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When it comes to the world of wine, a little knowledge is a good thing, and something that we have always encouraged at Glengarry, both in our staff and with the wider public.

Our vehicle for wine education has always been the Glengarry Wine Academy which, since its inception in the early 90's, has provided top flight, no-nonsense wine information to, quite literally, thousands of people in both Auckland and Wellington.

I ducked down to the academy the other night to watch the latest Stage One course in action, delighted to report that it continues to thrive. It is very much a non-intimidatory environment; wine can be a scary thing, no matter what your level of knowledge. Talking to attendees, one of the biggest attractions is that we don't talk down to you, and the necessary knowledge is imparted with humour and passion, using understandable language.

The Wine Academy attracts a huge cross-section of individuals, which not only keeps the course lively, but helps all those involved. I recall sitting in on a session or two a few years ago, and seeing a very well-known and respected winemaker 'having a refresher', as he put it, sitting next to someone who, I swear it's true, had never tasted wine before. To hear that latter person, a few weeks later talking about the 'herbaceous notes in a Sauvignon Blanc' was gratifying, to say the least.

We have Stage 1 courses starting in both Wellington and Auckland in May, so if you're interested in an introduction to wine, want to brush up on your knowledge, or would simply like to immerse yourself in an environment conducive to learning and discussion, and taste upwards of 40 wines, contact us via the numbers listed below, and we will provide details of costs, timing and so forth.

The Stage 2 courses, which have been on a bit of a break, will be up and running from July. This is a 4-week course that delivers an overview of French wine and a sound introduction to the wines of Spain, Italy, Chile, and Portugal, as well as a session on the wonders of Riedel stemware and the difference it makes to wine appreciation. We're aiming to introduce a Stage 3 course by September of this year, which will take a comprehensive look at the great regions of France and Italy and discuss the cellaring of wine.

Should keep us all busy. Enjoy the Wineletter.

Jak Jakicevich





Everyday Drinking

Fairhall Downs

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2003

was \$19.95 now **\$16.95** 12782



There's so much going for this wine, it'll unquestionably go out the door faster than the sausage rolls at a Parliamentary bash; so a word to the wise: get in quick. 2003 was a good vintage for Marlborough Pinot, and with a couple of years swirling around in the bottle, this has integrated extremely well without losing any of its panache. Expect punchy cherry and red fruit flavours, anticipate some lively mineral acidity to balance out all that ripe fruit and prepare yourself for a finish you'd shell out sixty notes for. Eight bucks off retail? Get IN.

Coopers Creek

Hawkes Bay Merlot 2002

was \$19.95 now **\$12.95** 11809

Sourced from three different HB sites, this is consistently Coopers' biggest-selling red which, when you think how many cases they move of everything else, says a great deal about the appeal and approachability of this wine. It's amazing that we've nabbed some of the 2002, and even more astounding that we've discounted it. It's all about fruit; luscious layers of plums and berries, made even more gorgeous by hints of vanilla oak and a shred of spice. It's drinking perfectly right now; grab a case to ameliorate the onset of winter. Outstanding, in every way.



Goldwater Roseland

Marlborough Chardonnay 2005

was \$19.95 now **\$16.95** 12785



Great buying. The GW's have clocked up a string of seriously good vintages of this beauty, and here is yet another one. Boisterous, upfront melon and peach notes surge forth abed a creamy malo-influenced, alcohol-weighted palate that hints at butter-scotch. The oak is spicy, adding texture and weight without ever taking over, making this a fully flavoured, beautifully constructed, powerful chardonnay with no shortage of class. Priced to move in volume, take the chance to nab a case or two; it'll be the best financial decision you make this tax year.



Tyrrell's Old Winery

SE Australian Pinot Noir 2004

was \$16.95 now **\$13.95** 20291

Last month, the Glengarry Tasting Panel lined up over 20 Pinots, hid their pedigree from view and slugged their way through the offerings. While all regions, styles and price points were covered, this offering from the Aussie Pinot giants came up best. We tried them in different order, stood on one leg, even came in on a Sunday, cos we just couldn't believe that a \$13.95 wine could outclass allcomers. It is a delicious, appealingly rounded wine with a generous fruit palate, a subtle oak touch, a seductive earthy character and plenty of legs to see the lamb off the table comfortably.



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Feature Winery

Sacred Hill



Tony Bish



Sacred Hill's first commercial wine, the 1986 Fumé Blanc, had one very important hallmark: it came off a family block, the Dartmoor vineyard in Hawkes Bay. For, despite moving from a Sauvignon made in a garden shed to being a many-thousand case producer, Sacred Hill is still very much a family-run operation. David Mason oversees the company business as he has done from the start, and it is certainly his vision, along with that of Tony Bish and his winemaking team, that has seen Sacred Hill undergo consistent growth, transformation and huge success over the past two decades.

It is a phenomenon that has expanded beyond their home turf of Hawkes Bay to encompass key holdings in Marlborough and Central Otago. But while the volume and variety produced by Sacred Hill has grown exponentially, the wines still show great individual character, and very much reflect the unique terroir in which they are produced.

Tony Bish has proven himself capable of making outstanding wines from all of the traditional varieties, having won awards for reds and whites across the Sacred Hill range. And while he humbly credits the 'excellent vineyard selection I now have to play with', anyone who can win a gold medal for all three of the Chardonnays they produce, as Tony did in 1998, is probably being a bit backward in coming forward. Indeed, the accolades and independent endorsements that Sacred Hill have racked up are remarkable. The Riflemans Chardonnay has won a gold medal every year of its release since 1995, while, just to prove the breadth of skills, Tony Bish and the team won Best Still Rosé Wine at last year's Sydney International Wine Competition.

Expansion into the South Island has seen the accolades blossom further, with the Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc gaining gold medals and/or trophies for all of its first four vintages. With scores in the high 90's in Spectator and Decanter, awards from across the globe, and so many 5-star ratings from Cuisine that they could make their own sky, the cabinet is bursting. The key thing here is that the praise, both critical and commercial, is across the whole range of Sacred Hill wines, proving that they walk their talk when they say they 'want to make high quality, great value wine, no matter what the price point.' This ubiquity of excellence is crucial to understanding the Sacred Hill philosophy: to consistently deliver wines of value, quality and character, irrespective of price.

Sacred Hill

Whitecliff Viognier 2005

was \$16.95 now **\$12.95** 18268

The classic white grape of the northern Rhône has shown that, in the right hands and in the right vineyards, it can flourish here, far from its renowned home of Condrieu. This is a great example, showing exactly the exotic, haunting, floral and dried apricots/fresh peach aromas one would expect from top-flight Viognier. The palate, too, delivers a weight, texture and hedonistic voluptuousness that runs way above the price tag, while the peachy/apricot flavours stay rich and true, right to the very end of the long finish. Warming and deeply seductive, it is a great expression of this heavenly white, at a price mere mortals can afford.



