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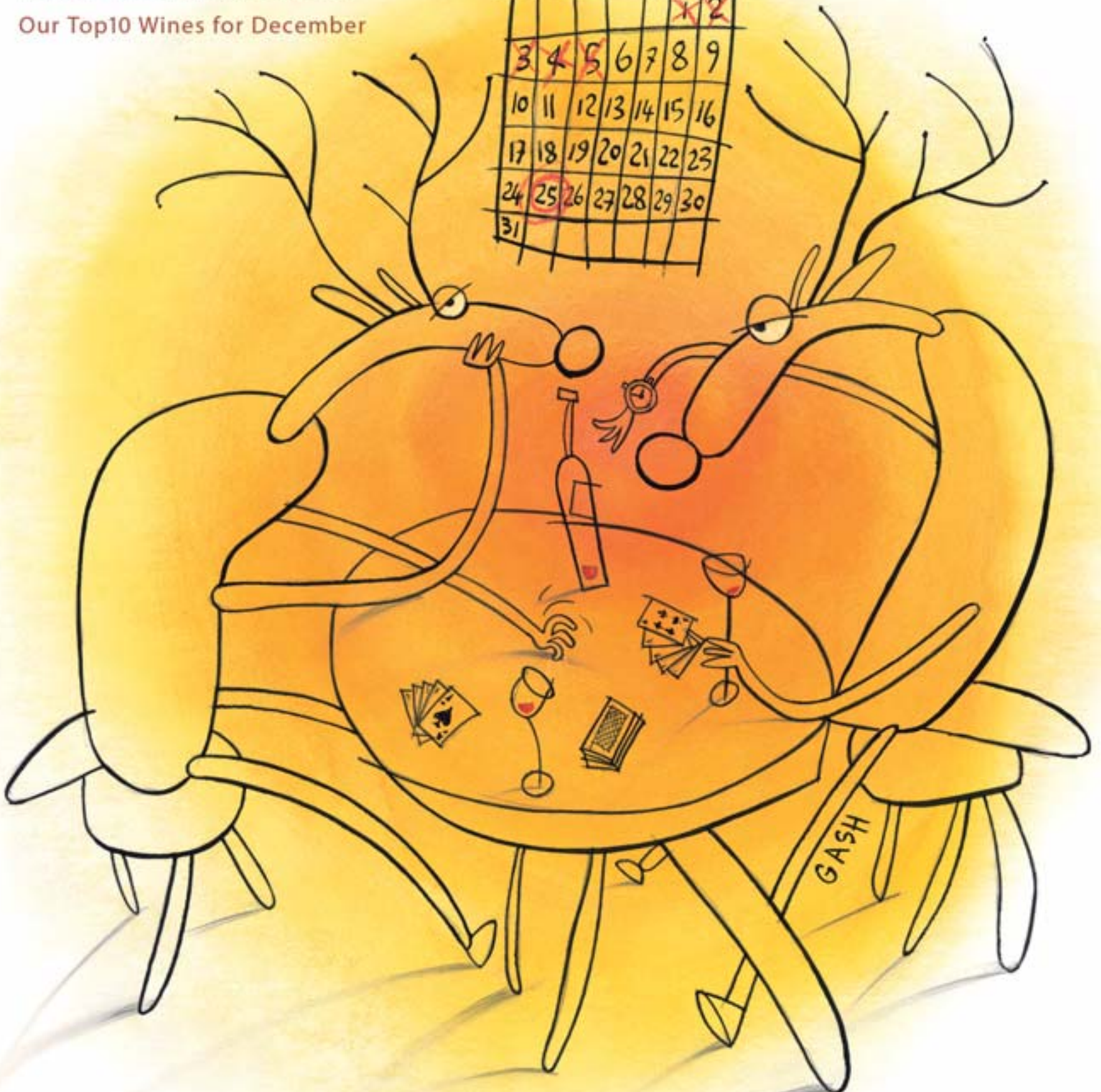
The people behind Glengarry Devonport

Feature Winery: Lake Chalice

Our Top10 Wines for December

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378 8555

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139 ponsonby rd
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164 parnell rd
358 1333

newmarket
22 morrow st
524 5789

mission bay
49 tamaki dr
528 5272

mt eden
250 dominion rd
623 0811

city
cnr wellesley st
& mayoral dr
379 8416

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445 2989

remuera
400 remuera rd
523 1594

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467 new north rd
815 9207

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164 garnet rd
360 4035

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thorndon
232 thorndon quay
472 7051

kelburn
85 upland rd
475 7849

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27 courtenay place
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Manager at Glengarry Devonport, Rebecca Glucina

Often get asked are we really still a family-owned business? It's great to be able to say absolutely that we are; while I could list the family that drive the Glengarry juggernaut at executive level, what's as important is the next generation coming through, and doing so where it counts: in the stores.

