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Rowena Evans

It's an ace place, Glengarry Newmarket, nestled as it is on an avenue of epicurean delight. Locals in this locale know a quenelle from a quignon, so it is indeed fortuitous that the fiercely knowledgeable Rowena Evans began her tenure here at the end of 2005. With more effervescence than shaken Champagne, Rowena also has a bunch of serious wine knowledge behind her, as do all her team, making them the ideal troops to tackle those thorny wine issues.

While Rowena's affable manner may well come from her time spent in hospitality, her wine knowledge comes from her application in the classroom and the vineyard. She did the winemaking course at Tairāwhiti Polytechnic in Gisborne, finishing the course by making a Riesling (Ro Riesling, one assumes) and a Chardonnay before heading to a large winery corporate to learn the administrative side - logistics, shipping containers, barrel ordering and so on, which, while it was crucial experience, didn't involve too much personal interfacing. Hence the move to the retail wine environment, for the ideal mix of wine and people interested in it.

Her imprint on the store has been unmistakable. Loads of interesting wines bulge their badges proudly on the shelves, while there are cases stacked on the floor bearing labels that would not be given such pride of place in the wine section of your local supermarket. Rowena says she makes a point of going beyond what you'll find on supermarket shelves. This is no sniffing snobbery, it simply fulfils one of the oldest requirements of retail: give the people what they want. 'They're just not the sorts of wines our customers are looking for', Rowena tells me. 'And we love being ambassadors for all the other great wine that's being made. Hopefully we can do our part to help build the profile of the little guys.' She points to a neat stack of Jules Taylor Pinot Gris as a case in point. 'See, this is the sort of wine you can get people talking about: we want to make the wine-buying experience something more than just walking the aisles.' And what are the fave raves, then?

Pinots Noir and Gris top the list. The Pinot flood means that Rowena ensures as many of the latest and greatest local releases as possible are always available. French and Italian wines storm out too, and there has been a pleasing resurgent in Spanish wine. All great wines for the foodies, of course.

And the extra mile stuff from the team? They'll gift-wrap anything you buy, and with gift-giving being a popular pastime amongst both the personal and corporate clients of the store, the benevolent are well-catered for, with products ranging from a broad selection of Riedel stemware to the plethora of Champagnes that the store carries. The team organise corporate deliveries too.

The upstairs Wine Room is a real Rowena renovation job. Filled as it was with old boxes and unmentionables, it now houses instead three glistening Totara tasting tables. Rowena holds a monthly wine tasting - not a wine club as such, she points out, just a convivial get together, seated and informal. The wines are tasted in Riedel glassware, the belly ballooned by beautiful Dida's Food Store cheeses. Just go to the Glengarry website and see the *Events* section. Or, should you be instore (something I highly recommend), there's a booking sheet at the counter.

Cheers!

Jak Jakicevich



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Everyday Drinking

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

Mount Hurtle

Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2006

was \$16 now **\$14** 22138

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$13.50 A BOTTLE

You'd swear that this has an oak component. Not that you'll be picking splinters off your tongue, but simply because, for a red with not a shred of oak whatsoever it has a commanding structure. This brilliantly crafted easy-goer is also awash with that sweet raspberry fruit that is so typical of top-flight Grenache. A subtle sprinkle of spice lifts the fruit further, while the sturdiness of the Mourvèdre provides the spine. A complete, integrated mouthful at a ludicrously low price.



Wild South

Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$14.90** 11158

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$14.40 A BOTTLE

What a fantastic mouthful of stylish Chardonnay for fifteen bucks. This is intensely fragrant, a Technicolor burst of grapefruit-tinted delight with almost the aromatic impact of ripe Sauvignon. A decent sip reveals layer upon layer of creamy ripeness, with grapefruit giving way to hints of banana and rockmelon, while some chewy cashew characters keep the excitement level on 11, and ensure the palate ends in an explosion of dramatics. Grab yourself a Prawn Chow Mein and get them together.



Martinborough Vineyard

Te Tera Pinot Noir 2006

was \$28 now **\$24.90** 13745

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$24.00 A BOTTLE

A wine of this class is a gentle reminder that Everyday Drinking doesn't mean mediocre drinking. The succulence will send your tastebuds to heaven with the first luscious mouthful. The fruit is all chewy cherries, brooding berries and plums drenched in their own juice. There's a hint of chocolate-coffee flavours and aromas in there too, and some intriguing streaks of gamey savouriness. Lots of excitement for little outlay, that's what Everyday Drinking is about.



Esk Valley Black Label

Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$17.90** 12822

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$17.50 A BOTTLE

The first vintage of this, one of NZ's consistently greatest value Chardonnays, rolled off the floor well over twenty years ago. Rich, mouth-coating stonefruit forms the core of this charmer, with some lovely buttery characters smeared across the toast(y oak). There's a complexity and a generosity of flavour that you don't normally get at this price, and it delivers much joy, whether slipped down with or without food. You want a case or two, you really do.



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Feature Winery

Cave de Rasteau *Ortas* The Rhône Valley

Glengarry's Liz Wheadon with Christophe Cardrona from Rasteau Ortas



Oh, those French can be confusing. Here we have a world-renowned producer, Cave de Rasteau, operating out of the Rasteau appellation. So when we say, 'Rasteau' are we talking the region or the brand? Mercifully, as their Marketing Manager, the urbane Christophe Cardrona explains, the company Cave de Rasteau will now be 'signing' (branding) all their wines under the label 'Ortas'. Back to the beginning, first.

