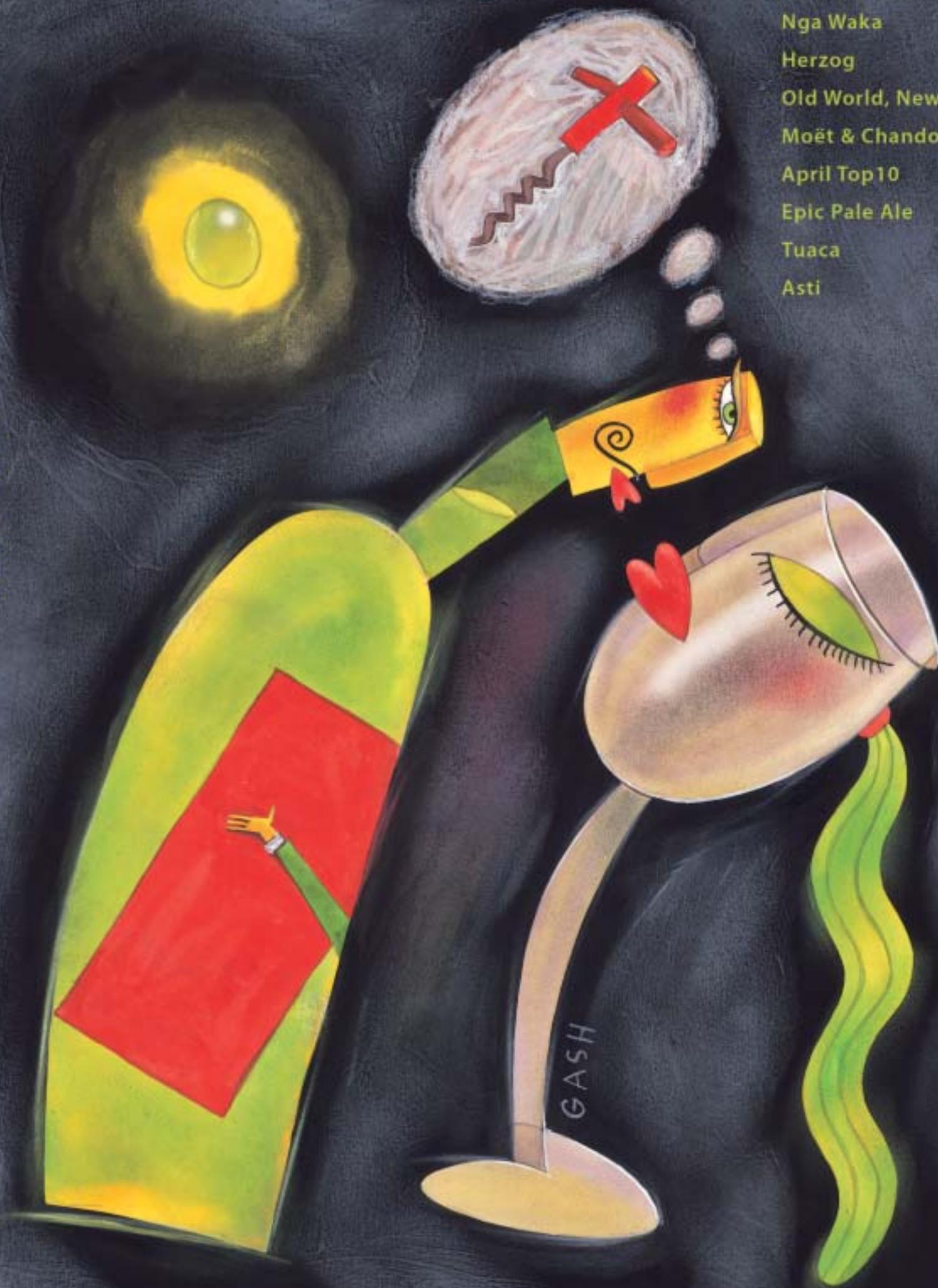


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If you're getting to the stage where grainy, shaky footage of skateboarding goats are starting to make YouTube a bit of a yawn and you need something to fill that achingly long stretch at work between lunch and little play, have we got the answer for you! Check out our fantastic new **En Primeur** website at www.glengarry.co.nz. Indeed we are, to use a skateboarding analogy, ramping up once again to secure the best Bordeaux has to offer; the rare, the wonderful and the exciting from the 2006 vintage, at prices that are well below what these wines will finally retail for.

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Everyday Drinking

A quartet of smart wines that won't tax your wallet but will deliver a great mouthful

Momo

Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$18.00 **now \$14** 12862

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$13.50 A BOTTLE

A sub-label of Seresin, and a price-fighter if ever I've seen one. Which, as a matter of fact I have, so you can be quiet, Gemima. OK, ten-year-old Chardy vines aren't exactly looking to queue up for their senior citizen bus pass, but they are getting on enough to start delivering concentration in the berries that younger plantings will not have yet developed. This is a cooler style, with lots of crisp, refreshing, mineral-tinged flavours of lemon and citrus. Clean and clear, it's all about the fruit, with minimal winemaking high jinks and tomfoolery.



Cheviot Bridge

Yarra Valley Cabernet Merlot 2004

was \$17.90 **now \$14** 21225

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$13.00 A BOTTLE

The big taste always gets through, although it isn't always the case with a \$14 red. It is with this one, though; a fully-flavoured offering that, being from the exquisite Yarra Valley, uses its power to charm and delight. It is rinky dinky slinky drinking - loads of blackberry jam and cassis flavours smeared with dark chocolate and enhanced by sound Cabernet structure. A few years in the bottle have mellowed the acids and melded the various parts, so it's a big, round, chewy tasty mouthful that slides down all too easily.



Esk Valley

Hawkes Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$20.50 **now \$17.50** 12834

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$16.90 A BOTTLE

From an excellent vintage in the Bay, this is a rich, ripe, tropical fruit style of Sauvignon from Gordon Russell, one of our most outstanding winemakers. If you are kinda over them aggressive Marlborough beasties, then try this on for size. And you know what, Mildred, it looks good on. So, a Stella McCartney Savvy, all clean lines and swishing skirts, and while it is most certainly full bodied, the natural acidity keeps it zingy and fresh. There's still an edge of herbaceousness as you'd expect - and demand - from the national variety.



Geoff Merrill

McLaren Vale Cabernet Shiraz 2003

was \$22.90 **now \$16.90** 22104

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This is outrageously vibrant for a four-year-old wine. The ripe berryfruit is vigorous and fresh, while the typical Aussie menthol and eucalypt characters add to the invigorating impression. The Shiraz slips in under the radar with some funky aniseed and spice characters, the oak tinges it all vanilla and the 14% alcohol makes sure you get plenty of weight to go with all that. You'll make short work of this of a long evening: grab a couple of cases.