Rebecca has been with the Company virtually since she left school ten years ago with a bursary full of highmarks in the creative disciplines. She's fronted our Devonport store for the past three years, and first impression is that her creative abilities have found their true home. Devonport the suburb has always been renowned for its artistic flavour, and it's great to see that the store goes some way to reflecting the clientele. Or at least a good portion of them, for the little town across the water is also a magnet for the tourist market.

'We get loads of tourists, and it's fantastic,' says the ever-effervescent Rebecca. 'They love NZ wine, so it keeps the staff on top of their knowledge answering all the curious questions.' The staff, like Rebecca, have all had a good grounding in Glengarry. Assistant Manager, Heather, has done store-time in our Mission Bay outlet, while the others plug the gaps. In an environment where university-age staff can cherry pick and move around, Rebecca loves the fact that once university ends for the year, the same crew ring up and ask for their jobs back. 'They are all so enthusiastic, they have great wine knowledge and we have a lot of fun. We're serious and professional of course, but we make sure that we - and the customers - enjoy it.'

As Rebecca faces down her fourth Christmas, she does so with a beaming smile, ready for the chaos. 'We have a real appreciation culture,' she says, 'especially at this time of year. People are always dropping in to get a bottle of wine to thank their GP or their dentist. Having been retailing in the area for so long, the interaction with the regulars makes the job hugely enjoyable, too. 'It can take me an hour just to go and get a sandwich!' she laughs. 'You're always stopping and talking to people, and people are always stopping by the Store just to see what's new or what we've got happening.'

At this time of year the Store does loads of corporate and private function work, able to supply ice, beer, wine, non-alcoholics and, with a bit of notice, deliver it all cold wherever you want it. Having built up a trust that the Team will get it right, hordes now rely on this service to sort out their parties. The Team are happy to quote, so it pays just to give them a bell and then leave them to sort it out.

Happenings include the monthly Wine Club, which takes place at the back of the store about 7pm on a Monday or Tuesday. Antipasto platters replete with Dida's goodies arrive to feed the imbibers, and not only is it a casual, relaxed and informal evening, Rebecca says that by the end of the night, it's positively social. These social evenings and the chat and goodwill in the store suggest a lovely vibe, but Rebecca is quick to remind me it is a business, and like any business they work hard to keep things surging along. Where does she get the energy?

'I love what I do, and remember, Dida was my great grandfather. I'm really proud to be involved in the family company. It's a big incentive to carry on the tradition.'

Can't argue with that.

SAK
Jak Jakicovich



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Everyday Drinking

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

Gunn Estate Chardonnay 2007

was \$16.90 now **\$12.90** 18061

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$11.90 A BOTTLE

**BUY A CASE AND GET
A 7th BOTTLE FREE**

Note this: buy 12 and get a 13th free, it equates to a shatteringly low \$10.98 per bottle. But enough vulgarity to the wine. As squeaky-clean but fully flavoured palate, flush with peaches and apricots and dollops of other summer fruit too numerous to mention. The '07 summer, neatly, was a scorcher, so this ripe, intense and perfectly formed fruit comes to your richly flavoured and uncluttered by oak. Smart stuff, huh.



Villa Maria Private Bin East Coast Pinot Gris 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 19605

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$15.50 A BOTTLE

Tastes like Pinot Gris, and while you may snigger behind your French cuffs at the obvious innocuousness of such a statement, varietal authenticity is never guaranteed, especially at \$15.90. Grabs your eye with its very obvious coppery hue, a faint, coquettish blush the result of the skins having a brief baiser with the juice on the way through. Heavily perfumed like a drowsy afternoon summer field, with tropical delights tugging the hem of a lively, citric character. Pears gambol freely in the long grasses, on a palate that is creamy, mouthfilling and long.