Sacred Hill

Whitecliff Pinot Gris 2004

was \$16.95 now **\$12.95** 18253

We've been sipping away at this every time the sun has reared its welcome head in the past month or two, which has been, we are delighted to say, quite often. For this is a delightful wine, its cool, crisp slightly pear-like flavours lending a piquancy to the autumnal mood that tells us the barbecue must soon be hibernated in the garage. Slickly smart, with razor-edged fruit, it has a spine-tingling acidity that is balanced by a fleshy, tropical richness, making it fab with food or without. The fruit is so good that the fresh acidity merely brings it back into line, making for a poised, balanced and mighty easy to drink, late summer white.



18091	Sacred Hill	White Cabernet 2005	\$14.95
18259	Sacred Hill	Basket Press Merlot Cabernet 2004	\$15.95
18267	Sacred Hill	Riflemans Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2004	\$44.95
18262	Sacred Hill	Deerstalker's Syrah 2004	\$54.95

Sacred Hill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was ~~\$19.95~~ now **\$15.95** 18266

\$15.50 A BOTTLE BY THE CASE

2005 in Marlborough gave up its gifts with relative ease, showering its winemakers with Sauvignon fruit with obvious varietal characters, and plenty of pungency and intensity of flavour. This is classic Marlborough; heady tropical fruits with a herbaceous lift, and fruit so fleshy and ripe, you'd swear it's almost sweet. The razor-wire acidity lines your palate and the whole thing integrates beautifully, showing itself as clear and crisp and engagingly refreshing. The finish goes on forever, the flavours ringing in your ears for a good minute after lights out.



Sacred Hill Barrel Fermented Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2004

was ~~\$19.95~~ now **\$15.95** 18248

\$15.50 A BOTTLE BY THE CASE

This wine signals everything that is successful about Sacred Hill wines: it's brilliantly made, it's insanely popular, both with home drinkers and restaurant occupiers, and it's competitively priced. And being Champion Chardonnay and Champion Wine of the Show at the 2005 Hawkes Bay Wine Awards would suggest the critics love it as well. It's big, but the peachy, apricot saturated fruit can handle the work; in fact, the marriage of fresh fruit to toasty wood notes is the secret of this wine's success.

G Sacred Hill Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005

was ~~\$19.95~~ now **\$15.95** 18272

\$15.50 A BOTTLE BY THE CASE

Whenever someone says 'it can't be done', you can expect Sacred Hill to then lead the way to prove them wrong. Great Pinot for under \$20? Here it is, then. Rich, black cherry flavours, hints of dates and prunes and a floral component that lifts it well above the ordinary. It's smooth, silky and seamless, with plenty of character, an evenly balanced distribution of fruit flavour, tannin and oak, and a weighty finish that's testament to the solid alcohol, great fruit, and typical Tony Bishian winemaking genius.



Hot OFF THE Press

Half Mile Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

\$9.95 21410

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A six-pack of great wine for fifty notes? Well, they do call themselves 'the best value wines in Australia', and looking at everything that's locked up in this little package for less than a bluey, you'd be hard-pressed to form a persuasive case otherwise. The focus is on fine fruit flavours and, moreover, drinkability. No mucking about, no fuss, no nonsense, no worries, matey. A full, ripe-as-a-peach and soft-as-a-lamb take on one of the world's great red grape varieties.



Pepperjack Barossa Shiraz 2004

\$17.95 22615

Laden with opulent Black Doris Plum aromas, and with a hint of pepper, Jack, on the nose, this is a concentrated multiform of wild fruits (raspberries, blackberries), tamer fruits (said plums) and tantalising spice components. The oak supports, the tannins hold it together without taking your mouth apart and the finish is as long as a parliamentary debate. A true-blue (or red, as it happens), Barossa Shiraz. And if you can find a better Gold Medal Shiraz this good for under \$20, I'll eat my hat. Corks and all.



Gunn Estate Windburn Chardonnay 2005

\$22.95 18052

Gunn Estate's Skeetfield Chardy won gold galore at the shows last year, so the crew have followed it up with an exquisitely-crafted, small-batch wine for the black label range. So named as the fruit comes off Alan Gunn's Windburn vineyard in the hot Ohiti Valley, this is immensely concentrated and rich, yet elegantly crafted to impress without being unduly overpowering. Skilful oak handling ensures weight and depth; the great fruit from a single site means character a-plenty, with the whole a uniquely brilliant expression of Hawkes Bay chardonnay.



G Founder's Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

\$17.95 20033

From Coonawarra Kings, Katnook, this is a typically bold but classy Aussie Cabernet that makes some of the lesser Australian offerings look like ugly ducklings, to be frank. Dark plum in colour, like the plushiest hotel carpet you've ever slept on, the nose is red berries and attractive leather/cedar notes. There is a gorgeous, balancing olive savouriness, and some lifted mint notes mingle engagingly with the vanilla and dark chocolate characters. Supple and vivacious, it's a mouthful but not a handful, just a 100% varietal, single region Cab from one of the country's best producers.



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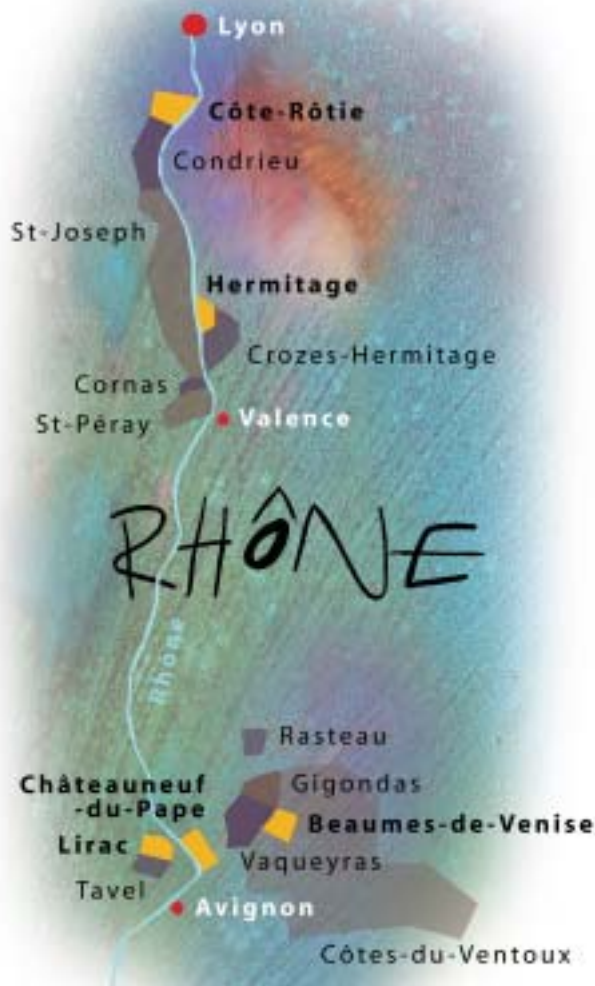
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Syrah

FRANCE



It's not unusual for a grape variety to be known by a dozen or more synonyms, but it is rare that the name used on the label is the clue to the style. The Syrah variety is the most important of the Northern Rhône, where it produces dense, rich, peppery reds with a fine edge of tannin that makes them very long-lived. In Australia the same variety is called Shiraz, but in general, it is less peppery and more exuberant, with a riper fruit sweetness and a creamy oak influence.