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Feature Winery

Nga Waka

Roger Parkinson, Nga Waka



Nga Waka

Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$23.50 now **\$19** 15802

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

The Sauvignon Blanc grapes were hand harvested from Nga Waka's Home Block, whole bunch pressed and cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain fresh varietal characters. The wine is a pale greenish yellow, with an elegant bouquet showing capsicum and passionfruit aromas and hints of mineral in the background. In the mouth, it opens up to display deep seated varietal flavours deftly balanced by fresh lime notes at the finish. An excellent match to shellfish and white meat dishes.



Nga Waka Three Paddles Martinborough Riesling 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$15** 15801

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.00 A BOTTLE

After two tricky vintages the 2005/06 season returned to more typical weather patterns. Early spring was cool as usual, but December, January and February was very warm and dry. Cooler temperatures in March reduced cropping levels, but it remained fine. The beneficial conditions delivered well-ripened, balanced grapes. The hand-harvested fruit was whole bunch pressed and cool fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine exudes alluring aromas of apple blossom and citrus that cascade onto the palate. Wonderfully slick and softly textured, it finishes on an off-dry, but crisp, lime note. Amazing value.



Nga Waka Home Block

Martinborough Chardonnay 2003

was \$35 now **\$32** 15763

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$30.00 A BOTTLE

A single vineyard Chardonnay hand-harvested from Nga Waka's original Home Block vineyard. Roger Parkinson has pulled out all the stops in making this outstanding wine; it was totally fermented in a 50-50 combination of new and seasoned French Oak barriques, lees stirred monthly and matured for eighteen months. The wine was held for a further six months in bottle prior to it being released. All that effort has delivered a complex Chardonnay with tiers of subtle aromas and flavours. Every sip reveals another dimension: stonefruit, spice, butterscotch and honey wind around a mealy, buttery texture. Superb drinking.



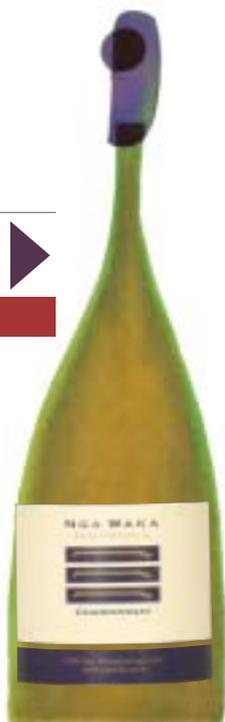
Nga Waka

Martinborough Chardonnay 2005

was \$23.50 now **\$19** 15803

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Beautifully crafted and great value. To provide suppleness and complexity on the palate, 50% of the wine was put through malolactic fermentation and lees stirred following the primary ferment in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barriques. The complex nose displays elegant peachy aromas subtly supported by toasty oak. The palate has a lovely textural mouthfeel that compliments the rich stonefruit flavours.



Nga Waka

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2003

was \$35 now **\$29.90** 15797

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$29.00 A BOTTLE

The winemakers of Martinborough pioneered Pinot Noir here, and in doing so they launched the region into prominence. Nga Waka were one of those early trail-blazers, and they have consistently produced exceptional, award-winning Pinots. Roger Parkinson's approach with the variety is to produce rich, elegant wines that reflect their unique Martinborough terroir. With ripe black cherry and spice aromas integrated with savoury oak, the elegant, fruit-laden palate is complemented by subtle oak and mellow tannins.



15804	Nga Waka Martinborough Riesling 2003	\$19.00
15805	Nga Waka 3 Paddles Martinborough Pinot Noir 2005	\$21.50
15793	Nga Waka Late Harvest Martinborough Riesling 2004	\$28.00



Hot OFF THE Press

New releases, the strangely exciting or new vintages of old favourites out this month

Lake Chalice Marlborough Merlot 2006



\$16 13558

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Sporting a wee bit of Hawkes Bay fruit this season just to flash itself beyond its already rather smart get-up, this is a fleshy red offering extraordinary value and peerless finesse and flavour. It's pretty damn solid, actually, its meaty midriff reflective of the hand-plunging and, no doubt, handstanding that takes place in the winery, where no barrel is left unturned in order to produce a shiny, grinning red with packets of punch and superb structure. There is chocolate, there is spice, there is red-eyed red fruit and there is elegance, vigour and youth.

Montes Classic Series Malbec 2006



\$16 90603

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Much like the Lake Chalice Merlot, this red delivers an astounding density of colour & concentration of flavour for the price. It has real chutzpah, too, swaggering its way towards you with a shimmy and a shake that dares you to doubt its integrity and class. Bursting with bleeding blackberries, plentiful plums and a flick of vanillin verve, it also possesses a spicy lift that just makes it taste all that much better. It's fat, Freddy; big and wide in your mouth, rich and appealing, disappearing down the red lane with a satisfying, spicy slap.

G Chapel Hill Shiraz Grenache 2004



\$19.90 21241

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.00 A BOTTLE

A deftly delicious McLaren Vale offering where the small portion of Grenache (15%) plays a bigger role in the final wine than your senses might have you believe, puts up its hand and declares responsibility for the rustic charm. And since you cannot taste rustic charm, I will explain: a brambly earthiness that lies beneath the bright fruit exists and ensures the wine just bursts into life with every engaging mouthful. Shiraz delivers spicy power, and overall there's a richness that just fills you right up to the brim with hedonistic, chewy, delicious fruit flavours.

Waipara Springs Premo Waipara Pinot Noir 2005



\$36 10913

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.00 A BOTTLE

As Warren G once said, 'you gotta regulate.' With fruit this good, you could probably fashion some sort of fruit bomb extravaganza with about as much subtlety as Jack Black. So you want to bring out the best in the fruit without getting in the way of it. There is plenty of fruit, of course, but it is executed in a way that is about complexity and intimacy rather than in-your-face power. This is a sensuous, silky and sexy Pinot, with plenty of structure and length. Its power is in its restraint.



Hot OFF THE Press

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If one can bear the security now prevalent at all international airports, foreign travel can not only broaden the mind, it can also lead to a life-changing experience. Such is the case of Roger Parkinson, who as a child travelled all over the world with mother Margaret and diplomat father Gordon. In 1974, when Roger was just a lad, he was whisked off to his father's new diplomatic posting in Paris. There, Roger's dad developed a passion for the wines of the old world. Roger, too, became fascinated by the world of wine, and that Paris OE helped fashion the course that his life has since taken.