Peter Lehmann Clancy's Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Merlot 2004

was \$20 now **\$17.90** 23126

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$16.90 A BOTTLE

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Shiraz and Cab, mainly, with a silky soupçon of Merlot, this drips with plums peppered with, um, pepper, while the flavours remind me of a fruit and nut chocolate bar. One that's been dipped in blackberry jam. Spiciness and toasty oak negate the sweetness of the fruit just perfectly, while the richness that seems to just come in the mail in the Barossa is well defined by fine tannins. Way better than a quaffer, and way cheaper than it should be.



Matua Valley Reserve Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$24 now **\$18.90** 14068

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$18.50 A BOTTLE

A rock star of a wine in the '90's (did it ever come off the list at Andiamo?) in new packaging, and as consistently spectacular as ever. It has well developed colour for a 2007, with many of this year's models looking as washed out and wan as the other type of model. Typical 'you forgot to use the catcher' freshly-cut grass aromas, as head of a spargus and off we go, launched aloft on a tide of penetrating flavour and zingy acid.



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Feature Winery

Lake Chalice



Chris Gambitsis and Phil Binnie

Chris Gambitsis, or Gambo to his friends, first became interested in wine while working in the family restaurant in Wellington. 'I was intrigued by all the different styles, scents and flavours of the wines we were serving. I began doing some serious tastings, got quite passionate; one thing led to another and, more or less on the spur of the moment, decided to buy a vineyard.'

Chris set about inspecting a variety of properties before finally settling on an 11.5 hectare block in Rapaura, now named the Falcon Vineyard. 'I didn't have any growing or winemaking experience, but I was determined to make a go of it.' To gain experience, he worked at several wineries, including Saltrams in South Australia, Villa Maria, Highfield Estate and Rapaura Vintners.

Lake Chalice released their first wine in 1992, just 69 cases of Chardonnay, but production has significantly expanded to include Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinots Gris and Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and a dessert wine. The fruit is sourced from the Company's own vineyards; the original Falcon Vineyard, the Quarry Block and the Eyrie Vineyard managed by Gambo's business partner, Phil Binnie, who also owns a 2.5-hectare 'hobby' vineyard planted in Pinot Noir. Lake Chalice also sources fruit from selected contract growers, to supplement their own grape harvest and to provide greater blending options.

'We named the company Lake Chalice after the lake in the Richmond Range, 40km from the vineyard, and a chalice is, of course, a wine cup; it seemed perfect. The Falcon that adorns our labels is New Zealand's endangered native Karearea Falcon, which soars high above our vineyards.' Since 2001, Lake Chalice has become a key sponsor of the Wingspan Trust, dedicated to preserving New Zealand's birds of prey.

Lake Chalice's philosophy, to paraphrase Gambo, is 'to make the best possible Marlborough wines, depending on what nature provides each season. The wine-making team works closely with Phil to ensure that we receive the fruit in top condition. Each step of the process of converting the juice to wine is closely monitored. We adopt a minimalist approach that ensures that the purity of the variety shines through.'

When he is not at the winery, Gambo spends a great deal of time developing the company's markets in Europe, the USA and Asia. Lake Chalice's marketing is concentrated on the traditional retail and restaurant trade, rather than grocery outlets, delivering wines that provide premium quality at exceptional prices.

Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13561

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Sauvignon Blanc is Lake Chalice's largest-selling wine, and with good reason; not only does it deliver those classic zesty Marlborough characters, it's particularly well-priced. The wine is a blend of carefully selected fruit from leading vineyards in the Wairau, Waihopai and Awatere Valleys, providing complexity. It is a green-gold colour, with intense aromas of tropical fruit and passionfruit underscored by hints of herb and mineral. The palate has tiers of melon, pineapple and lime, elegantly balanced by a fresh and lingering finish.



Lake Chalice

Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13567

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

The grapes for this were selected from the Falcon and other Wairau Valley vineyards. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks, with a portion in oak barrels, followed by malolactic conversion to add richness. This is a healthy-looking Chardonnay, with a tinge of green and a fragrant nose exhibiting stonefruit aromas and hints of spicy oak. It is a medium-bodied wine with a delicious core of ripe peachy flavours enhanced by a creamy texture, a touch of oak and a swirl of citrus.