The Syrah vine is one of the oldest, and can be traced to the Rhône Valley, well before Roman occupation. The most frequently-quoted theory regarding its origins is that it arrived in the Rhône from Persia, where there is, coincidentally, a city called Shiraz. DNA fingerprinting conducted by Davis University, however, suggests that Syrah was probably derived from local varieties.

Whatever its origins, Syrah is a vigorous vine that thrives in shallow, well-drained soils. It buds and ripens late, but is a reliable cropper, has good resistance to diseases and vineyard pests (birds excluded), but needs to be managed to keep yields low. Syrah does best in sites that enjoy high temperatures, but in very hot conditions it tends to rush to over-ripeness, and produce flabby wines that lack balance. When properly managed in beneficial conditions, Syrah produces inky black, richly-flavoured, concentrated, aromatic wines with distinctive peppery aromas and flavours capable of ageing majestically for twenty years or more.

New Zealand and Rhône Syrah are grown in comparable conditions, and the wines are stylistically similar. During the month, we'll be conducting some tastings, and you'll be able to put your palate to the test and see if you can distinguish one from the other.

As late as the 1970's, Syrah plantings in France were restricted to the vineyards of Northern Rhône, but spurred on by that region producing two of the world's greatest wines, Hermitage and Côte-Rôtie (both straight Syrah), plantings have increased dramatically throughout southern France over the last twenty years.

In France, if Syrah is Vin-de-Pays, it can come from anywhere in the country and generally has the word Syrah attached to the label. However when it is from the Northern Rhône, the Syrah designation rarely features. The custom there, as in other parts of France, is to name wines after the village or property where the wine was made. It is one of the idiosyncratic aspects of the French Appellation Contrôlée system, the reasoning being that the French consider wines should be expressive of their terroir. Rhône appellations devoted to Syrah include famous names such as Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage, St-Joseph, Cornas and Côte-Rôtie.

Northern Rhône Syrah consists of earthy, oaked styles that exhibit great complexity; the growing conditions resemble those to be found in Hawkes Bay, and you won't encounter the inky, eucalyptus characters common to Australia.



G Laroche
Syrah 2003

was \$19.95 now **\$17.95** 48526

The Laroche family have been in the wine business in Chablis for more than 150 years, and while it remains their spiritual home, they've expanded their interests beyond Burgundy to encompass the south of France. Despite their traditional winemaking family origins, the Laroche varietals are modern and New World in style; being a French table wine, this is unencumbered by all the regulations that normally tie up French winemakers, ensuring that it's great value as well as great drinking. The exceptional ripeness and concentration of the fruit is courtesy of 2003's massive heatwave, with the rich plum and black cherry flavours supported by ground pepper and leathery nuances.

Paul Jaboulet

Les Jalets Crozes-Hermitage 2003

was \$32.95 now **\$29.95** 45381

This Syrah is from a six-hectare vineyard located at Les Jalets (old Rhône for The Pebbles), within the Crozes-Hermitage appellation and close to the northern Rhône's renowned Hermitage hill. Again from the hot 2003 vintage, it is ripeness-plus, and smells and tastes of licorice and liqueur-soaked raisins. Thick, rich and opulent, it is distinctly stylish, and deserving of respect and a good, long evening. It was fermented in stainless steel tanks and matured in oak and bottle before release. With its exuberantly fruity bouquet and nicely rounded palate, it is exceptional value.



43901	Georges Duboeuf	New Generation Red 2003	\$14.95
43906	Georges Duboeuf	New Generation Syrah 2003	\$15.95
45318	Paul Jaboulet	Côtes du Rhône Selection 2003	\$19.95
45360	Paul Jaboulet	Crozes Hermitage Domaine de Thalabert 2001	\$46.95
46812	Pierre Gaillard	Les Pierres St Joseph 2003	\$66.95
41281	Les Vins de Vienne	Les Barciliants Cornas 2003	\$77.95
46813	Pierre Gaillard	Côte-Rôtie 2003	\$81.95
48612	Rene Rostaing	Côte-Rôtie Cuvée Classique 2001	\$91.95
41283	Les Vins de Vienne	Les Essattaillies Côte-Rôtie 2003	\$99.95
45320	Paul Jaboulet	La Chapelle Hermitage 2003	\$179.95

NEW ZEALAND

Syrah is not a new variety to New Zealand; it was being grown here more than a hundred years ago, but it is only in the last decade that the grape has made its spectacular comeback. In 1996 there were 22 hectares planted; now there are more than 250, and it is increasing rapidly. The surge of plantings is largely confined to Hawkes Bay, which has excellent vineyard sites containing the right balance of soils, heat and coolness to ripen Syrah to full maturity. The wines they produce are reminiscent of the Rhône style; they have richness, power, finesse and distinctive spicy, peppery characters.

New Zealand Syrah has come a long way in a short time, as demonstrated at the 2003 Tri-Nations Wine Challenge, when Hawkes Bay wines were judged first and second in a tasting of Syrah from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In the 2004 Sydney International Wine Competition, Brookfields made the Aussies sit up and take notice when their 2002 Hillside Syrah won the Trophy for Best Red Table Wine. Syrah is on a roll here, and the wines we've featured are the pick of the bunch.



Matua Valley

Matheson Hawkes Bay Syrah 2004

was ~~\$22.95~~ now **\$18.95**¹³⁹⁶⁵

Matua Valley have been making Syrah for a long time now, and their experience with the variety shows. Good NZ Syrah can be hard to find for under \$25, so coming in at under \$20, this stacks up as something of a bargain. Matua's Matheson Vineyard, located on the Heretaunga Plains of Hastings, enjoys free-draining, gravel-laden soils and hot summer temperatures. The conditions here are ideal for Syrah, and the vineyard is meticulously managed. The wine has a bright, youthful appearance, while on the nose, spice-accented plum and blueberry aromas flow onto the palate. Medium weighted and well balanced, it has spicy fruit flavours, a soft mouthfeel and a fine, tannin finish.