In 1986 the family purchased a four-hectare site in Martinborough, and by 1988 had established the Home Block Vineyard. In that year, Roger gained a postgraduate diploma in wine from the Roseworthy College in South Australia. After graduation, he worked vintages in Australia, at Château Kirwin in Margaux and at Domaine Albert in Alsace. He returned to New Zealand in 1992 and completed Nga Waka's first vintage in 1993.

The Parkinsons named the winery Nga Waka because it reflects a sense of place. The three hills that form the backdrop to the town resemble the hulls of upturned canoes and are named Nga Waka a Kupe, the canoes of Kupe. The original Nga Waka Home Block vineyard is planted in Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling, and in addition, the company is in partnership and manages four other vineyards in Martinborough.

Nga Waka is very much a family winery: Roger oversees all aspects of the operation and is the winemaker, his wife Carol, an accountant, takes care of the finances and Gordon, though officially retired, is an active director.

The success that the winery enjoys is due in no small measure to the emphasis placed on the management of the vineyards. Roger Parkinson explains: 'In the vineyard we pride ourselves on doing the little things well. Each vine is nurtured by hand, according to its needs; neighbouring vines are frequently tended differently. Our aim is to achieve ripe, concentrated flavours. We achieve this by practising a low-cropping regime; this includes, vine training, bud thinning, leaf plucking to optimise sunlight exposure and, where necessary, the removal of bunches'.

Nga Waka produce two tiers of wines, all made entirely from Martinborough-grown fruit. The wines marketed under the Nga Waka label are made exclusively from 100% company-owned or managed vineyards. Roger: 'The Nga Waka wines are handmade and are matured longer both in barrel and bottle before being released. While enjoyable then, they are really intended for cellaring'.

Last year, Nga Waka introduced the Three Paddles selection, wines that will improve with cellaring, depending on the vintage, but are approachable on release, offering outstanding value. Like the Nga Waka selection, they will always be produced from 100% Martinborough-grown grapes.

Old World • New World

We pair up some wines from the Old World with wines of similar style and/or grape variety from the New World, and sing their praises, while also showing the differences that occur simply from where the variety is planted.

If New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc had the same characteristics as those from the Loire, well, the world wouldn't need New Zealand Sauvignon, would it? So, vive la difference is what this is about - look out for the French earth and mineral character while you gorge yourself on the bursting fruit flavours and well-endowed alcohol of the local offerings.

Come instore during April and really put your palate to the test: all our stores will have pairings like the ones featured, but they will be 'brown bagged' so you can really get a handle on what makes the regions different, and what makes them so exciting.

CHARDONNAY



Domaine Laroche St Martin Chablis 2005

was \$42 now **\$35** 48538

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$32.50 A BOTTLE

Not just a different ballpark to the two below; we're talking a different arena in another city. Chablis is all about the soils; these extraordinary, ground-up, old (millions of years) oyster shells so impact the wine that you can pick any half-decent Chablis a mile away. This steely, precise and flinty, mineral profile doesn't exclude the possibility of riches, though, so while the fruit is perhaps initially tucked away, it is all there and reveals itself subtly and slowly. There is an earthy hint, again, that is indelibly French.

Petaluma

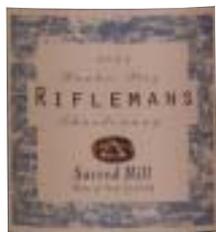
Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay 2002

was \$38 now **\$35** 25494

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These vineyards are at an almost identical altitude to Beaune, considered the home of French chardonnay, but remember, cool climate Australia is still pretty hot, so the fruit is still very ripe, the flavours fulsome, the style rich. There is a delightful savoury angle to this wine which, with the predominant fig and grapefruit notes, keep it refreshing rather than overpowering. A big wine with a broad and rich palate, it has an undeniable power, its weight and depth carrying through to the finish; but there's restraint there too.



Sacred Hill Rifleman's Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

was \$50 now **\$45** 18360

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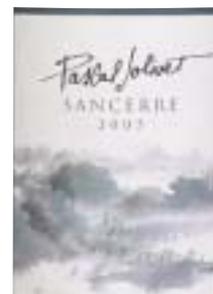
An explosion of flavour, texture and excitement, yet all well contained and controlled. Intense ain't the half of it. Citrus and peaches swirling around with nuts and cream. And there is no doubting the origin of a wine such as this, with its massive texture, the almost overwhelming sensation of the huge fruit and the barrel work all cascading across your palate in a thick, syrupy wave of pleasure. Not just distinctly New World, but distinctly Rifleman's.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Pascal Jolivet Sancerre 2005

was \$40 now **\$35** 41092

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$34.00 A BOTTLE



The village of Sancerre is high in altitude and predisposed to delivering wines with cooler climate characters: acid, spine, flint. Like any Sancerre worth its salt, this tingly, tangy white deeply reflects its source and soils: the chalky limestone and flint for which the region is renowned. So while there is no denying the richness and breadth of the palate, what makes this so different to something from the Wairau Valley, for instance, is a complexity of mineral/flint and wet stone under the fruit that is the wine's true character. Subtlety rather than power is the key.



Jackson Estate Grey Ghost Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$29.50 now **\$25** 13242

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$24.00 A BOTTLE

Very much a handmade wine, with much work in both the vineyard and the winery required to deliver this complex and exciting final product. The hand-picked, beautifully ripe fruit was subjected to wild ferments, 80% barrel fermentation and plenty of lees stirring, processes more usually associated with Chardonnay. Thus it's a fleshy, weighty wine with lifted peach characters and a gunflint, smoky character that elliptically connects us back to the Jolivet and the Loire Valley. Large scale, broad-shouldered, yet subtle and intense; a fantastically interesting expression of Marlborough Sauvignon.

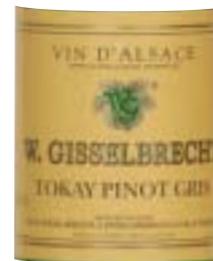
PINOT GRIS

Gisselbrecht

Alsace Tokay Pinot Gris 2005

was \$29 now **\$22** 46986

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE



How is Alsatian Pinot Gris different from our local expressions? Let me count the ways... The vines are much older, and the ensuing wines are simply spicier, headier and heavier in every way. Often bone-dry, wine like this, from one of the region's most renowned producers, is rich, oily and intense, with a giddy, heady fragrance of blossom and spice, and a powerful, slightly honeyed palate that eventually finishes very cleanly. There's so much going on, yet it is at the same time well-defined and balanced; an extraordinary expression of the noble grape.