13558	Lake Chalice Vineyard Selection Black Label Merlot 2006	\$16.90
13562	Lake Chalice Eyrie Vineyard Marlborough Pinot Gris 2007	\$16.90
13563	Lake Chalice Falcon Vineyard Platinum Marlborough Chardonnay 2006	\$24.90
13564	Lake Chalice Falcon Vineyard Platinum Marlborough Merlot 2005	\$24.90

Lake Chalice Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$22.50 now **\$19.90** 13559

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$18.90 A BOTTLE

This is Chalice's first substantial release of Pinot Noir; previously, only relatively small quantities made it to market. The fruit was carefully selected from Company estates, each batch individually fermented, hand-plunged and matured on lees in new & seasoned French oak. It is a ruby-toned wine with cerise highlights and ripe cherry/violet aromas underscored by hints of mushroom and oaky nuances. The palate is buoyed by the sensuously ripe fruit flavours, complemented by a supple texture, toasty oak and a lingering finish.

Lake Chalice Cracklin' Rosie Marlborough Pinot Rosé 2007

was \$15.90 now **\$13.90** 13569

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR \$12.90 A BOTTLE

EXCLUSIVE TO GLENGARRY

Avivacious Rosé, the perfect wine to enjoy slightly chilled with summersalads and barbeques. The crushed Pinot was given a short maceration and cool fermented with selected yeast to retain fruit definition. It is an attractive salmon-coloured wine with an appealing strawberry/cherry-perfumed bouquet. The palate is delightfully fresh, with a light crackle that lifts the berry flavours. It has a fresh, tingly mouthfeel and a lingering aftertaste.



Lake Chalice Sticky Beak Late Harvest Riesling 375mL 2006

was \$15.90 now **\$13.90** 13566

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR \$12.90 A BOTTLE

With this season of indulgence among us, there is no better time to enjoy dessert wine. Sticky Beak is a Late Harvest Riesling, handpicked from selected rows from the Falcon vineyard. The wine was whole bunch pressed, fermented in stainless steel tanks and then matured for eight months in seasoned oak barrels. It is a glossy, light-golden wine with a fragrant bouquet of floral and candied-peach. Flavours are beautifully ripe, with the honeyed stone fruit characters balanced by a dash of grapefruit. Lovely.



Hot OFF THE Press

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

Kilikanoon The Lackey South Australian Shiraz 2006

\$17.90 22330

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.90 A BOTTLE



'I have liked everything they have done to date,' opines the much quoted wine critic Robert Parker. High praise from one not known to give it. This supposedly servile little beast follows up the US-only 2005, which we managed to snaffle a bit of, and which you cleaned up in short measure. So we reserved some 2006, and here it is. With its intense flavours of spicy plums and berryfruit, it is a rich and lingering gem that over-delivers and under-charges in one delightful motion. Indulge.

Auntsfield Cob Cottage Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

\$29.90 19920

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

Glinting gold and flashing sunlight in the glass. Very toasty on the nose, with some buttery/creamy malo elements well present, while the fine Chardonnay fruit puts its hand up confidently yet unobtrusively. Rich, and lush, with beautifully framed fruit flavours, it finishes creamily satisfying but juicy enough to put your glass out for a second helping. A pretty big style that needs food to bring out its beauty.

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Villa Maria Cellar Selection Hawkes Bay Viognier 2007

\$24.90 19626

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Our Wine Panel all went delirious over this, and I can understand why. She's got plenty of colour (it's not some washed out Generation-Y type, for sure) and richly varietal aromas of apricot, peaches and fresh cream. As with the nose, the palate is intense, alcoholic, heady and unforgettable. A smart style, it comes on heady and mouthfilling, but finishes with a tang before it gets cloying, leaving an overall impression of richness and freshness. Very well integrated, really tasty and hard to fault.

Cable Bay Waiheke Island Chardonnay 2006

\$29.90 12446

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

The fruit comes off six different sites and is all hand-harvested, so if nothing else, Cable Bay are doing their bit to preserve their carbon footprint. An intensely flavoured, multi-layered, complex number which re-emphasises the axiom that quality fruit makes quality wine. Especially with the quality winemaking taking place. Rich and silky, with citrus, stone fruit and toasty oak characters all gently coerced into a seamless whole, it finishes long and lissom. Rapidly claiming a seat at the 'NZ's Greatest Chardonnay' table.