Cave de Rasteau is the smallest and oldest winery in the Southern Rhône Valley. Established in 1925, they are solely a producer, managing some 700 hectares of vines, which make up 60% of the entire Rasteau appellation. Such is their reputation, they are expanding their operations throughout the Rhône; so not only will they produce the fabulous wines we feature below, but they will be sourcing fruit from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Côte Rôtie and Condrieu. There are robust, French-like discussions with growers going on as I write, and understandably so; when your well-deserved renown rests on contract growers, you want to ensure they're on the same Grenache-stained page.

Says Christophe, 'Our philosophy is exactly the same as a domaine or an estate; we require perfect vineyard management in order to produce quality, premium wines.' The company sources fruit from about 180 growers, although the bulk comes from about half that number. They are under strict instructions.

'We work in a manner to get the best grapes, and for that, we make big incentives for the winegrowers.' And it works both ways, of course. 'Oh yes! The winegrowers cannot make what they want.'

Christophe says that this strict philosophy underscores the company message around quality. 'We don't make marketing wines. This is our philosophy: respect the terroir with the right grower and we will consistently get quality wines with full personalities.' He is clear to emphasise, too, that the company makes no Vin de Pays, no Vin de Table, and no bulk wine. All production is for their own bottling: they work with no other négociants or producers whatsoever.

The staff are a 'small but effective team' led by winemaker Philippe Bru, who, among other things managed the excellent Clover Hill estate in Tasmania. Viticulturist Denis Barillon works closely with their winegrowers.

And why Ortas? Well, it's an anagram of Rasteau simplified (Rasto); it is short, easy to remember and, as the export business expands, as easy to say in Dublin as it is in Dubrovnik.

Have a look at these excellent offerings: they are top-quality wines at very approachable prices, wines that absolutely reflect where they come from and match wonderfully with a range of foods.

Rasteau *Ortas*

Les Viguiers Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2005

was \$24 now **\$16.90** 43308

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A pretty yet no-nonsense wine, immensely approachable and sensationally satisfying without being too taxing. While it's not a wine you'd sit down and wax lyrical over, by the same token we would not for one second suggest inanity; she's full of personality, a licorice-tinged spice box with lots of florid red fruits and a mouthfilling softness that makes it disarmingly easy to settle into of an evening. Great with savoury, meaty dishes, and most delightful with a chunk of bread and time on the clock.



Rasteau *Ortas*

Les Viguiers Côtes du Rhône Rosé 2006

was \$24 now **\$16.90** 43001

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Grenache and Syrah, with a quarter tint of the charming, fruit-redolent Cinsault. This is mostly handpicked, the attention to detail being a Rasteau hallmark. Seductively hued in the style of a slippery salmon, the coral colour is just the beginning of the affair. It blooms with wild cherries and hillside strawberries, a rustic delight that carries a hint of wild herbs, as well. Rich, ripe and oozing class, grill some vegetables in a nutty olive oil and conquer the known world.



Rasteau *Ortas* Tradition
Côtes du Rhône Villages 2005

was \$30 now **\$24** 43309

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$23.50 A BOTTLE

From forty-year-old vines grown on sun-drenched terraces, this is 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. Almost entirely hand-picked, a long soak (sounds so relaxing) and other traditional methods deliver the beautiful rich colour and the equally luscious combination of sweet, savoury and spice that ignites the bouquet and intensifies the palate. This is dangerously easy to drink, being mellow, lush and gentle as one of those southern fields they all no doubt gambol in after a glass or two. Book yourself an early picnic.



Rasteau *Ortas* Prestige
Côtes du Rhône Villages 2004

was \$38 now **\$34** 43303

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$33.50 A BOTTLE

Very smarty-pants, this, with that 'no-one-does-it-like-the-French' earthiness that lifts the fruit to sublime and complex heights. The black fruits smear themselves across a leathery, smoke tinged palate of harmonious richness and then, of course, comes the little touch of spice. 'No more pleasure!' you cry, as you pour another glass. Insanely fresh for a three-year-old wine, with a structure that supports roasted ducks and the like. Sophisticated ruralism, should such a thing be possible.



Rasteau *Ortas* Signature
Vin Doux Naturel AC 2004 500mL

was \$39 now **\$36** 43310

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$35.50 A BOTTLE

AC laws insist on 90% Grenache if you want to call your wine Vin Doux; this is all Grenache from 50-year-old vines, with the juice extracted by 'bleeding' the grapes, Christophe tells me. Fortified with marc, this offers up deliciously warm spices and intense apricot, quince and honey aromas. It's like a Bedouin tent, with its warm richness, exotic spices and unnameable scents. Luscious and thickly textured, with some strong cheese or fruit tarts it will take the roof off. Canvas, corrugated iron, or otherwise.



Hot OFF THE Press

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

West Brook Barrique Fermented
Marlborough Chardonnay 2005

\$17.90 12103

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

They seem to get overlooked occasionally, these West Auckland starlets, and this is excellent. A piercingly fragrant Marlborough Chardonnay, it waltzes toward you on a path of stonefruit and citrus, while a smooth wedge of nougat from the oak adds complexity. It's refreshingly citric, even after a year or two in the bottle, and has a concentrated palate that carries all those aforementioned characters through to a very pre-possessing finish. Extraordinary weight, style and class for a sub-\$20 Chardy. Make hay, folks.