Villa Maria

Private Bin Hawkes Bay Syrah 2004

was ~~\$29.95~~ now **\$20.95**¹⁹⁶⁸⁹

Villa Maria is New Zealand's most awarded wine company, consistently winning medals and trophies both at home and abroad. A stand-out for our Tasting Panel, this wine obviously went on to impress the judges at the Royal Easter Show Wine Awards as well, picking up a gold medal there. It was harvested from selected Hawkes Bay vineyards and traditionally fermented and matured in French oak barriques for fifteen months. It's an upfront, firmly varietal Syrah with plenty of ripe black cherry and plum fruit on the pepper-doused nose. There is a smartly spicy edge to the fleshy palate, that boasts a slick texture and a fine finish.



14063	Matariki	Aspire Syrah 2004	\$18.95
19141	Te Mata	Woodthorpe Syrah Viognier 2004	\$22.95
14024	Matua Valley	Innovator Syrah 2003	\$24.95
19264	Trinity Hill	Gimblett Syrah 2004	\$27.95
14527	Mills Reef	Elspeth Syrah 2004	\$38.95
19192	Brookfields	Hillside Syrah 2004	\$39.95
11084	CJ Pask	Gimblett Road Syrah 2004	\$49.95
19465	Vidal Estate	Soler Syrah 2004	\$49.95

Syrah Masterclass



Tuesday 11th April, 7:00pm, Glengarry Wine Room
Glengarry Victoria Park, Cnr Wellesley & Sale St

Tuesday 11th April, 6:30pm, Glengarry Wine Room
Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

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Gunn Estate Silistria Syrah 2004

was ~~\$29.95~~ now **\$24.95**¹⁸⁰⁴⁵

Another new release from Gunn Estate's smartly crafted Black label series, this joins their top range alongside the award-winning Skeetfield Chardonnay, and is yet another sublime creation from winemaking supremo, Denis Gunn, a man who undoubtedly knows what he's doing. Considering its pedigree, at sub-\$25 this is excellent value; hand harvested, fermented in small batches and matured in French oak barriques for twelve months, it is dark and silky, with spicy fruit flavours and delicate hints of liquorice.



Te Mata Bullnose

Hawkes Bay Syrah 2004

was ~~\$46.95~~ now **\$39.95**¹⁹¹²⁸

Te Mata is a New Zealand icon, and their Bullnose is one of our iconic wines; given the sheer volume of new stuff pouring onto the market, over time you can forget how good this Syrah is, but a revisit has quickly established why it earned its status in the first place; in the blind tasting conducted by Glengarry's Tasting Panel, this came in as the Number 1 Wine. Brimming with blackberry, cherry and plum aromas enhanced by a peppery edge and vanillin oak, the ripe, smooth, elegantly-structured palate is awash with rich fruit and nicely integrated spicy oak flavours that persist through to the finish. If Te Mata deigned to enter shows (they don't), this would be a contender for gold. No contest.



Sacred Hill

Deerstalkers Hawkes Bay Syrah 2004

was ~~\$59.95~~ now **\$54.95**¹⁸²⁶²

Sacred Hill's Tony Bish has crafted a Syrah to rival some of the best that the northern Rhône has to offer, and it is the deserved recipient of a gold medal at the Royal Easter Show Wine Awards. The hand-harvested grapes were traditionally fermented, hand-plunged, given extended maceration, put through malolactic fermentation and matured in French oak barriques for 18 months. That effort has paid off in a complex, seductive wine that's inky black and concentrated. The palate displays great intensity, a seamless cascade of fruit, chocolate, black pepper and smoky oak, wound around a warm coat and held in check by firm tannins. As a member of Sacred Hill's Premium Range, the Deerstalkers will only be made in exceptional years.





Feature Winery

Kilikanoon

How can you go past a winery that proudly proclaims one of its business partners to be the first cellist in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and while at it, appoints the violinist/conductor of the orchestra to the board as well, for good measure? Nope, there's nothing conventional about Kilikanoon's winemaker, Kevin Mitchell, and what's also remarkable about Kevin is how quickly he's led this Clare Valley juggernaut to the top of the charts.

Mitchell has been a viticulturist in the Clare for three decades, and has worked at some of Australia's top wineries (d'Arenberg, BRL Hardy, Orlando), but it is at the old Kilikanoon restaurant and property, which he took over in 1997, that he has made his mark. The main blocks had been planted 25 years prior, so while the winery was not a commercial success, it did have the seeds of success, these being old vines in great soil. Only a maverick like Mitchell could see through the run-down property to the potential that lay beneath the dirt. The grapes are almost all dry-grown and are, without exception, picked by hand. That soil is Terra Rossa over limestone, known for its drainage and its excellent suitability for the production of concentrated, long-lived wines, particularly those constructed from the red varieties.

Those red wines, and the stylish whites Kevin produces from key Clare Valley sites, have impressed all the way to the top, and none seem more wowed than US wine guru Robert Parker. And, for a man who can be miserly with his praise, Parker is positively effusive when it comes to Kilikanoon.

'This is one of the most brilliantly run wineries in Australia... the quality of the entire portfolio is impressive thanks to the enviable talents of winemaker Kevin Mitchell,' enthused Parker in his Wine Advocate.

Parker's personal big-ups aside, the success of Kilikanoon lies in the glass, and the trophies, reviews, and endorsements in the last decade have been phenomenal, both on his home soil and around the world. However, what is endearing about his wine and his approach, is that while Kevin embraces the independent praise for his wines, he still considers that 'the thrill of seeing single vineyards evolve into wines' is one of the most rewarding parts of his job, and will always be so.



Kilikanoon Killerman's Run Shiraz 2004

was ~~\$23.95~~ now **\$18.95** 22315

Even at a sub-\$20 price point, the concentration, intensity and sheer denseness of the fruit in this wine is remarkable. Made from small batches, all vinified separately and then imprisoned for a lag of 24 long months in French and American oak, this is one of the most outstanding, value-for-money reds we've seen in a good long while. Glaringly bright in the glass, the Killerman's Run is a brash, upfront wine with elevated plum fruit characters spread thickly over coffee and chocolate. The older oak is present and correct, but not dominant, the palate is generous, the tannins are gentle, while the alcohol content ensures weight and warmth in good measure.



A Killer Combination

Kilikanoon Killerman's Run Shiraz 2004
Riedel 4 Vinum Shiraz Glasses

was \$223.75 now **\$150** 65479

Kilikanoon TASTING

Tuesday, 4th April

7:00pm at The Glengarry Wine Room, Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley & Sale St

Wednesday, 5th April

6:30pm at The Glengarry Wine Room, Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

We would encourage fans of these wonderful, hand-crafted wines, as well as those who haven't yet discovered the name, to come along and taste them, at a function hosted by Alicia Cavallaro from Kilikanoon. We are hoping that Alicia will bring some bottle samples of their great Oracle 2004 Shiraz (we can barely keep it on the shelves), and open some of their other superbly dense, old-vine wines as well.