Hot OFF THE Press

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Celebration Wines

Wild South

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$14.90** 11174

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Tempis Fugit as the old Romans used to say; this is the third vintage from the Wild Ones when it seems but a heartbeat ago that we rejoiced in their first cab off the rank. Rejoice is the word, because this is becoming one of the most consistently excellent examples of our national drink. It sings with intense aromas of passionfruit and gooseberry, and there's a charming hint of grapefruit as well on the rich, layered palate. A lush, punchy intense experience; Christie Brown, wesaluteyou!

Sacred Hill

Marlborough Vineyards Pinot Gris 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 18413

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE



Because of this wine's incomparable balance and finesse, my considered opinion is that it would be ideal for any Christmas occasion that involves being on a boat. No matter how you try to look like Jackie O, these perennial harbour cruises make one slip and sway like a newborn filly. This is such a rich, hedonistic dream that with some gravalax or crab canapés, your balance, panache and class, reflecting what's in the glass, will be restored immediately. Ahoy there, indeed.



Ti Point

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 19027

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

The 2007's look fantastic, whatever your preference. Very clean fruit translates into pure, razor-sharp and precise flavours in this wine, and huge varietal impact: distilled essence of Sauvignon and nothing more. It starts off with freshly bailed hay and tropical pineapple (indeed, is there any other kind?) and has a slight mineral trick in its tail. Soft and round in the middle (so none of the grimace when it's acid and nothing else) leads to a limey, acid finish of some length and persistence.

Rapaura Springs

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$19 now **\$16.90** 18070

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



These new kids have blown into town and shown that they have a wily way with Marlborough Savvy. Perfectly priced and pulling no punches, this is a zesty, slightly citric and flavoursome example of the variety. With enough zing and invigorating qualities to sharpen up any occasion, and a palate with the weight to carry cuisine comfortably, this is a multi-purpose, utterly authentic and most enjoyable vino that deserves immediate space in your fridge.

Crawford Farm

NZ Pinot Gris Chardonnay 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$17.90** 11722

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE



Why would you ever blend Pinot Gris and Chardonnay, you might ask? Why wouldn't you? The aromatic majesty of the Pinot Gris, all musk and spices, slides across the top of the fleshy chardonnay fruit like something that Bill Hastings, the Chief Censor, may feel moved to classify. It's so damn sexy, this wine, fleshy yet firmly acidic, that it'll be the talk of the town should you serve it at your next 'finger food and festive fare' social occasion.



Seresin

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$28 now **\$21.90** 18625

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

The Seresin has a restrained nose, not as aggressive as most Marlborough Sauvignons, while some subdued stone fruit and juiced limes toy with you. There's a touch of toastiness - 14% of the wine sees new French oak - and a faint whiff of white peaches, and then you're in. The palate is big, forward but very elegant, smooth and rich, with firm but not jaw-destroying acid. The hugely lengthy finish reaffirms what we already know: this is a wine of unquestionable class and unparalleled style.



Saint Clair Pioneer Block 11 Cell Block Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$29 now **\$26.90** 18384

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$25.00 A BOTTLE

This collected a Gold Medal at the International Wine Show, so we know it wowed the critics. If big is your thing, likely it'll blow your gold-tops off too. An impressive, bold style, with full malo and a long stay in American oak lending richness and vanilla characters, while the fruit, being sourced from a slightly cooler area of Marlborough ensures the weight and presence is balanced by elegance and finesse. The fat tropical fruit characters are contained by firm Marlborough acid, making this the perfect dinner party chardonnay.

Cable Bay

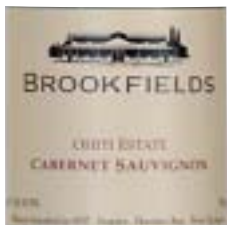
Waiheke Island Rosé 2007

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** 12448

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$19.00 A BOTTLE



The most critical component of a Rosé is freshness, and this boisterous guy makes daisies seem past their shelf-life. A seductive cerise in the glass, it wafts genial fresh herbs and summer fruits toward the lucky imbiber, charming your breeches nether-ways before you even succumb to a mouthful. Crisp, dry, delicately fruity yet not without weight and palate push, this is the ideal summer wine. It'll enhance any social gathering and melt hearts from twenty paces. Stick a case in the back fridge: sorted.