Gisselbrecht
Alsace Pinot Gris 2006

\$24 41246

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

2006 was a tricky wee vintage, so when our very own Liz Wheadon touched down in Alsace earlier this year, Claude had prepped three different parcels that were available for the market and gave her the choice. She chose the one out of the tank, which has proved to be sage indeed. This is a full-bodied and powerful offering with complex, floral-scented aromas, and a honeyed palate with an almond undertow that is rich beyond compare. A gastronomic wine; have it with a stuffed and be-herbed roast chicken.



Peter Lehmann
The Futures Barossa Shiraz 2004

\$28.90 23121

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$28.40 A BOTTLE

When we got the notes back from the wine panel, no fewer than six tasting sheets had as comments: promote, promote, promote! Great vintage, the 2004, and it shows in the very clean concentration of the fruit characters. Plums, dates and prunes abound, threaded with sexy dark chocolate notes and all-spice characters. It goes deeper than an essay on Kant, and is far more entertaining. It's a vegan-friendly wine, they tell us, so try it with lamb shanks. A balanced diet is all-important.



Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard
Kumeu Chardonnay 2006

\$49.90 18213

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE

This lush beauty hasn't floated past our door for a while, but there's no doubting its pedigree. Mr Brajkovich Snr is honoured in the title; indeed in 1990 he planted the vineyard site which bears his name. Hand-picked, 100% barrel fermented, 100% malolactic set up a few signposts as to the nature of this NZ classic: it's big, bold and beautifully balanced. The concentration of flavours - butterscotch, and a pear character, mostly - is immense, the richness enveloping and the class undeniable.



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Sauvignon Blanc

2007

Sauvignon Blanc is New Zealand's most widely-planted variety, accounting for two-thirds of all wine exports. It is the country's most famous and important variety, so not surprisingly, the release of the first Sauvignon Blancs of the season are eagerly anticipated by wine lovers the world over.

The official statistics show that the 2007 crop was up by six per cent over the 2006 vintage, but that is only part of the story. The burning question is, how good is the quality of the wines? Winemakers from all regions consider that the 2007 wines, in terms of quality, are excellent, but they may not have been so confident at the beginning of a season that did not start auspiciously.

New Zealand's 2007 vintage is best described (to paraphrase Sean Fitzpatrick) as 'a vintage of two halves.' From spring through to December, the country experienced persistent cold, wet weather that delayed flowering, resulting in a smaller harvest than anticipated. New Zealand's diverse geological and climatic conditions meant that not every region, or individual vineyard, experienced identical conditions, but there was a general sigh of relief when the weather eventually turned.

During the crucial ripening period from January through to harvest, the weather was warm and dry, and delivered grapes that were clean and disease free, and full of flavour. The 2007 Sauvignon Blancs are uniformly flavoursome and fresh in taste; now is the time to try them, and to stock up a few cases to enjoy over spring and summer.

Clifton Road

Hawkes Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 18007

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE



Great news for Savvy lovers; this 2007 Hawkes Bay beauty is fresh as an early spring shower and has oodles of varietal character lasting right through to the very last sip. Bottled and released early, it's still an adolescent, and consequently frisky and full of attitude. Packed with aromatic character, it smells of blossom and gooseberry. The palate has herbaceous-edged, ripe stonefruit flavours and a racy, lingering finish. Extraordinary value; a wine you can confidently buy by the case.



Gunn Estate

New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$16.90 now **\$12** 18060

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$11.50 A BOTTLE

One of the benefits of the 2007 vintage is that the quality of the aromatic varieties was pretty uniform in the premier growing regions. Winemaker Denis Gunn has taken full advantage of this bounty to produce a wine blended from selected vineyards that captures the essence of the 2007 vintage. The accent is on ripe fruit aromas and flavours; the enchanting nose is fragrant and lined with gooseberry and tropical notes, while the palate is brisk and full to the brim with ripe fruit flavours, balanced by a lively citrus finish.

GREAT MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF WINE
No. 3: THE FIRST WINE CRITIC

NOW, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, UG.
YOU LET THE GRAPES GO KOTTEN, AFTER YOU TROD ALL
OVER THEM WITH YOUR BARE FEET; YOU'VE BEEN
KEEPING IT IN THAT MAMMOTH'S STOMACH FOR THE
WHOLE WINTER, AND NOW YOU EXPECT ME TO
DRINK IT...?



Montes Classic Series

Casablanca Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 90607

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



Chile has carved out an immense reputation for producing outstanding reds, overshadowing the fact that it also has the right conditions to produce superb whites. It is interesting to compare this Sauvignon Blanc to those of New Zealand. The wine has that unmistakable racy varietal character, but it edges more toward tropical fruit. The nose offers pineapple, melon and guava aromas and some hints of honey; the palate is crisp, with pure, ripe, tropical fruit flavours balanced by a good dash of grapefruit.



Trinity Hill

Hawkes Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$16.90** 19237

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

The uncertainty of the early season was, by harvest time, a distant memory, as Hawkes Bay enjoyed one of its best vintages in the last few years. These grapes were harvested from vineyards on the gravel-laden Heretaunga Plains, west of Hastings. It is a rich, ripe, smooth, wonderfully textured wine with a round mouthfeel and complex peach, passionfruit and grapefruit flavours, with a nip of mineral popping up and vying for attention as it cruises to a long, fresh finish. Full of personality, it is drinking well now.