For more details go to: wine room on www.glengarry.co.nz or phone 0800 733 505

Glengarry are delighted to have our first full unveiling of these exciting, limited release wines. On that note, those of you in the know will scan what's on offer this month and say: 'but where is the Oracle Shiraz?' Kilikanoon's most raved about red. Well, patience, people, we have indented some (see offer, page 9) and with only 60 bottles of the 2004 Oracle and 2004 Covenant available, we suggest you put an order through to us quickly. That said, the wines are all exciting, uniquely brilliant expressions of the Clare and Barossa valleys without the price tag that wines of this calibre would normally attract. But with the rave reviews, the limited production and the sheer popularity amongst wine enthusiasts for Kilikanoon's product, we wonder how long that will last.



Kilikanoon Medley Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002

was ~~\$29.95~~ now **\$22.95** 22304

Sourced from older vineyards in the Clare and the Barossa, this shows extraordinary concentration for such a light-weight price tag. Like all Mitchell's wines, this is bottled unfiltered, so it might throw up a bit of sediment; but hey, unfiltered just means more flavour for you and me. That flavour is an abundance of sweet, lifted cherries and spicy plum characters, melded with subtle oak which, despite the wine spending two years in French and US barrels, imparts a complexity but no overbearing imprint. And just when you thought you'd nailed it, an earthy character slips in as a warm, tidal wave of richness takes you to the very distant finish line. Phenomenal.



Kilikanoon
Prodigal Grenache 2003

was ~~\$31.95~~ now **\$22.95** 22314

92/100, Robert Parker

A 100% Grenache can be a difficult feat to pull off; the wines, particularly from the Barossa, come off as almost too sweet, the fruit sickly and/or baked. Not so here. For this wine, the fruit comes off old (40 to 60-year-old), dry-grown vines, so you know it's going to be well concentrated, if nothing else. But it's much more than that, redolent of cherries and chocolate with hints of leather, centred round an almost dusty, spicy oak frame. It is bone dry, but that sweet Grenache fruit is richly uplifting, something that's reaffirmed by the warm and alcoholic (15%) palate and the flavour persistence. Sturdy and sumptuous.

Kilikanoon

Block's Road Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

was ~~\$31.95~~ now **\$25.95** 22312

92/100, Robert Parker

'It would be difficult to find a Californian Cabernet for under US\$50 that competes with this beauty' says Robert Parker. Dry-grown, handpicked, concentrated fruit such as this doesn't need a heavy oak influence, so Mitchell ages it for 24 months (gulp), but in large oak hogsheads as opposed to the usual barriques. Again, it's unfinned and unfiltered, so you get all the goodies with nothing stripped out. It gushes violets, lashes you with licorice and sends little flocks of small berries across your palate in ever-seductive salvos. The drying and long finish are exceptional; and if you're patient, it'll drink well until 2018. Uh-huh.



Kilikanoon
Covenant Shiraz 2002

was ~~\$49.95~~ now **\$42.95** 22301

95/100, Robert Parker

'Kilikanoon's reds are all impressive, rich, concentrated offerings displaying surprising balance as well as precision.' So says Robert Parker, who went on to award this a dizzying 95 points. Low-yielding, hand tended, 30 to 40-year-old vines again provide immense concentration, with a density that coats your palate in a most exquisite fashion. The 14% alcohol is present in the warm and rich tones of the mid-palate, whose flavours cover the spectrum from blackberry, spice and new leather characters through to the traditional, varietal white pepper. Inky purple in colour, intense and generous, the finish (that lasts for over a minute) indicates you are in the presence of greatness.



Kilikanoon INDENT OFFER

Kilikanoon Oracle Shiraz 2004	\$47.95
Kilikanoon Covenant Shiraz 2004	\$42.95

Limited quantities of these two wines will be available in NZ in June 2006
To place your order, contact one of the Fine Wine Team:
Auckland: Marcus Pickens 09-308 8372; Ben Longhurst 09-378 8555;
Alastair Woolmer 09-308 8347
Wellington: Philip Rowe 04-495 4531
Or email your order to finewine@glengarry.co.nz



Fearless Buys



Georges Duboeuf
Côtes du Rhône 2004

was ~~\$16.95~~ now **\$9.95** 43937

When our globe-straddling purchasers were in France last year, they spotted this bright yellow baby on the desk of Monsieur DuBoeuf Junior. Captivated by its outer skin, they denuded it and slugged the internal contents together. Much smacking of lips, much 'this is the best CDR I've tasted in years' followed by, 'how much' and a furrowing of French brow has resulted in this lively, flavoursome swift-drinking red being available for all and sundry. Ruby red, full of fruit and seductively soft, it's a winner on all fronts, and with our own pencil-sharpening bringing it down to a price that in French or English spells 'ludicrous', I say, make hay, people.

Long Flat
Chardonnay 2004

was ~~\$13.95~~ now **\$9.95** 20207

A regular visitor to our Fearless Buys Page is the Long Flat brand, for one simple reason: it delivers wines of value, flavour and quality, without exception. Look at the evidence, counsellor. The Long Flat Vineyards have been producing commercial wine since 1966, and they do it in huge volume; hence the tiny price tag. They do it year in, year out, never mind the weather. And, if you need final proof, they sell this wine by the vat load. Full of fruit, flavour, and, er, fruit flavour, there's a sliver of oak for complexity and a palate you could surf to town on. It's just good, clean fun, people. Apply liberally.



G Taltarni
Brut Premium Vintage 2003

was ~~\$24.95~~ now **\$18.95** 27832

Hmm, quality vintage Methode under \$20. Is that a 'good deal?' Did Little Red Riding Wear A Hood? It's a cracking deal. For this is not just any old Methode, dear me no. This is, and I quote, 'sophisticated premium wine of extraordinary high quality and great value.' The Talented Taltarni Team have been making elegant, flavoursome sparklies from premium Victoria and Tasman sites since Winston was in short (pinstriped, no doubt) pants. Produced using strict Champagne methods, aged accordingly and artfully blended, this is a generous, refined wine with plenty of cut and thrust and no shortage of glittering charm. If you don't buy a case, you may have jumped on the crazy bus into town by mistake.



What's On

April 2006

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tuesday 4th April

Kilikanoon Tasting

Come along and taste these superb wines, at a function hosted by Alicia Cavallaro from Kilikanoon.

7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

Wednesday 5th April

Kilikanoon Tasting

With Alicia Cavallaro from Kilikanoon.

6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

Monday 10th April

Riedel Masterclass

Mark Baulderstone, Riedel Vice President for Asia Pacific, will present a Riedel Masterclass on the use of Vinum Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Burgundy and Bordeaux glasses. All four glasses are yours to take home at the end of the tasting. The glasses are valued at \$190, so at \$100 a person, this is a must for all wine lovers.