Brookfields Ohiti Estate

Hawkes Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11254

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Those spur-of-the-moment barbecues are a great idea, the only downside being that when it comes to finding a good red to down the sun with, your host will invariably say, 'now worries Matey, I've got something that'll do the trick.' And out comes the Stonebank Cabernet/Malbec/Pinot/Carmenère that you've been dreading. So arm yourself with this baby, a straight Cabernet Sauvignon, fully ripe, fully-flavoured with plenty of oomph and loads of class. It's just a matter of being a bit smarter about these things, huh.

Taltarni Three Monks

Victoria Cabernet Merlot 2005

was \$25 now **\$18** 27892

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE



★★★★★ / TOP TEN - CUISINE

This is the type of wine where people will actually stop and say, 'What are we drinking?' Beautifully scented, plush, lush and weighty, fully-flavoured yet smooth, warmly alcoholic and coolly charming. And you'll reply, 'ohh, just some 5-star Cuisine wine I picked up a few cases of...'

Villamontes

Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

was \$15.90 now **\$10.90** 90565

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$10.50 A BOTTLE



Impressive depth, considering you have to part with little more than a tenner to enjoy this wondrous wine. Ripeness is not a problem in Chile, where entire generations have grown up and passed on without ever experiencing the meteorological phenomenon known as 'rain'. So it is rich, generous and soft for Cabernet, with warm berry characters and a smearing of toasty oak. The structure is sturdy but respectful of the fruit focus. It's slightly savoury notes ensure it partners up well with food, too.

Nga Waka Three Paddles

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$23.50 now **\$19.90** 15810

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



While there wasn't exactly a plethora of Pinot fruit in 2006, winemaker Roger Parkinson tells us that what there was, was very good. Just check the colour; a beautiful deep, mysterious red, promise of the intensity and excitement to come. Oozing glutinous cherries and berries with a gentle dash of cinnamon spice and warm earth, this has more than a touch of Burgundian charm and complexity. Saddle it up with a few lightly charred lamb fillets; your guests will swoon.



Strugglers Flat

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$24.50 now **\$21.90** 11243

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

This gold medal snaffler is one of the bargains of the vintage, and one you should shower upon your guests at every possible juncture. Intensely ripe plums and berry fruit will cause pause in any conversation, while the palate delivers warm, spice-tinged Pinot Noir purity with a backbone of tannins to support its richness and weight. Being a part of the ever-sprawling Craggy Range empire, you're guaranteed quality and value, too.

Wooing Tree Beetlejuice

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

\$28 19782



The Cromwell chafer is a critically endangered beetle endemic to New Zealand, where it is found at just one site near Cromwell. The original range of said beetle was reduced to just 100 hectares following the construction of the Clyde Dam. This beautiful expression of Central Otago Pinot, exclusive to us, natch, will not only provide the most stylish, flavoursome and well-priced red wine option at your soirées this season, each glass that you consume helps out an endangered species. Senses sated, guilty conscience abated. Perfect.

Quinta de la Rosa

Tawny Port

was \$39 now **\$29.90** 79010

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



This charming wee fellow is a young tawny style, but is rapidly aged in wooden casks and so exhibits the character and complexity of a much older wine. It has a wonderful nuttiness, and a rich raisiny palate that will make that quiet time when everyone has left and it's just you and the stories, the most rewarding part of any occasion.

Méthodes



Castell del Real Tesoro Cava Brut NV

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

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

EXCLUSIVE TO GLENGARRY

Each year, Spain hosts thousands of visitors intent on getting a tan, enjoying Spain's legendary hospitality and drinking copious quantities of Cava. Those northern invaders sure have their priorities right, because Cava is some of the best-value bubbly on the globe; indeed, this is astonishing value, poised and freshly light, with an array of fruits and a swish of floral scent that is best described as 'summery' while the delicate yet full-flavoured palate is an exercise in balance and charm. A good food wine, it carries any event from canapés through to calling the cab with ease.