Wild South

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$14** 11174

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$13.50 A BOTTLE



Christie Brown has established quite a reputation in the relatively short time since she took on the winemaking responsibilities for Wild South. Her approach, evident in this wine, is to maximise the varietal characters. The grapes were selected from low-yielding Raupara and Awatere Valley vineyards. An intense bouquet, with typical varietal aromas; the fresh, lively palate displays gooseberry, pear and citrus flavours that give the wine complexity.

Waipara Hills

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$15.50** 10915

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In the last couple of years, Waipara Hills have won a Trophy and six Golds for their Marlborough Sauvignon Blancs, so it's reasonable to assume they know how to get the best out of the variety. Produced from specially selected fruit from favoured sites, the 2007 is very smart. It has an aromatic, mineral-edged, ripe bouquet with hay-like nuances. Boldly styled, it displays honeydew melon flavours, a dash of herbal character and a lively, bracing finish.

The Ned

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.50 now **\$15.90** 12244

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The Ned is a single vineyard Sauvignon made by Brett Marris from his Waihopai Valley vineyard. The wine is named after the impressive landmark 'The Ned' that plays backdrop to the vineyard and is one of the highest peaks in Marlborough's Wither Hills ranges. A well crafted wine, pale lemon in colour and wonderfully vivacious. The nose has lashings of enticing green apple, fig, herb and citrus. Finely structured and well balanced, it has vivid fruit flavours, a dash of herbal nuances and a sassy aftertaste. An excellent food wine.

Sacred Hill Marlborough Vineyards

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 18414

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



The philosophy that drives Sacred Hill's Reserve range is to deliver distinctive premium varietal wines that represent outstanding value. The grapes were selected from consistently performing Marlborough vineyards that in 2007 produced well ripened, intensely flavoured fruit. It is a complex wine with a concentrated bouquet of melon, grapefruit and herbs. Superbly fresh, with lingering tropical fruit flavours underscored by pungent nuances, a crisp structure and an understated elegance. Great value.

Ti Point

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19027

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Marlborough enjoyed a magnificent Indian summer that greatly benefited Sauvignon Blanc. This fruit was grown on low-yielding, gravelly soils and harvested in peak condition. Cool fermented to retain freshness, varietal intensity and character, the bouquet is alive with fresh aromas evocative of mown hay, pineapple and hints of gun flint. It is a finely poised wine, showing ripe, almost juicy, fruit enhanced by a soft texture and a lime-edged finish.



Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 13561

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The grapes for this latest offering were selected from several Marlborough sub-regions, including the Wairau, Waihopai and Awatere Valleys, to produce a complex wine incorporating the individual characteristics of each district. Intense, well defined aromas of pineapple, melon, herb and orange peel are to the fore. The layers of tropical fruit flavours swirl around in the mouth and are supported by mineral and herb nuances, balanced by a tingling flick of citrus. It's a versatile wine that works well with food or as an aperitif.

Villa Maria Private Bin

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19688

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



This was released as the news hit that Villa Maria's Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc was featured in Decanter Magazine's Top Fifty Best Wines Under £10. A world authority, Decanter reviewed wines from all over the globe to determine whether quality and value can co-exist. Our Tasting Panel is in total agreement with their endorsement; this is excellent value, alive with gooseberry, honeydew melon, herb and citrus aromas. The palate offers a mouthful of persistent flavours nicely supported by a lush texture and a racy lime finish.



Culley

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 12475

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Neill Culley works closely with the growers to harvest grapes that are in prime condition. The philosophy is obviously working as his 2006 Sauvignon Blanc was awarded 87/100 by Wine Spectator. The 2007 has arguably produced an even riper, better balanced crop. Still in its infancy, it is already drinking well and showing plenty of verve. Crisp in texture and ripe in flavour, it has lifted aromas of gooseberry and passionfruit, and the fruit is enlivened by a snappy citrus finish. A great match with shellfish.

Sauvignon Blanc

Allan Scott

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$21.50 now **\$16.90** 17447

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This speaks volumes about the benefit of experience. The fruit was sourced from the Scott family vineyards in the Rapaura and Wairau, and produced in the company's winery. The 2007 has the distinctive upfront, mouthfilling flavours that distinguish Allan Scott's Sauvignon Blancs. Boldly styled, it is packed with ripe tropical fruit aromas and flavours against a background of herbaceous nuances. The palate is well weighted, with ripe melon and pineapple flavours that finish on a striking lime note.



Saint Clair

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$20.10 now **\$17.90** 18256

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Saint Clair's Sauvignon Blancs have won an astonishing number of awards, including Trophies, Gold Medals and countless star ratings. Their 2007 wine could well be headed in the same direction. Matt Thompson has mastered a marvellous array of aromas and flavours that are hard to resist. The wine displays an impressive concentration of fruit flavours and a crisp, zingy texture. Tones of passionfruit, pear and grapefruit are blended together in a tasty profile that lingers enticingly at the finish.

Jules Taylor

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$20 now **\$17.90** 12429

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It's said that owners and their pets often exhibit similar personality traits. The same could be said about winemakers and their wines. The talented Jules Taylor, who is carving out a splendid reputation, has an exuberant, irrepressible nature, adjectives that perfectly describe her Sauvignon. It was made with meticulous attention to detail, from selected, hand-harvested grapes. Lively and resonating with notes of passionfruit, capsicum and lemon peel, the pure fruit flavours flow right through, and are balanced by a sparkling, fresh finish.