Waipara Hills Waipara Pinot Gris 2006



was \$25 now **\$22** 10399

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE

A heady, hedonistic offering, the incredible ripeness and highish alcohol (14.5%) would surprise no one who has driven those hot flat plains in the Waipara district. A vast expanse of sun-drenched land that has consistent heat through January-March, this lusciously rich wine, with its thickly textured peaches, pears and apricots, could really come from nowhere else. A hint of almond nuttiness and a splash of spice add to the pleasure.

Taltarni Lalla Gully Tasmanian Pinot Gris 2005

was \$28 now **\$24** 27765

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

A wee pocket of cool climate terroir within the heat box that is Australia, the Pipers River region in north-east Tasmania delivers some intriguing aromatic varietals, including this rather fetching offering from the legendary Taltarni vineyard. Natural acidity and a mineral spine ensure a leanness of structure while the pear, honeysuckle, lifted orchard flowers and spice leave you in no doubt as to the variety. The palate roams with pears and musk, while some lemon peel and a chalky, flinty character keep the ship steady.

PINOT NOIR

Labourie-Roi Collection Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2005

was \$28 now **\$24** 42230

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE



Selected from some key Burgundy sites, this is subtle rather than strutting, and delicate to the point of sliding out of sight. The cherry charm is all there, along with some deft strawberry and blackcurrant fruit too, but you do have to go searching for it. As always with a decent Burgundy, there's that hint of undergrowth, or 'dusty cupboard' as I've heard it described. No, don't run away; it's a good thing. It adds character and intrigue.

Carrick Unravalled Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$24** 11115

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

The first thing you'll notice when comparing this to the Labourie is the alcohol: 14% as opposed to around 12%. Even that many degrees south, it's just a few degrees warmer (and more consistently so) than our Burgundian brothers, and so the fruit is riper, the alcohol higher. Only 25% of the barrels used here are new, so fruit and vineyard characters are preserved: a very light fining-filtering ensures they remain all the way to the final bottling. It's mighty ripe, full of berries and cherries, its link with the French being a briar-brambly character. Fruit-driven, sensual, flavoursome, succulent.

GSM

Paul Jaboulet Côtes du Rhône Selection 2005

was \$21.50 now **\$16** 45315

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE



If you want a pointer as to the differences between New and Old World, you need look no further than the tasting note for this tasty red: 'A wise choice with spit-roasted small birds...' Spit-roasted small birds? Hell's bells! Anyhow, they're making non-harmful-to-birds foie gras now, apparently, so we can forgive the Europeans for all manner of galling animal atrocities. And love them for this: lively ripe fruit and peppery hints mean much vibrancy, a touch of earth means undoubtedly French. Much panache; a joy to drink.

Mount Hurtle Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2004

was \$14.90 now **\$12** 21161

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$11.50 A BOTTLE



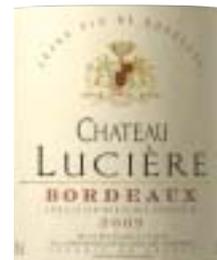
Soft, plush fruit and a soft landing at the end. No oak, yet no lack of structure. Lots of raspberry prettiness and spritzy Shiraz spice. Old Mourve does the backbone thing, so that all the twirling fruit and spice dancers have something to recline on when it all gets a bit much being so fabulous, which this very New World winner undoubtedly is. Were it French, it would have that barnyard thing going on which, in this case, would simply detract from what makes it so New World, and so now: unashamed, brightly ripe, fresh red fruit.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Château Lucière Bordeaux 2005

was \$18.90 now **\$16** 41147

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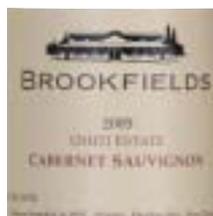


Claret such as this is deliberately made in a style, and at a price, that is ready to drink virtually from the day it's bottled. This offering, from a well respected Bordelaise family, is full of ruby-red berryfruit, has juicy cassis/blackberry flavours and plenty of density and structure. Firmer tannin-wise than the Brookfields, it also lacks the boyish charm of that wine, delivering instead a more sage depth of complexity, its delights slightly more elusive.

Brookfields Ohiti Estate Hawkes Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19194

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE



An Indian summer in an inland sun trap will always deliver ripe Cabernet fruit; the aromas and flavours are bursting blackberries, with subtler hints of tobacco/cigar box and saddle. The ripeness and forward nature of the fruit means that while it will still develop, it really is great drinking now.



Feature Winery

Herzog



There are plenty of winemaking families in Australasia with long histories, but probably none that can trace their roots as far back as Hans and Therese Herzog, who come from a winemaking dynasty that dates back to 1482. Well established in Marlborough, their background commenced in Switzerland.

Hans studied Oenology at the Wine University in Wädenswil, where he met Therese. Following graduation, Hans established his own vineyard near Zurich. The property included a small, run-down restaurant that, according to the land contract, had to be operated as such. Therese set about renovating the restaurant, a hugely successful venture that earned them a prestigious Michelin Star.

Hans and Therese were still on the lookout for a new challenge, in particular a region suitable for producing high quality wines. They looked at California and Australia, and after exhaustive research, decided on Marlborough.

In 1994, they purchased an 11-hectare block on Jeffries Road, and in the following two years close-planted the vineyard with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc, Malbec, Montepulciano, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Viognier. Everything in the vineyard is done by hand, and the move is toward organic viticulture; they believe that this is the best way for the land to express itself.

In the winery, Hans' approach is just as meticulous; all the wines are made from hand-harvested grapes, utilizing a combination of old world methods and modern technology. He employs a non-intervention policy that allows the wines to undergo long, cool fermentations with indigenous yeasts. The reds, built to last, are neither fined nor filtered to preserve complexity and structure.

Perhaps the best way to describe Herzog's wines is to quote Malcom Gluck, wine writer for the Guardian: 'No one is making better wine in New Zealand than Hans Herzog. His methods are traditional, old fashioned and more representative of pure, committed craftsmanship than anything yet to pass my lips in New Zealand.'

In keeping with their passion for food, the Herzogs have established one of the finest restaurants in the country. In February 2006, Ewan McDonald of the New Zealand Herald described as 'the best restaurant in New Zealand.'

Herzog wines are exported to Australia, Europe and the USA, where they encountered a problem with the US wine producer, Baron Herzog. They claimed global registration of the Herzog name and Hans and Therese have been forced to change the branding of their wines, which will now be known as Hans Herzog. In the meantime there will be wines labelled under both names in New Zealand. The labelling differences are minimal, but the important thing is that the outstanding quality of the wines remains unchanged.