7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

Cost: \$100 per person

Tuesday 11th April

Syrah Masterclass

We'll taste blind through a line-up of Syrah from this month's feature. Included will be a vertical of Jaboulet's prestigious La Chapelle, culminating in the highly awarded 2003 vintage.

7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

Cost: \$30

Friday 21st April

Château Gruaud-Larose Tasting

David Launay will join us to present the wines of this famous 2nd-growth property and taste a vertical back to 1978 of the majestic wines from this St Julien château.

5:30pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

Cost: \$30

Friday 28th April

Cuisine Top Ten Tasting

Tasting the anticipated top ten wines from the latest issue featuring aromatic white wines.

4pm-6pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

Cost: FREE

Saturday 29th April

Cuisine Top Ten Tasting

Tasting the anticipated top ten wines from the latest issue featuring aromatic white wines.

10am-4pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley & Sale St

Cost: FREE

Tuesday 2nd May

Jean Chartron of Puligny-Montrachet

We open 7 Chartron wines, ranging from the entry level Bourgogne blanc through to village Puligny-Montrachet, two premier cru wines from this village and a mighty (and ultra expensive) grand cru Bartard-Montrachet.

7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

6:30pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay

Cost: \$30 per person

Wednesday 3rd May

Stage 1 Wine Academy

Starts on Wednesday and runs for 4 weeks

7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St

Our Malt Whisky Tasting Club breaks for Easter, but we're back on Tuesday 16th of May



Gifts

EASTER TREATS

Easter For Adults 65481 \$65.95

Torbreck The Bothie Barossa Valley Muscat 2002
Cookoothama Botrytis Semillon 2004 375mL
Cuba Venchi Italian Easter Eggs

The Bach Survival Pack 65480 \$75.95

Taltarni 2x Fiddleback Victoria Shiraz Viognier 2003
Wild South 2x Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005
Dida's Kitchen 2x Spaghetti 250g
Dida's Kitchen Tomato & Basil Pasta Sauce 720g



On the Hop

Carlton
Pure Blonde Low Carb Beer 355mL

6-Pack **\$10.95** 91658

These are strange days, indeed in Beersville, Australia. 'Aussies worry about their weight', scream the headlines. So, do they go to the gym? Nah! Reduce their prolific beer intake? Nah! Lighten the beer itself. Genius! Carlton's Pure Blonde is a low carb, full-strength (4.6% ABV) brewski, and as unlike the lite-style US beers as you can get. Containing only 0.9 grams of carbs, as opposed to normal beer, which is 3g/100ml, it is fully flavoured, clean and crisp with plenty of meat, and feels just divine as it foams on the corners of your walrus, Chopper Reid moustache. Expect it in a gym-drinks vending machine sometime soon.





Champagne



Veuve Clicquot Brut Non-Vintage

was ~~\$95.95~~ now **\$69.95**⁴⁹⁸¹⁰

Despite much being made of the 'Widow' Clicquot, this legendary House was actually first established in 1772 by Philippe Clicquot. His son and heir, Francis was being groomed to take over the bright yellow reins at VC when he got a fever and died, in 1805. Up steps his 27 year old widow, Barbe Nicole Ponsardin, and in a move that should have made France the most PC nation of the world, she took over the business and drove it to ever-giddy heights. The Widow was a visionary, a woman of exacting standards, tireless optimism and fiercely stubborn temperament and yes, tis certainly she who is responsible for the huge profile the brand has today.

The wine that Veuve stands or falls on, the non-vintage, is a triumph of consistency, reliability and individual character. With a high proportion of Pinot in the mix it's a sturdy, robust wine; the quality of the fruit, the skill of the blender and the presence of up to 40% reserve wines means that it is a perfect balance of finesse and forcefulness (much like the Widow herself). With its elegance and power, fruit and toast, all bound up in a vivacious and exquisitely-rendered Champagne expression, Veuve Clicquot is one of the world's great wines. Sure, all that history adds interest and intrigue, but it's what's in the glass that counts, and on that front, Veuve Clicquot is faultless.

49835	Veuve Clicquot and Ice Jacket	\$79.95
	A bottle of Veuve NV in a Veuve isotherm jacket	
49812	Veuve Clicquot On The Go	\$125.00
	A bottle of Veuve NV + 2 glasses in a Veuve Yellow-Label Traveller	

single

malts

Murray the Malt

Bruichladdich

An insistent whisper of Islay lies behind this stylish and subtle single malt. Glengarry offers three expressions of this fine drop, but I have nosed only the 10-year-old at 46% a/v. With its light peatiness and its clean, crisp and dry flavour, it differs from the other malts from Islay, due to the tall, long-necked stills that Bruichladdich use. The mild peat reek is explained by the water, which comes from an inland source and is therefore not so influenced by the sea and peat of the landscape. This makes the 10-year-old an excellent aperitif, a charming pre-dinner drink that does not flood the senses as many Islay malts can do. Look for the flowery and salty nose, with the taste hanging in the mouth for quite a long time. As with most malts at this alcohol level, I recommend a dash of water or even a small block of ice so, as it melts, the nose and flavour open up like a blossom.



GLENGARRY MALT WHISKY TASTING CLUB: NEXT TASTING IS ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY

93420	Bruichladdich	10-Year-Old Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky	\$79.95
93644	Bruichladdich	Links St Andrews 14-Year-Old Islay Single Malt	\$99.95
93421	Bruichladdich	15-Year-Old Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky	\$105.95



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MAKE YOUR OWN 7 FOR 6 COMBO FROM THESE 3 WINES

Montes

Reserve Oak Aged
Merlot 2004

A well-crafted young Merlot that has all the elements to allow it to mature gracefully over the next two to three years. A 15 percent portion of Cabernet Sauvignon has added depth and structure. The bouquet is well integrated, with the berry fruit complemented by vanillin oak. Polished, round and deftly balanced to let the spicy fruit flavours flow effortlessly over the palate.



Montes

Reserve Oak Aged
Malbec 2004

A full-bodied wine with an exotic bouquet displaying blackberry, plum, chocolate and understated toasty oak characters. The palate is powerfully built but elegantly structured, with primary, spice-edged plum flavours enhanced by well integrated, subtle vanillin oak. There are hints of chocolate in the mid palate that add complexity. Well balanced and smoothly textured, it has a beautifully long, flavour-some aftertaste.



Montes

Reserve Oak Aged
Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

This 85% Cabernet, 15% Merlot was selectively harvested from the Montes' Colchagua Valley Estates. It is characterized by an impressive concentration of currant, cherry and cassis aromas and flavours. The Merlot component fills the mid-palate nicely, and 6 months' ageing in American oak has provided a complementary hint of unobtrusive oak. Beautifully structured, with a velvety mouthfeel and fine, tannin finish.