Momo

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$21.00 now **\$17.90** 12860

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Momo is the second label of Seresin Estate, though this is by no means a secondary wine, and many producers would be happy to market it under their number one label. Appropriately, Momo means 'the sibling' and, like its big brother, this was grown at the company-managed Marlborough vineyards. Bright and clean, it has a perfumed bouquet of passionfruit and gooseberry with hints of celery and herb in the background. The palate is well focused and richly flavoured, and has a zesty texture that bestows great balance.

Kim Crawford

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$20.90 now **\$17.90** 11726

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Kim Crawford is usually one step ahead of the game, and first to release the new vintage Sauvignon Blanc. Produced from low-yielding Marlborough fruit, the wine was cool fermented on flavour-enhancing yeasts to capture the unique characters of the variety. It was bottled soon after fermentation to retain maximum flavour. It is a pure, concentrated wine with an abundance of herbaceous-tinged melon and stonefruit aromas, and the freshness on the palate is matched by the intensity of the fruit.



Oyster Bay

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$21.50 now **\$17.90** 16066

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

The pearl in Delegat's portfolio, Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc continues to be one of New Zealand's great export success stories, receiving countless accolades and available in the world's finest restaurants. This quintessential Marlborough wine has a strong Henderson connection; winemaker Michael Ivcevic and Jim Delegat are both from pioneering winemaking families. The deep-seated fruit aromas and flavours echo sweet pea, capsicum and tropical fruit nuances, nicely countered by a zesty, crisp citrus edge.

Te Whare Ra

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$24 now **\$19.90** 19152

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Te Whare Ra is Marlborough's oldest boutique winery. It focuses on the production of premium, estate-grown, handcrafted wines that express their unique terroir. This Sauvignon (a previous release won Blue-Gold in the 2006 Sydney International Wine Competition) comes from the family's Awatere Valley vineyard. With a sharply defined bouquet of classic characters and youthful exuberance, the enlivening palate exhibits concentrated flavours of gooseberry, passionfruit and mineral, balanced by a bracing finish.



Fallen Angel

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10509

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Since Stonyridge launched their Fallen Angel range, it has amassed a horde of accolades; the 2006 Sauvignon Blanc was rated as one of the top three in New Zealand. The beautifully-crafted 2007 is a bright, clear, greenish-coloured wine with an enchanting nose. Classic varietal gooseberry aromas are neatly integrated with tropical fruit, capsicum and mineral notes, while the ripe honeydew melon and lively gooseberry flavours are complemented by a slightly fleshy texture and a resoundingly scintillating finish.

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Deakin Estate
 Shiraz 2005

was \$14.90 now **\$9.90** 20791

This has got a hint of earthy richness to it, which, I am reliably told, is a hallmark of good Riverland fruit. It swaggers about with its weight of plummy richness, offering up a real Jimmy-Jam fruit character and texture, supported by high-toast wood notes and a sure spiciness. The tannins are well back in the mix, allowing the smooth fruit to fill you to brimlets. Yum, you will say, over and over. And that's before you've even unpacked the case into the cupboard in the laundry.

Villa Maria
 Riverstone Sauvignon Blanc

was \$11.90 now **\$9.90** 19680

This redefines value, bursting forth as it is with ripe citrus flavours neatly knitted together with typical Marlborough Sauvignon characters (gooseberry, asparagus and so forth). It's tasty and zingy, with plenty of freshness and no shortage of mouthfilling fruit, framed firmly by the straight acid lines. Most of the wines I've seen recently at \$9.90 have been without labels; Villa have it all together and can run a printing press and a bottling line. Seriously, why buy clean-skins with this around?



G Taltarni
 Brut Premium Vintage 2004

was \$27 now **\$19.90** 27778

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A real freshy, this, a forward, friendly, hand-shaking kinda guy, with plenty of richness and much finesse and character. The palate has ripplingly fresh fruits that have been gently dunked into a toastiness and yeastiness that expands their appeal from sublime to 'are we orbiting Mars yet' while the finish is a comet's tail of lemon-lifted fruits and yeasty richness that leaves a lasting, loving impression. For less than a green one per bottle, or grab a case and start as you mean to go on. After all, you can't fly on one wing.





September 2007

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Commencing 4 weeks of classes from 6pm-8pm
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Saturday 8th September

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Monday 10th September

The wines of Domaine Laroche, with Benjamin Laroche
7:00pm Glengarry Newmarket Wine Club
22 Morrow Street
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Tuesday 11th September

Tasting our new arrivals from the Rhône
7:00pm Glengarry Herne Bay Cellar, 54 Jervois Road
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Tuesday 11th September

Glenmorangie Tasting
7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
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Tasting the 2007 Sauvignon Blancs
7:00pm Glengarry Kingsland Wine Club
467 New North Road
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with Riccardo from Italian winemakers Cecchi
Dida's Food Store, 54 Jervois Rd, Herne Bay
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Pol Roger Winemakers Dinner
with Laurent from Pol Roger
7:30pm Mollies Hotel, Ponsonby
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Tuesday 18th September

Pol Roger Winemakers Dinner - Wellington
7:00pm at Capitol
Bookings required

Tuesday 18th September

Tasting everyone's new best friend, Pinot Noir
Glengarry Courtenay Place Wine Club
Paramount Cinema Building, 27 Courtenay Place
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Wednesday 19th September