Hans Herzog

Marlborough Viognier 2006

was \$44 now **\$39** 13126

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

The quality of this Viognier owes a great deal to Herzog's hallmark work in the vineyard, which was exceptional and, as always, the attention to detail was without peer. The wine was fermented in new French oak, lees-stirred and aged for eleven months in the same barrels. A lush wine with a lovely perfumed nose displaying jasmine, apricot and candied peel, it has a richly-flavoured palate that's beautifully balanced, smoothly textured and fresh.



Hans Herzog

Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$44 now **\$39** 13125

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

A powerful, complex Chardonnay made to accompany food. Produced from hand harvested fruit, it was barrel fermented and given malolactic fermentation to enhance the textural mouthfeel. It has a sophisticated and well integrated bouquet with echoes of peach, melon, lime and spicy oak. The flavours match the complexity of the bouquet; the mid-palate displays an abundance of ripe fruit that develops with every sip and leads seamlessly onto a mealy, smooth texture. Tightly structured and balanced by a lime finish.



13143 Herzog Pinot Gris 2006 LIMITED STOCKS

\$39.00

13146 Herzog Marlborough Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon 2001

\$59.00



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Wally's Hut

Cabernet Shiraz 2005

was \$11.90 now **\$9.90** 28425

When the gentlemanly record producer George Martin first got The Beatles into the studio, to put them at ease he said, 'now look, if there's anything you don't like, please, do feel free to speak up.' George Harrison, being the wag he was, replied, 'I don't like your tie.' Excellent. The point being that there is nothing about this wine you will not like. If you excuse the double negative, that is quite a statement. Tasty fruit. Chewy texture. Decent finish. Ludicrous price. Wally truly is The Milkman: he always delivers.



Long Flat

Chardonnay 2006

was \$14.90 now **\$9.90** 20196

This is a racy wine. In fact, it goes so fast it'll turn your cheeks into bin liners. Vigour, freshness and liveliness are its hallmarks, while its name, such is its history and worldwide recognition, is a trademark. Yes, it has peaches, nectarines and apples ripping up the palate, and some spicy vanilla oak injected as a stabilising influence, but at \$9.90, perhaps a long winded description of attributes isn't so important? You want to know if it tastes great. It does. Is it good value for money? It is. Will my friends like it? They will. As Gwen said, then, 'what you waiting for?'



Morton Estate

White Label Premium Brut NV

was \$21.50 now **\$18.50** 15424

How many white wedding dresses has this wondrous white label wine seen off? It exhibits all the characters that define good Methode Champenoise: it is well-rounded, beautifully balanced, complex and full of flavour. It's also grin-inducingly refreshing, a key factor when you've been asked to 'raise your glass to Great Aunt Mildred and other absent friends' for toast #20. The joy is, of course, that at a mere \$18.50, this is more than just a 'special occasion' wine; anytime you want the day to seem a bit more special, have one of these handy. Lightly chilled? You will be in seconds.



Herzog

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2004

was \$54 now **\$49** 13145

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$48.00 A BOTTLE

You can smell the class of this from the very first sniff. The Pinot Noir was cropped very low to concentrate flavours and then hand-harvested at 25.6 brix; that's super ripe for this variety. The wine was fermented on indigenous yeasts, transferred to French oak barriques for malolactic fermentation and aged for a further fifteen months before bottling, unfiltered. Deep and glossy, with a distinctive, fragrant bouquet of cassis, cherry, spice and toasty oak, the palate richly flavoured with ripe fruit and a tinge of mushroom that's complemented by the velvety texture and long finish.



Herzog

Marlborough Montepulciano 2004

was \$67 now **\$64** 13147

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$63.00 A BOTTLE

The Italian variety Montepulciano has settled superbly into the Herzog vineyard. The clue to the success of this wine is in the meticulous management of the vineyard. The Montepulciano was very lightly cropped and the canopy opened to allow the grapes to ripen to their full potential. The winemaking was equally meticulous, with the wine aged in French oak for two years. This is a blockbuster, with an explosive bouquet full of plum, mocha and cedary aromas. The fruit-dominant palate is boldly styled, warm and fleshy, with the hints of chocolate underscored by a viscous texture and a ripe tannin finish.





April 2007

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Tuesday 3rd April

Down in the cellar, we explore the wines of French winemakers Les Vins de Vienne
7:00pm Glengarry Herne Bay Cellar, 54 Jervois Road
Cost: \$45 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 10th April

We explore some outstanding Australian wines
7:00pm Glengarry Devonport Wine Club
Cnr Clarence St & Wynyard St
Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Thursday 12th April

A tasting of the wines from this month's feature winery, Nga Waka
7:00pm Glengarry Kingsland Wine Club
467 New North Rd
Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings required

Monday 16th April

A tasting of the wines from this month's feature winery, Herzog
7:00pm Glengarry Newmarket Wine Club
22 Morrow Street
Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 18th April

Liquid Gold: a vertical tasting of Château d'Yquem, looking at eight vintages, including the 2001
6:30pm Glengarry Victoria Park Wine Room, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
Cost: \$375 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 18th April

Tasting: Old World wines vs New World wines
7:00pm Glengarry Takapuna Wine Club
Cnr Hurstmere Rd & Killarney St
Cost: \$15 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 18th April

We taste wines from Alsace
6:30pm Kelburn Wine Club
Caffé Mode, Kelburn
Cost: \$30 per person. Bookings required

Thursday 19th April

Meet Claude Gisselbrecht, from outstanding Alsace winery Gisselbrecht, as we taste through his range of wines
6:30pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings required

Friday 20th April

We explore the food and wine of Alsace with Claude Gisselbrecht, from Alsace winery Gisselbrecht
7:30pm Dida's Food Store, 54 Jervois Rd, Herne Bay
Cost: \$45 per person. Bookings required

Saturday 21st April

Glengarry Wine Academy, Stage 1 - Intensive Course
The first week of two classes per day for two consecutive Saturdays
10am-12pm, then 1pm-3pm
Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
Cost: \$195 per person. Bookings required

Tuesday 24th April

The Glengarry Malt Whisky Tasting Club
We explore the new arrivals from Bruichladdich
7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
Cost: \$35 per person. Bookings required

Saturday 28th April

Glengarry Wine Academy, Stage 1 - Intensive Course
The second week of the Intensive Course
10am-12pm, then 1pm-3pm
Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

Tuesday 1st May

Tasting the wines of the northern Rhône Valley
7:00pm Glengarry Herne Bay Cellar, 54 Jervois Road
Cost: \$45 per person. Bookings required

Wednesday 9th May

Glengarry Wine Academy, Stage 1 - Regular Course
Commencing 4 weeks of classes from 6pm-8pm
Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
Cost: \$195 per person. Bookings required



Bottle of White, Bottle of Red
\$35.00 68665

Sacred Hill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006
Mt Hurtle Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2004

