

#### RIVERA SALENTO IGT 62831 NEGROAMARO 2016

\$14.99 CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Negroamaro is the most typical grape variety of Salento on the southernmost part of the Puglia region. A fresh, balanced red with sweet red berry notes, bold grippy tannins, nuances of dried Mediterranean herbs and an early savoury finish.

#### TERRAZZE DELL'ETNA SICILIA IGT 62955 CARUSU 2014 \$37.99 CASE OF 6 \$36.99 A BOTTLE

A vibrantly plummy, succulent wine from the the slopes of Mt Etna and sub-40-year-old vines. An indigenous red blend with a fragrant nose, high acidity, taut tannins and a lengthy finish, developed as a more expressive style of the Nerello variety for the international market.

BIONDI SANTI TUSCANY 62832 MORELLINO DI SCANSANO 2015 \$67.00 CASE OF 6 \$66.00 A BOTTLE

An elegant, dry Sangiovese, with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon, from the famous Tuscan winemaking family's current scion, Jacopo Biondi Santi. Replete with juicy Sangiovese notes, ripe red fruit characters, florals, some herbal touches and a lingering finish.









#### HANCOCK & SONS HAWKES BAY BRIDGE PA CHARDONNAY 2018

\$24.99 13928

The inaugural Chardonnay release from winemaker John Hancock and his eldest son Willy. Small batch production, with creamy fruit characters balanced by a crisp finish and and nutty oak nuances.

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

Nga Waka consistently produce their line of food-

friendly Sauvignon Blanc wines, with passionfruit

and capsicum varietal characters enlivened by an

CRAGGY RANGE HAWKES BAY

**KIDNAPPERS CHARDONNAY 2018** 

\$17.99 <sub>14779</sub>

\$25.99 <sub>11222</sub>

CASE OF 12 \$24.99 A BOTTLE

Fruit from the cool but sunny Kidnappers Vineyard

in Te Awanga delivers intense Chardonnay flavours in a precise, fresh, mineral-tinged palate with ripe

underlying mineral presence.

NGA WAKA MARTINBOROUGH



#### 2 JULES TAYLOR MARLBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2018

**\$19.99** 13463

\$16.99

<u>A</u> lovely textural Gris with delicate floral notes over apricot and nectarine flavours. Partial wild ferment and yeast lees aging impart a nutty opulence that carries through to the lingering dry finish.

From Mud House's Marlborough sub-region series,

packed with passionfruit pungency, infused with

citrus blossom and capsicum aromas. Focused,

ST HALLETT BAROSSA

FAITH SHIRAZ 2017

\$19.99 <sub>27852</sub>

elegant and fruit-driven, with a zesty character.

MUD HOUSE MARLBOROUGH RAPAURA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

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Unmistakably Barossan, the ripe plum and berry notes showing hints of chocolate and cinnamon on a silky palate of lingering fruit flavours. Seasoned with vibrant spicy notes. Drinking beautifully.



Jean-François Bordet is the 13th generation in the family business. His entry level wine is vibrant and richly flavoured, boasting a refined palate of crisp flavours and fresh, tingling mineral notes.



A fragrant, creamy Sonoma County Chardonnay delivering peach, melon, apple and butterscotch notes with a dash of oak on the full, rounded finish. Juicy, forward and delicious.





TE MATA HAWKES BAY ESTATE VINEYARDS SYRAH 2018

\$19.99 19132

citrus characters and subtle oak highlights.

Syrah does well in Hawkes Bay, and in the hands of premium producers like Te Mata, it can really sing. The younger sibling of their legendary Bullnose Syrah, made more as an early-drinking style.



#### RAVENSWOOD CALIFORNIA VINTNERS BLEND ZINFANDEL 2015

#### \$16.99 36582 CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Unashamedly big and bold, the hearty cascades of blackberry, raspberry, boysenberry and cherry are given a spicy nudge with pepper, cloves, anise and a touch of herbs. Charmingly opulent.



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#### bannockburn benchmark

Akarua boasts the largest privately-owned estate in Central Otago, with five vineyards across Bannockburn and Pisa. Wines are 'hard won' from soils that are mostly broken schist and sand. There are extremes of hot and cold with frosts in winter, and dry nor'westers that devigorate the vines. At Akarua, they put a lot of focus on the quality of the fruit, and in the winery employ minimalist, gentle techniques that allow the wines to express the purity of fruit and terroir. Their consistency is impressive, and is reflected by their considerable collection of trophies and gold medals.

#### akarua

18771 RUA PINOT NOIR 2018	\$22.99
16043 AKARUA PINOT NOIR 2017	\$34.99
16303 THE SIREN PINOT NOIR 2016	\$97.00
10118 AKARUA BRUT NV	\$24.99
10119 AKARUA ROSÉ BRUT NV	\$30.99
16328 AKARUA VINTAGE BRUT 2015	\$37.99

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CENTRAL OTAGO