Old World Wines vs New World Wines
6:00pm Kelburn Wine Club
Caffé Mode, Kelburn
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7:00pm Glengarry Devonport Wine Club
Cnr Clarence St & Wynyard St
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Tuesday 25th September

Bordeaux Club Tasting: Pomerol
7:00pm Glengarry Victoria Park, cnr Wellesley St & Sale St
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Tuesday 25th September

Glenmorangie Tasting
7:00pm Glengarry Thorndon, 232 Thorndon Quay
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single \$4.50





Champagne



Louis Roederer
Brut Premier NV

was \$89 now **\$74.90** 48510

Ask any of the leading Houses to name their top ten Champagne producers and it's likely that Louis Roederer will feature on every list. Under Louis Roederer's dynamic leadership, the company established important new export markets in Tsarist Russia, and it was the Russian connection that led Louis to create Cristal, one of the most famous and sought-after super premium Champagnes in the world. Much more readily available, however, is the non-vintage Brut. With its yeasty bouquet, delicious layers of pear, spice and honey, creamy texture and fresh clean finish, it aptly portrays why this Champagne House is regarded as one of the finest.

48550 Louis Roederer Blanc de Blancs 2000 \$125.00
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Jack Daniel's 1981 Gold Medal
Tennessee Whiskey 750mL

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1981 was obviously a good year for whiskey in Lynchburg, Tennessee, the charcoal being dripped onto the mash no doubt keeping time with Huey Lewis or some other villain. This is a very limited release, commemorating the Gold Medal awarded Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 at the 1981 Institut Pour Les Selections De La Qualité in Amsterdam. The distillery hadn't won a medal since the 1954 Star of Excellence in Brussels - because, of course, prior to 1981, 1954 was the last time they'd entered anything. The judges awarded Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey the institution's top medal, the Grand Gold Medal with Palm Leaves, and Jack have made a beautiful 'variation on the theme' bottle to mark the achievement. Inside, it's the same great Jack, of course. If it ain't broken, and all that. Marvellous.



a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

Georges Duboeuf

Côtes du Ventoux 2004

was \$16.90 now **\$14** 43936

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$13.50 A BOTTLE

The vineyards of the Côtes du Ventoux are located in the foothills of one of the most famous landmarks in France, the 1900 metre, limestone Massif du Ventoux. The climate in this wine region is cooler than that of the Côtes du Rhône, causing the grapes to ripen later and produce fresh, elegant wines. Blended from Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvèdre and Carigan, the wine is dominated by red berry and blackcurrant fruit aromas and flavours. Elegant and smooth, with a satisfying, lingering finish.



Georges Duboeuf

Vin de Pays Viognier 2005

was \$21.50 now **\$16** 43941

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

Twenty years ago, Viognier was grown almost exclusively in the Northern Rhône's appellations of Condrieu and Château Grillet. The wines were unquestionably excellent, but production was very small, encouraging plantings in other regions. This wine is a Vin de Pays from Ardèche; it is a pale golden wine with some lovely spring blossom aromas, hints of apricot and spice notes in the background. The palate has a sunny character, with excellent depth of fruit, a supple mouthfeel and a fine finish. Excellent food wine.



Laroche

Vin de Pays Merlot 2005

was \$19.90 now **\$15.50** 48537

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

This modernly styled French Merlot, awarded 86 out of 100 points by the well respected Wine Enthusiast magazine, is a bargain. It bears a simple Vin de Pays appellation, but is easily the equal of, and better than, many others wines with higher-rated designations. It has a spicy plum bouquet with just a touch of oak in the background. The lovely ripe fruit flavours are enhanced by a graceful mouthfeel and a flavoursome, lingering finish.



G Brut de Charvis

Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$22.90 now **\$19.90** 43013

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Judging by the rapidity with which we to have to replenish our shelves, you can't get enough of this marvellous French methode. We have great news for those of you who are aficionados; we now have in stock Saint-Meyland's big brother, Brut de Charvis, and like it's sibling, it is brilliantly priced. Made in the same winery, it is a more powerful, slightly dryer style. The bouquet has nicely integrated aromatic notes of soft fruits and toast. The palate is smooth and mellow, with a persistent mousse and a crisp, sassy finish.



Laroche

Vin de Pays Syrah 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$15.50** 48525

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

The spiritual home of the King of Chablis, Michel Laroche, remains Chablis, but he has not been afraid to expand well beyond its borders into the South of France. The range of varietal wines produced from his Languedoc, Mas La Chevalière estate is among the very best value Vin de Pays reds on the market. This, a deep red Syrah with concentrated aromas of plum and cherry supported by spicy oak, is a moderately complex wine with intense berry flavours enhanced by peppery nuances and complemented by silky tannins and some integrated oak.



Les Vins de Vienne

Côtes du Rhône 2005

was \$36 now **\$25** 41312

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

The Côtes du Rhône AC regulations allow for up to twenty-three varieties to be included in blends; fortunately, this is merely a blend of 50/50 Syrah and Grenache. Traditionally vinted, half the wine was matured in steel tanks and the balance in French oak. It's a dark, ruby-coloured wine with distinctive blackberry and plum aromas adorned by spice and pepper notes. It has well focused berryfruit flavours supported by understated oak and enhanced by hints of spice, a mellow texture and a long finish. Great with lamb or beef.