NZ Selection
\$125.00 69015

Ti Point Chardonnay 2006
Wild South Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2006
Waipara Hills Waipara Riesling 2006
Lake Chalice Marlborough Merlot 2006
Akarua Central Otago Pinot Noir 2005
3 Terraces Élite Pinot Noir 2005



On the Hop

There's a whole world of beer out there; we try them, then let you know what not to miss

Epic

Pale Ale 330mL

6-Pack **\$15.90** 91224

Created by the Steam Brewing Company, who started in Auckland's Cock and Bull pub and grew monumentally, acquiring the Auckland Brewery premises and a rep for fabbo NZ beers, of which this Homeric lager is but one. Their aim is to make the 'biggest beers possible' from the four trad ingredients; blood, sweat, tears and venture capital. Nope, water, hops, malt, yeast. The Pale Ale is so popular it's blushing, while this addition to the blockbuster brewery range will no doubt cement their rep further. Fresh, fully-flavoured, weighty and drinkable, it's grand, Herculean, indeed monumental. Course.



Champagne



Moët & Chandon
Brut Impérial NV

was \$70 now **\$59.90** 47211

When you produce two million cases of Champagne a year you are definitely A Player. Let's face it, Moët is probably the first name on most lips when the word 'Champagne' pops up. They own 1500 acres of real estate in the rather sought-after region, they were the first house to list on the stock exchange, and, a piece of dinner party trivia for you, a bottle of Moët is opened somewhere in the world every second. Boutique they are not. Great winemakers they are, though. Brut Impérial is beautifully balanced, seamless and elegant as a haute couture evening gown, shimmery, diamond bright and delicious.

WIN A MOËT & CHANDON *Luxury Lifestyle Weekend*

Buy two bottles of Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial at any Glengarry store before the 31st of April and go in the draw to win a luxury weekend for two at New Zealand's most luxurious beach destination, Royal Palm Lodge at Lang Cove, including flights to Auckland, two nights' accommodation, luxury car rental and \$500 spending money

in fine Spirits

Tuaca
Liquore Italiano 700mL

\$37 92951

You should see the drinks they make from this in the US: Dreamsickle, Tuaca Colada, Tuscan Mule... not only is it about the hippest new liqueur around, it's also way adaptable, ensuring you can mix it on up with a whole bunch of things and make something new and exciting for a palate jaded by Cosmopolitans. Thoroughly modern, Tuaca goes back a ways, too; to the Renaissance, in fact, when Italy went into artistic overdrive. Apparently Lorenzo the Magnificent (no ego there, obviously) had this citrus and vanilla delight concocted for him; a few hundred years later, GI Joes and Janes hanging in Italy got a taste for it, brought it back to the US: kaboom! Frenzy. Grab yourself some, and taste what all the fuss is about.



7 FOR 6

Buy 6 bottles and we'll give you the 7th

Tyrrell's
Old Winery Shiraz
2005 20232

Tyrrell's have been at the top of their game for more than a century, and they are without doubt one of Australia's most consistent producers. Their shiraz has a well integrated nose of ripe plum and mulberry interwoven with hints of pepper and vanilla, the fruit-laden palate supported by spicy nuances and a firm tannin structure.

was \$18.90 now **\$16**



OR BUY 7 for 6 ONLY \$13.71 A BOTTLE

Tyrrell's
Old Winery Pinot Noir
2006 20299

The first winery in the modern era to undertake commercial plantings of Pinot Noir in Australia, Tyrrell's 1976 vintage was selected in the prestigious Paris 'Gault Milleau' World Dozen. Subsequent vintages have also done well. The 2006 is a generously flavoured, the spice-accented berryfruit and mushroom flavours complemented by a silky texture and understated oak.

was \$18.90 now **\$16**



OR BUY 7 for 6 ONLY \$13.71 A BOTTLE

Tyrrell's
Old Winery Cabernet Merlot
2004 20295

Selected from leading South Australian and Victorian vineyards, this is distinguished by a ripe fruit presence from the very first sip to the last lingering aftertaste. It is dominated by rich berry and plum flavours nicely integrated with vanillin oak and enhanced by supple tannins. It's already drinking well, but will continue to develop further.

was \$18.90 now **\$16**



OR BUY 7 for 6 ONLY \$13.71 A BOTTLE

a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

Laroche

South of France Syrah 2003

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 48526

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

When the French wine authorities created the Vin de Pays Appellation in the 1970's, they could not have imagined that it would be so successful internationally; perhaps it is because the wines offer such an irresistible combination of quality and value. The grapes were selected from three vineyards in the Vin de Pays d'OC of south-west France. With a healthy, youthful appearance showing flashes of purple, the bouquet displays classic Syrah cherry and plum aromas enlivened by peppery notes. It is a dense mouthful, with ripe, spicy damson flavours, understated oak, a supple texture and a lengthy finish.



Domaine Jaume

Altitude 420 Vinsobres 2004

was \$28 now **\$22** 43737

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.00 A BOTTLE

This wine is from the newest Côtes du Rhône appellation, Vinsobres, one of the highest (and thus coolest) villages in the region. The blend is made up of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah that has been hand-harvested from 30-year-old vines. To provide complexity and freshness, two thirds of the wine was matured in oak barriques and the balance in stainless steel tanks. It has a bouquet of wild blackberry, cinnamon, leather and toasty oak. The palate of ripe fruit flavours combines with subtle oak and is held in focus by a fine tannin structure.



Château Tour du Foussat

Bordeaux 2003

was \$19.90 now **\$18** 41150

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

When one thinks of the Bordeaux Châteaux, it is the star names that first come to mind. The wines that these glamorous identities produce are without question top-notch, and priced accordingly. In the last couple of decades however, a quiet revolution has taken place, particularly in the Entre-de-Mers AC, where a number of Châteaux like Tour du Foussat have really stepped up to offer great value. Blended from estate-grown Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, this is a fruit-forward wine with classic plum and blackberry aromas and flavours complemented by a silky texture and a long finish.



Laroche

Barrique Réserve Bourgogne Chardonnay 2004

was \$27 now **\$22** 48536

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE

Michel Laroche is a master at creating sublime wines from Chardonnay. Not surprising, since he is a fifth-generation Chablis wine producer. A white Burgundy made from Chardonnay selected some of the best growers in the region, the wine was fermented in new and seasoned oak barrels, put through a full malolactic conversion, lees stirred and minimally handled prior to bottling. The result is a beautifully poised wine with an excellent varietal nose and a scent of vanilla from the oak treatment. The buttery-textured palate is richly flavoured, and balanced by a fresh lemon crispness.