SINGLE BOTTLE PRICE **\$16.95**¹¹
normal retail \$13.95

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a taste of France

Louis Sipp

Alsace Pinot Gris 2003

was \$30.95 now **\$24.95** 46974

Domaine Louis Sipp was one of the absolutely stand-out producers for us during a recent trip to Alsace. The Domaine enjoys a high reputation there, and its production facilities in Ribeauville are among the most modern in the region. Sipp's reputation has been built on the consistently high quality of its wines, all based on the region's 'noble' varieties. This delicious wine was cool fermented to retain fruit definition, and displays lovely, honeyed, spicy, nutty aromas that lead on to the palate. It is wonderfully balanced, with stonefruit flavours and lively citrus nuances that accelerate on the finish. If Pinot Gris is your thing, try this.



Chateau Filhot

Sauternes 2nd Growth 2002 375mL

was \$43.95 now **\$32.95** 40531

Chateau Filhot was declared a Second Growth in the 1855 Official Classifications of Bordeaux. The property, established in the 17th century, has about sixty hectares under vines, and Robert Parker, in his book on Bordeaux, declared it; 'one of the most magnificent estates in the entire Sauterne region'. This offering from Filhot was made entirely from botrytized grapes fermented in tank and briefly matured in new and seasoned oak. It is a pale golden wine, with a fragrant nose displaying wild flowers, apricot, honey, and citrus aromas that splash onto the palate. The luscious fruit tones are enhanced by a silky texture and balanced by a lively, citrus finish.



Georges Duboeuf New Generation Merlot 2003

was \$17.95 now **\$15.95** 43912

A full-bodied wine with well-defined plum flavours. Graceful, soft and playful, but not without power or character, it is most definitely a new breed from the King of France. Silky smooth and supple, it finishes on a longish, mellow note.



Chateau du Pin

Bordeaux Merlot Cabernet 2003

was \$17.95 now **\$15.95** 41701

This unpretentious, classically-styled Bordeaux is great value. It comes from a small family estate in the heart of Bordeaux, and is a Merlot-dominated blend (75%), supported by Cabernet and traditionally fermented and matured in oak. The nose has classic cassis, black-currant and cedary nuances that roll onto the palate. Well weighted, with a core of firm tannins to give the fruit substance and length.



Paul Jaboulet

Parallèle 45 Côtes du Rhône 2003

was \$22.95 now **\$17.95** 45359

A Syrah-Grenache, skilfully blended to produce a wine that delivers much more than one would expect at the price. Matured in oak and bottle, it has a young appearance with dashes of purple around the rim. The bouquet is intense and complex, with cherry and peppery aromas supported by spicy oak. It is structured around a core of supple tannins that complement the ripe berry flavours lingering at the finish.



IN THE 1860s PHYLLOXERA BEGAN ITS LETHAL ASSAULT ON EUROPE (VIA AMERICA) AIDED BY THE INVENTION OF THE STEAMSHIP

a taste of

Italy

Pasqua

V Valpolicella Classico 2004

was ~~\$14.95~~ now **\$12.95** 66012

This wine represents remarkable value. It is from the Classico zone in the hilly vineyards centred on Grezzana, just north of Verona. The wine was produced from the DOC's famous trio of native grapes Corvina (70%), Rondinella (20%), and Corvinone (10%). It is a ruby-red wine with a lively, fragrant bouquet exhibiting cherry and plum aromas and flavours. Medium bodied, it is nicely rounded and finishes on a tasty note.



Pasqua Terre del Sole

1.5 LITRE Sangiovese 2004

was ~~\$19.95~~ now **\$16.95** 66070

Produced from grapes grown in the province of Trapani, on the western tip of Sicily, this is exceptional value. Presented in a magnum, you are actually getting two bottles for an equivalent price of \$8.47 a bottle. Intensely coloured, it has well-defined violet and cherry on the nose, and the palate is characterised by a supple texture that enhances the ripe fruit flavours lingering on at the finish.



Santa Margherita

Versato Merlot 2003

was ~~\$24.95~~ now **\$19.95** 62532

A fruit-driven, stylish Merlot grown in the north-west Italian region of Veneto. The final blend, after malolactic fermentation, was matured in a combination 50/50 oak and stainless steel, and further aged for a minimum period of three months. It is a healthy ruby colour, with lovely cherry and plum aromas and a hint of vanillin oak. Nicely balanced and weighted, it is well structured and integrated, with a smooth texture and a firmish finish.



Scrimaglio

No Cork Barbera d'Asti 2002

was ~~\$32.95~~ now **\$25.95** 68716

A Silver Medal-winner in London, this wine is packaged under a crown seal, the Italian take on the screw cap. Produced from 100% Barbera from the Nizza Monferrato district of Piedmont, it is a wine of considerable class. The exuberant bouquet is packed with blackcurrant fruit aromas and spicy nutmeg nuances. The concentrated palate is positively fruit-driven, with the ripe flavours enhanced by a velvety smoothness.



Vine talk

VERDELHO

Pronounced Ver-dell-oh

Verdelho is a Portuguese white grape variety most famously responsible for a style of Madeira, and for making white port. Ever keen to try something new, and consistently strong in the belief that they can turn just about anything into drinkable table wine, the Australians got hold of this high acid, high alcohol variety and started to see what it could do. And before we accuse our country cousins of trying to satisfy marketers rather than drinkers, it is worth noting that Verdelho was first brought to Australia in 1820.

Finding its feet in the hotter climes of Western Australia and the Hunter, Australia started to turn out some pretty smart wines. From lemony, vibrant and full-bodied through to lush, tropical expressions of this grape, the overall impression is that whatever the style, the wines are good, uncomplicated alternatives to Chardonnay and Sauvignon. In our climate of barrel-fermented this and malo'd that, a wine that smells and tastes of grapes is mighty welcome. And being a less mainstream variety, Verdelho represents extraordinarily good value.

While Australia is the most recognised home of the Big V after the Isle of Madeira and Oporto itself, we are delighted to report that some of our more maverick winemakers are having a wee play with this beast, and achieving some remarkable results. Meteorologically speaking, Madeira we ain't, but Hawkes Bay can get hot enough to ripen the strange, elliptical little Verdelho grapes, as Gordon Russell from Esk Valley has shown for a couple of vintages now. As far as pairing up the kai, lighter meats like chicken and pork go well with the fresher styles, while Asian flavours just explode with delight when matched with the richer, more alcoholic and hence more unctuous Verdelho wines.