Italy

Each month, discover the value and style of Italian wines

Pasqua

Terre del Sole Sangiovese 2006



was \$12.90 now **\$9.90** 66089

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We understand that Pasqua created the Terre del Sole brand to offer wine buyers a range of affordable quality wines. Our selection panel is completely in agreement with that philosophy, but puzzled at just quite how Pasqua can produce wine of this quality at this price. Made from 100% Sangiovese selected from hilly vineyards in the Trapani region of Sicily, the wine was traditionally vinified, put through malolactic and matured prior to bottling. A deep ruby colour, it has a berryfruit nose with an appealing rasp of herb nuances. Bold and savoury, with a supple texture and a longish finish.

Scrimaglio

No Wood Barbera d'Asti 2003



was \$21.90 now **\$16** 68714

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One of Italy's most highly regarded wine producing families is the Scrimaglios of Piedmont. They have been based in the region since the 1600's, and have gained a reputation as one of its most consistent producers of superior quality wines. This is a fruit-driven wine, made from the Barbera variety grown in the Asti zone. The bouquet has classic varietal cherry aromas with spicy strawberry nuances. It is a beautifully balanced red with pure fruit flavours that persist through to the finish. Terrific value and worth buying by the case.

Cecchi

Chianti DOCG 2005



was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 62430

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According to Italy's wine laws, the 'G' in DOCG stands for *garantita*, indicating that the wine is of superior quality and that it has been approved by a tasting commission. Moreover, an official strip seal has to be applied to the top of the bottle (check out the capsule) stating the number of bottles produced, to protect against fraud. This is a classic Chianti made primarily from Sangiovese, with a 10% addition of Canaiolo and Colorino Toscano. The nose displays well integrated plum, violet and smoky oak, while the palate is richly flavoured and silky-smooth.

Pasqua Sagramoso

Valpolicella Superiore 2004



was \$21 now **\$16.90** 66048

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

The Valpolicella DOC zone is located in the Veneto wine region just north of Verona. Valpolicella has been famous for centuries, and it is generally believed that the name is derived from the Latin for 'Valley of Cellars'. From grapes grown at the Villa Sagramoso, the wine is produced using native varieties and matured for 12 months in French oak barriques. It is a garnet-red wine with deep-seated aromas of cherry, and hints of forest floor and toasty oak. Generously flavoured, it has a warm mouthfeel that is nicely complemented by a silky texture and some supple tannins.

Cecilia Beretta Rocolo di Mizzole

Valpolicella Superiore 2004



was \$21.90 now **\$19.90** 60496

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

The philosophy of the Cecilia Beretta Estate is to capture the personality of the traditional wines of the Valpolicella and Soave regions. The wines are produced in relatively small quantities to maximise quality and highlight the typical characteristics of particular grapes and of the individual zone. This is a single vineyard wine sourced from the Rocolo di Mizzole vineyard in the northern Veronese village of Mizzole. It is an elegantly styled wine with neatly focused raspberry and currant aromas supported by a touch of spicy oak. Long on flavour and grace.

Santa Margherita

Prosecco di Valdobbiadene NV



was \$30 now **\$22.90** 62538

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$21.90 A BOTTLE

The Prosecco-based wines are produced in a number of styles, but it is as a spumante that it has gained global fame. In the cool climate of the Valdobbiadene zone, the variety ripens late, making it ideal as a base for sparkling wine. Made by the Charmat process (in tank), this is a delightfully appealing drop; it has a steady stream of golden bubbles and yeast-edged apple and peach aromas. The fruity flavours on the palate are balanced by a shaft of fresh citrus and enhanced by a smooth, mouthfilling mousse. Excellent as an aperitif and with light foods.

a taste of
Spain

Castell del Real Tesoro
Dry Cava Brut NV

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 85000

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

One of the benefits of dodging bulls or getting pelted by tomatoes is that, having survived, participants can then celebrate with Cava. Fortunately you won't have to suffer these activities to enjoy this classy Spanish sparkler. Produced by the Méthode Traditionnelle, it has yeasty, fruity aromas and flavours and a lively, fresh, clean finish. Super value.



Carchelo
Monastrell Syrah 2006

was \$16.90 now **\$14.90** 81013

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Previous vintages have been consistently awarded marks in the high 80's by Wine Advocate magazine, and this '06 is right up there. A dark ruby, it has earthy, spice-laced blackberry aromas on the nose. Wonderfully harmonious, with the ripe fruit flavours supported by oak and tannin.



Valdespino
Deliciosa Manzanilla Sherry 375mL

\$18.90 89828

Manzanilla Sherry is made only in the sea-side village of Sanlúcar de Barrameda. And like Fino, it is fortified and aged under a veil of naturally occurring 'flor' that prevents oxidation and imparts a nutty character to the wine. With fresh herb and rock salt notes on the nose, this is nicely balanced and seamlessly integrated, finishing on an elegantly crisp note.



Solar Viejo
Reserva 2001

was \$36 now **\$28** 88007

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$27.50 A BOTTLE

This is a stylish, integrated Reserva blended from 90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano, given extended maturation in both oak and bottle. The complex bouquet displays plum and berry aromas supported by spicy oak. The well balanced palate has a fleshy character complemented by a silky texture and a long, flavoursome finish.