Rasteau

Tradition Côtes du Rhône Villages 2004

was \$27 now **\$19.50** 43306

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

In their 'Ultimate Buying Guide', Wine Spectator magazine have rated this as 'very good.' The wine has been blended from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre selected entirely from communes rated as the best in the region by the AC regulators. This is a well made wine; the bouquet is dominated by red berry, with a touch of cocoa and hints of tobacco. The palate is well sustained, with cherry and chocolate flavours and earthy nuances complemented by a nicely rounded mouthfeel. A first rate, very well priced wine.



Alex Gambal Cuvée les Deux Papis

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2004

was \$44 now **\$38** 42289

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$37 A BOTTLE

Born in Washington, Alex Gambal discovered the wines of Burgundy, and his passion took him to the famous wine school in Beaune where he learned about winemaking and viticulture. In 1997, Gambal established a business to produce wines truly representative of the appellation, variety and vintage. This 2004 Pinot is from selected vineyards in Pommard and Volnay. With its delightfully spicy berry bouquet and medium weight, it is elegantly structured and displays pure fruit characters enhanced by a silky texture.



Italy

Each month, discover the value and style of Italian wines

Pasqua

Terre del Sole Montepulciano 2005

was \$12.90 now **\$9.90** 66074

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$9.50 A BOTTLE

Montepulciano is Italy's most widely-planted native black grape variety after Sangiovese. It originated in Tuscany, where it is still grown, and other central Italian regions, including the Abruzzo region, sandwiched between the Apennines and the Adriatic Sea. Here, the variety reaches its zenith to produce wines that are robust, well-rounded and with sufficient tannin to provide grip. It is a deep ruby wine with a bouquet reminiscent of plum and black cherries. The palate has well-defined fruit with fine supple tannins. Great value, and worth buying by the case.



Pasqua Mezzo Giorno

Nero d'Avola Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

was \$18.90 now **\$16** 66067

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

One of the more exciting aspects confronting our tasting panel involves the discovery of wines that propel them beyond their comfort zone. Typically, those come from new wineries or regions, but the discovery that generates the most satisfaction is the wine made from a variety outside the mainstream, that delivers on both quality and value: Nero d'Avola is a native Sicilian grape that produces dark, robust wines with a mellow mouthfeel. This is great drinking; spicy and full of persistent berry and liquorice aromas, with the flavours balanced, silky smooth and firm on the finish.



Cecchi

Bonizio Sangiovese 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 62443

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

A great food wine, particularly with pasta, and surely a steal at only \$16. It is a 100% Sangiovese harvested from the Maremma zone, inland from the Tyrrhenian Sea in south-east Tuscany. The Cecchi family, who have had a long association with the region, believe the soils and climate, moderated by proximity to the sea, are ideally suited to the variety. This wine emphatically underlines that opinion; it has slightly earthy ripe cherry aromas on the nose, and a well proportioned palate. The berry flavours develop through the mid-palate and extend well into the finish.



Cecilia Beretta

Grigio Luna Pinot Grigio 2005

was \$21.90 now **\$16** 60486

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Write this one down on your must-buy list, because not only is it very good value, it's an excellent food wine as well; Italians love to sip it as an aperitif, but also enjoy it as an accompaniment to dishes like Fritto Misto, an irresistible collection of battered seafood and fresh seasonal vegetables. Harvested from the sub-Alpine vineyards of the Valdadige DOC, this has a smoky edge on the nose that lifts the apple and pear aromas. The palate is medium bodied and quite lively, with well-accented fruit complemented by a hint of mineral and herb.



Santa Margherita

Prosecco di Valdobbiadene NV

was \$33 now **\$26** 62538

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$25.50 A BOTTLE

The vast vineyards of Italy's Veneto region are home to a wide range of varieties, both imported and native, among them the ancient Prosecco, today used almost exclusively for producing sparkling wine. The grapes for this elegant bubbly were grown in the Valdobbiadene hill vineyards of the eastern Veneto. The wine was made by the Charmat process (in pressurised tanks) and given a month's lees contact to add complexity. It is a straw-yellow wine with a lively mousse and a fragrant bouquet hinting at peach and pear. The palate is fruity and well balanced, and finishes on a fresh, lively note.



Cecchi

Teuzzo Chianti Classico DOCG 2004

was \$37 now **\$29** 62418

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

Chiantis this good at this price are getting to be a rare breed, as wine lovers around the world are re-discovering that a great Chianti is the equal of the best reds on earth. The wine is named after Pietro di Teuzzo, who owned the Cecchi Estate vineyard a thousand years ago. This is a deep garnet-coloured wine with a complex, integrated bouquet displaying ripe cherry, raspberry, rose petal, spice and cedar aromas. The palate shows lots of tertiary complexity, intensity and depth, and a ripe array of fruit flavours supported by oak. The finish is long and lingering. Pietro would have approved; this is magnificent.



a taste of
Spain

Freixenet
Brut Rosé NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.50** 85016

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$10.00 A BOTTLE

Sporting a profusion of tiny bubbles, the Brut Rosé is a beautifully fresh cava, with strawberry aromas and flavours and nice mealy hints. It is a mystery how Freixenet can cram in so much flavour for so little money. Keep a case handy; your guests will love it as much as you.



Coto de Hayas
Campo de Borja Crianza 2003

was \$18.90 now **\$15** 81016

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.00 A BOTTLE

This consists of Garnacha and Tempranillo grapes selected from vineyards in the Campo de Borja denomination. The Garnacha vines are over 30 years old and the Tempranillo over 20 years. With a spicy, aromatic bouquet hinting at blackcurrant, almond and vanilla, the palate has a fleshy feel that complements the ripe fruit flavours. Great value.



Castaño
Pozuelo Crianza 2003

was \$23.90 now **\$17.50** 81039

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.50 A BOTTLE

From the outstanding wine-producing Castaño family, this is exceptional value. The blend is dominated by Monastrell, with support from Syrah, Cabernet and Tempranillo adding greater dimension and complexity. The bouquet has warm berryfruit and plum aromas and toasty oak nuances. The flavour-packed palate is a triumph of smartly integrated components.



Codice
Tempranillo 2004

was \$22.50 now **\$18.90** 81032

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

The native Spanish grape Tempranillo, more than any other variety, dominates the country's quality wines. Aged for six months in tank and a further six months in French and American oak, Codice displays spicy strawberry and vanilla aromas, and is loaded with ripe berry flavours supported by subtle oak enhanced by a silky mouthfeel and mellow tannins.