Sure, with New Zealand's total plantings of Verdelho expected to rocket from five hectares to seven by 2007, Sauvignon Blanc volumes need not feel threatened. However, as the drinking public open their minds, mouths and wallets to these new varieties, and as more winemakers experiment, tweak and get right these varietals from far-flung places, expect to see more than just the Esk wines on our shelves. And until then, try some of the Aussie ones as well: they make for a great and positive change in your drinking experience.

Esk Valley Hawkes Bay Verdelho 2005

was ~~\$26.95~~ now **\$19.95** 12802

The grapes for this wine were harvested from Esk Valley's Omahu Gravels Vineyard, which enjoys free-draining soils of low fertility. The 2005 vintage proved ideal for this early-ripening variety. It was hot and dry, and delivered an excellent yield of concentrated, well-balanced grapes. They were harvested in two separate picks; the first fermented in stainless steel tanks on selected yeasts, the second barrel fermented using indigenous yeasts. Following fermentation, the batches were blended, and bottled early under screw cap to retain vibrancy. A pale, greenish-gold wine, it has a perfumed nose exhibiting lively, lime-accented tropical fruit aromas and a hint of oak. The fruit flavours are beautifully balanced by a smack of citrus freshness.



21237	Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Verdelho 2003	\$17.95
21712	Hanging Rock Perricoota Verdelho 2004	\$17.95
21811	Margan Verdelho 2005	\$18.95
21702	Hanging Rock Verdelho 2003	\$19.95

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the GLENHARRY Top 10

april

1 Goldwater G Block Gimblett Gravels Merlot 2004

was ~~\$19.95~~ now **\$16.95** 13026

Off vines transplanted from Goldwater's famed Esslin Vineyard on Waiheke. Full bodied and packed with ripe, concentrated, spicy plum flavours supported by vanillin oak nuances.



2 Pasqua Mezzo Giorno Nero d'Avola Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

was ~~\$18.95~~ now **\$16.95** 66020

A big-hearted blend of the Italian Nero d'Avola grape with 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. Intensely coloured, with persistent berry-cinnamon aromas and flavours and a fine, silky texture.



3 Kaiken Argentine Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

was ~~\$18.95~~ now **\$16.95** 90569

A beautifully integrated, fleshy red enveloped by ripe blackcurrant/plum aromas and flavours enhanced by hints of spices, coffee, and subtle oak. Slick and rounded with a long finish.



4 Cape Mentelle Trinders Cabernet Merlot 2003

was ~~\$27.95~~ now **\$21.95** 20517

A Western Australian blend from the Trinders vineyard and other Margaret River estates. A rich, elegantly structured wine with a suave mouthfeel and a fine finish.



5 Momo Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005

was ~~\$18.95~~ now **\$15.95** 12865

A classically-styled Sauvignon Blanc, alive with gooseberry and passionfruit aromas and flavours, the fruit balanced by a riveting finish that is both refreshing and flavour-packed.



6 Cecilia Beretta Grigio Luna Pinot Grigio 2004

was ~~\$19.95~~ now **\$16.95** 60487

An understated, fragrant Pinot Gris, full of interesting nuances, displaying pipfruit aromas underscored by lovely hints of spice. Nicely balanced, it finishes on a crisp note.



7 Kim Crawford Briant Vineyard Gisborne Merlot 2004

was ~~\$29.95~~ now **\$25.95** 11756

An early-drinking style with oodles of plum and berryfruit flavours supported by understated toasty oak. The fruit-dominated palate has a smooth mouthfeel and easy, persistent finish.



8 Esk Valley Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

was ~~\$22.95~~ now **\$17.95** 12819

A complex Chardonnay with peachy aromas and flavours enhanced by citrus and mealy characters. The palate displays layers of flavours, integrated oak and buttery nuances.



9 Geoff Merrill Pimpala Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2000

was ~~\$32.95~~ now **\$24.95** 22091

A weighty, richly flavoured 60/40% Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot blend packed with ripe berry, plum flavours enhanced by vanillin oak lovely chocolaty nuances and minty hints. Round and long flavoured.



10 Te Mata Estate Woodthorpe Hawkes Bay Cabernet Merlot 2004

was ~~\$24.95~~ now **\$17.95** 19144

A single vineyard blend of classic Bordeaux varieties. The complex bouquet has spicy currant notes. Fruit-laden, full-bodied and well structured, it is supple, long and firm.



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Mixed Case 65467

\$120 Case price will never exceed \$120

- 2x Pasqua V Valpolicella Classico 2004
- 2x Sacred Hill Whitecliff Pinot Gris 2004
- 2x Half Mile Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
- 2x Georges Duboeuf Côtes du Rhône 2004
- 2x Long Flat Chardonnay 2004
- 2x Angus Brut Premium Cuvée NV

SAVE
\$53.40

Friday Night Drinks Pack 65472

\$120

- 3x Goldwater Roseland Marlborough Chardonnay 2005
- 3x Tyrrell's Old Winery Pinot Noir 2004
- 12x Stella Artois 330mL bottles
- 1x Eta Uppercuts Lamb and Mint Potato Chips 150g
- 1x Eta Salted Peanuts 225g
- 1x Masterfoods Dip 300g

SAVE
\$24.20

Value White Case 65468

\$168 Case price will never exceed \$168

- 2x Sacred Hill Whitecliff Viognier 2005
- 2x Sacred Hill Whitecliff Pinot Gris 2004
- 2x Sacred Hill White Cabernet 2005
- 2x Momo Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005
- 2x Beretta Grigio Luna Pinot Grigio 2004
- 2x Esk Valley Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2005

SAVE
\$59.40

Value Red Case 65469

\$168 Case price will never exceed \$168

- 2x Fairhall Downs Marlborough Pinot Noir 2003
- 2x Pasqua V Valpolicella Classico 2004
- 2x Founder's Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2003
- 2x Paul Jaboulet Parallèle 45 Côtes du Rhône 2003
- 2x Château du Pin Bordeaux 2003
- 2x Matua Valley Matheson Syrah 2004

SAVE
\$81.40

Premium White Case 65470

\$210 Case price will never exceed \$240

- 2x Goldwater Roseland Marlborough Chardonnay 2005
- 2x Sacred Hill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2005
- 2x Sacred Hill Barrel Fermented Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2004
- 2x Louis Sipp Alsace Pinot Gris 2003
- 2x Esk Valley Hawkes Bay Verdelho 2005
- 2x Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Verdelho 2005

SAVE
\$65.40

Premium Red Case 65471

\$220 Case price will never exceed \$240

- 2x Sacred Hill Basket Press Merlot Cabernet 2004
- 2x Kiliikanoon Killerman's Run Shiraz 2004
- 2x Goldwater G Block Gimblett Gravels Merlot 2004
- 2x Paul Jaboulet Côtes du Rhône Selection 2003
- 2x Pepperjack Barossa Shiraz 2004
- 2x Gunn Estate Silistria Syrah 2004

SAVE
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