VineTalk

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

NEW ZEALAND *Syrah*

New Zealand Syrah would have struggled to get itself arrested even ten years ago, but it would seem that the possibilities this warm-climate variety has to offer, long-recognised by winemakers, is now being appreciated by the public and critics alike. 'Warm-climate' is the clue here: Syrah needs to ripen and ripen well, hence its long run of success in the south of France and in Australia. Central Otago, then, will probably not be slugging it out with the Barossa for the title, but Hawkes Bay just might. In fact, The Bay has shown its wines up against Australian offerings over the past few years and come up smiling.

Upwards of 70% of the nation's Syrah vines call The Bay home, and it is certainly from here that the most scintillating examples are being plucked. Craggy Range, Villa Maria and a host of others are delivering small volumes of high-end Syrah, exquisitely crafted and intensely concentrated, showing all the brooding dark fruit and palate-arresting spice we've come to expect from the great Rhône grape.

Be mindful, too, that while the hype has skied in the last few years, most of the good producers have been fine tuning their efforts with Syrah for a decade or more. The Te Mata Bullnose, one of the first cabs off the rank, has been around since the early '90s, while Rhône devotee and expert John Hancock utilised Syrah in his wines pretty much from the first Trinity Hill vintage. The ubiquity of quality relies on a few simple things. Terroir is crucial, and a quick scan of the top wines will show a predominance of Gimblett Gravels-sourced offerings. Vine age is a big factor in ensuring some real character, and expression comes through in the wines; so, again, those who've been at it longer tend to produce more characterful wines. And concentration is vital; you can't crop high, bring in a gazillion tonnes of fruit and expect it to have character, depth and flavour.

So, Syrah in this country will likely remain a small volume, higher-priced, top quality affair, and that's OK. For far too long we tried to mimic the way wines were produced overseas; the wines below show how well we can make Syrah, Syrah that is uniquely our own.

Brookfields
Hillside Syrah 2005

was \$40 now **\$35.90** 19213

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I have had the distinct honour of tasting Hillside Syrah from the barrel, and it is indeed a spookily inky, dense beast, the colour of tar and the texture of heaven. The 2000 went gold at the Air NZ's; the '02 won a trophy at Sydney. The '05 is another extraordinary offering; taut and dense, steeped in spice and perfume, with rich layers of black fruits, seductive spice and a Rhône-like earthiness adding a further dimension. The intensity and power of the Barossa coupled with the finesse and complexity of a Côte-Rôtie or Hermitage. Outstanding.



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| 18365 | Sacred Hill Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2006 | \$19.00 |
| 11248 | Red Rock Underarm Syrah 2006 | \$19.90 |
| 19285 | Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2005 | \$27.90 |
| 12815 | Esk Valley Black Label Syrah 2005 | \$29.90 |
| 13041 | Omata Estate Reserve Syrah 2004 | \$39.90 |

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the GLENGARRY Top 10

september

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

1 Lake Chalice Eyrie Vineyard Marlborough Pinot Gris 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$17.90** 13562

A superb value, Marlborough Pinot Gris with a vibrant appearance and a subtle apple and pear bouquet. Elegantly structured, it has hints of spice to complement the fruit.



2 Domaine Nicolas Boiron Côtes du Rhône 2006

was \$35 now **\$24** 41304

Made by the renowned Domaine Bosquet des Papes, this is an outstanding bargain; it has a fleshy layer of ripe cherry and plum enhanced by spice and roasted herb nuances.



3 Kim Crawford Briant Vineyard Gisborne Merlot 2004

was \$30 now **\$19.90** 11733

A single vineyard Merlot with a vibrant bouquet alive with ripe berry and plum aromas. A silky smooth, fruit-driven, medium bodied red that is brilliantly priced.



4 Château le Plantier Bordeaux 2003

was \$19.90 now **\$17** 41148

Medium weighted, classically-styled Bordeaux with elegant notes of blackberry, cassis and violet aromas. The palate has a rich velvety touch to match the ripe fruit.



5 Allan Scott Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

was \$26.50 now **\$22.50** 17421

Produced from 100% Chardonnay and alive with fragrant, fruity, yeasty aromas. Elegantly structured, it has an abundance of fruit and finishes on a fresh citrus note.



6 Brookfields Ohiti Estate Hawkes Bay Riesling 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 19215

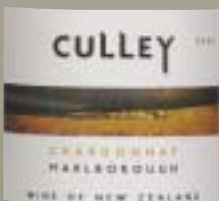
This is a beautifully crafted Riesling, still very young but with great potential. Fresh and lively and loaded with tropical fruit aromas and flavours, enhanced by a fine dash of lime.



7 Culley Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 12472

A classy Silver Medal Chardonnay with lovely lifted peachy aromas. It has a pervasive purity of fruit that is exceedingly appealing and complemented by a bright, clean finish.



8 Margrain Vineyard Martinborough Pinot Gris 2006

was \$30 now **\$25.90** 13681

A subtly flavoured Pinot Gris that reveals layers of flavours and nuances with every sip. Nicely weighted, it displays pear, apple and hints of almond. Superb drinking and great value.



9 Staete Landt Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$42 now **\$35** 14401

Made with loving attention to detail, this is a well structured and balanced red with classic varietal cherry, violet flavours supported by integrated oak and a silky texture.



10 Blue Ridge Marlborough Chardonnay 2004

was \$27 now **\$22** 12229

West Brook's top-tier Chardonnay is an intense, complex, multi-layered wine that is elegantly structured, well balanced, long in flavour and nicely focused. Exceptional value.



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