VineTalk

A look at less well-known, new and intriguing wine types

A sti'

'Anyone who thinks Asti is an innocuous frothy fizz to keep the troublesome maiden aunt quiet should buy a bottle from a good producer, or perhaps a bottle of the semi-sparkling Moscato d'Asti, search out a shaded bower on a blisteringly hot afternoon, pour themselves a cool glass of this lovely wine and quietly contemplate how lucky they are to be alive.' Oz Clarke

There you go, take it from one who knows. Oz is an internationally renowned wine writer, and also one of the most down-to-earth of his ilk that you are ever likely to come across. And the key to what he says here is about context. Asti has been largely misconstrued in this country, and it's not Asti's fault, it's ours. As he says, it's been the lolly water to keep Gertie quite, or, it's been used by Tracey and Shona to heat things up of a Friday evening before they 'hit the bars'. And yet, it is in fact a style of wine that is just perfect when drunk in the right surroundings.

As with so many Italian wines, Asti is named after the town around which it was originally grown, in this case the town of Asti, in Piedmont, in Italy's north-west. The grape used to suffuse this delicate little gem with all its seductive flavours is *Moscato Bianco*. Now you observant ones down the back would have noticed that we promote, and sell a lot of, Moscato d'Asti; and then there's Asti Spumante... so how does it all work?

Spumante is the Italian word for sparkling wine, and comes from the verb *spumare*, to foam or froth. Like so many European wines, the Asti name has been degraded by poor, locally-produced imitations. Legislation has caught up: if it's Asti, it must come from Italy. Bernardino Spumante comes from Newmarket. A small point, perhaps, but a worthwhile one.

Asti Spumante, then, is simply the more commercial wine when compared to Moscato d'Asti, and is higher in alcohol, more fizzy and usually tastes a touch sweeter. Moscato d'Asti is, conversely, no higher (by law) than 5.5% alcohol, tends to be *frizzante* rather than ragingly bubbly, and is more of a food wine than its popular cousin. And make no mistake, Asti is hugely popular. The DOC-defined region of Asti produces one and a half times as much wine as Soave, the next biggest in line, with nearly 100 million bottles produced annually, the majority of them exported.

So chill it, and have it with dessert or as an aperitif, or, as Oz would suggest, in the hammock as the sun dips and sways at day's end: you will be pleasantly surprised.

Martini
Asti NV

was \$18.40 now **\$15** 64632

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.00 A BOTTLE

This is such an enjoyable wine, showing distinctive juicy Muscat characters, most notably in the celebratory perfume that is such a hallmark of the grape. Floral and fragrant, the scents haunt your nose while the bubbles tickle it. It's frothy, mouthfilling and slightly sweet, as it's meant to be, making it irresistibly easy to drink (I've seen it described as 'gulpable'), while the 7.5% alcohol level ensures you won't feel blindsided by a charming glass or two. Being European, it partners wonderfully with food; mid-morning with pastries it's just a treat; early evening with a not-too-cloying dessert is also a divine match.

62644 Fontanafredda Le Fronde Moscato d'Asti 2005 \$29.00
62699 Fontanafredda Moncucco d'Asti 2003 \$35.00



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the GLENGARRY Top 10

april

Each month, from the hundreds of wines submitted to us, the Glengarry Tasting Panel selects our top ten wines

1 **G** Pasqua Sagramoso Valpolicella Superiore 2003

was \$21.90 now **\$16** 66045

A beautiful wine with sumptuous black cherry aromas underscored by hints of toast and pervasive ripe fruit flavours that linger on in the palate. Superb value.



2 Mount Riley Seventeen Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was \$23.50 now **\$19.90** 14983

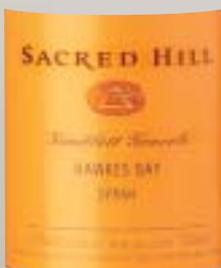
A moderately complex Marlborough wine with outstanding varietal characters supported by smoky mineral nuances on the nose. Richly flavoured, it finishes on a fresh, vibrant note.



3 **G** Sacred Hill Gimblett Gravels Hawkes Bay Syrah 2006

was \$21.90 now **\$19** 18365

The bouquet is full of ripe plum, berry and spicy peppery nuances that splash on to the palate. Well structured and harmonious, it is great value, and bound to develop further.



4 Henry's Drive Pillar Box Red 2005

was \$16.90 now **\$14.50** 21564

This is a Shiraz, Cabernet and Merlot blend from the family's Padthaway vineyards. Rich and generously flavoured, it is opulently structured and smoothly textured. Outstanding value.



5 Boundary Vineyards Kings Road Waipara Pinot Noir 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$18.90** 18347

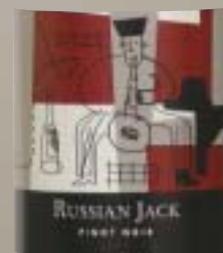
Wairarapa Pinot Noir with upfront spicy plum and cherry flavours wound around a weighty structure that's supported by integrated oak and complemented by a silky mouthfeel.



6 Russian Jack Pinot Noir 2006

was \$19.40 now **\$17.50** 18959

The spice-edged raspberry and plum aromas makes this a particularly attractive Pinot Noir. The palate has a pleasant textured feel that complements the forward fruit flavours



7 Chapel Hill Il Vescovo Sangiovese Cabernet 2004

was \$28 now **\$19.50** 21240

A terrific food wine with a lifted violet-plum-blackberry bouquet supported by understated oak. Rich, deep and integrated, it has a rustic edge and a long, flavoursome finish.



8 Les Vins de Vienne Les Cranilles Côtes du Rhône 2004

was \$30 now **\$24** 41274

Blended from selected vineyards, this is a classy wine, well balanced and built around a core of ripe fruit complemented by spice notes, toasty oak and finely judged tannins.



9 Wild South Reserve Marlborough Pinot Gris 2006

was \$25 now **\$22.50** 11147

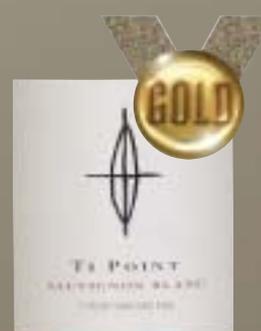
A most enticing wine with a perfumed bouquet that evokes nashi pear, apricot and spice. The weighty palate is packed with ripe fruit that's balanced by a long, fresh finish.



10 Ti Point Sauvignon Blanc 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19023

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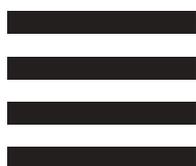
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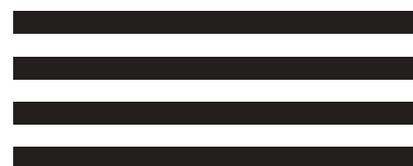
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