Brut de Charvis French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

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

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

EXCLUSIVE TO GLENGARRY

The French term 'Crémant' is used to describe the finest sparkling wines made outside of Champagne, using the Méthode Traditionnelle. The appellation replaced that of 'Bourgogne Mousseux' once used for red, white and rosé sparkling wines. This is a stylish bubbly with a lively character and distinctive bouquet showing pip-fruit aromas supported by hints of almond and toast. The moderately complex palate has a silky feel and finishes on a bright, crisp note. It is a superb aperitif, but has the weight to accompany food.

Saint-Meyland French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 43010

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$13.90 A BOTTLE

EXCLUSIVE TO GLENGARRY

This sparkling Burgundy was made using the same exacting method as Champagne; the secondary fermentation of the base wine (largely a blend of hand-harvested Pinot Noir and Chardonnay) and the disgorgement process are carried out in exactly the same way. It is a pale golden wine with a pervasive stream of tiny bubbles. The nose shows concentrated aromas of berry, wildflowers, vanilla and toast. The elegantly structured palate has plenty of fruit flavours, with the mellow mid-palate balanced by a dash of citrus.



Cloudy Bay Pelorus Brut NV

was \$36 now **\$32** 12122

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$29.90 A BOTTLE

The base wines, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, are fermented and matured in a combination of stainless steel tanks and oak barrels. Following malolactic fermentation, the wines are lees-aged for eight months and blended. This second fermentation in bottle is aged on lees for two years before disgorgement. This is a Chardonnay-dominant Method with a pale straw colour and an aromatic nose expressive of lime and apple enhanced by toast notes. The palate is beautifully focused and balanced, with well-defined fruit complemented by a creamy texture and a lingering nutty finish.



Taltarni Brut Premium Vintage 2005

was \$27 now **\$19.90** 27889

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Pulled a five-star rating out of the annual Cuisine Methode Tasting, so among its peers it is head, shoulder pads and a bit of elegant neckline above the competition. The critics rate it, and by the dusty spaces in our warehouse where the pallets marked 'Taltarni Brut' used to be, you do as well. The 2005 was traditionally matured on yeast lees, disgorged with a dash of liqueur and further aged in the bottle for a minimum of three months. With a bouquet of tropical fruit aromas laced with yeasty nuances, the palate has a creamy texture that enhances the bright berry flavours. Elegantly focused, it finishes on a crisp citrus note.



No.1 Family Estate No.1 Cuvée Blanc de Blancs NV

was \$40 now **\$36** 12167

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Daniel Le Brun is a twelfth-generation Champenois, born near the famous Champagne town of Epernay to a family of Champagne makers. No.1 Family Estate's entire operation is devoted to the production of Méthode Traditionnelle wines. The Company has won numerous awards, including Gold medals and Trophies. This is a Blanc de Blancs made from 100% Chardonnay. It is an elegant, balanced wine with a persistent bead, a complex, aromatic bouquet displaying classic citrus/toasty aromas and a richly flavoured palate with a vivacious character. Superb drinking.



Champagne

Drappier Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$55 now **\$39.90** 43500



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Not quite sure how 'freedom of action', as the French terms suggests, relates to the consumption of fine wine, but we can leave that to the etymologists. Limpid and lucid in the glass, with a steady stream of miniscule bubbles, the aromas are fresh and delicate, crisp apples and lightly toasted, um, toast, mostly. More mouth filling than the elegant nose would indicate, the palate is a rich flourish of flavours balanced by cleansing acidity, a tumbling treat of layers and textures.

Delamotte Brut NV

was \$69 now **\$59.90** 42845



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Delamotte itself was founded in 1760 (to give you context, Mozart was four at the time), and in 1988 they joined not in considerable forces with the House of Salon, whose treats were gale you with elsewhere in this publication. Clean, fresh, fruit-driven with a refreshing palate, this is a Chardonnay-dominant wine that's powerful but not aggressive. Four years on lees - well beyond the call of legal duty - ensures complexity, while the vigorous fruit and floral notes make it the 'first of the day' glass. Only on Christmas Day, of course.



Drappier Brut Nature Pinot Noir Zero Dosage

was \$58.90 now **\$49** 43520

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A delightful and developed golden coppery colour in the glass, with charming fruit lingering beneath some autolysis hints and a perfumed surge of freshly-pressed black grapes. Very active in the mouth; almost volcanic, initially, with firm acid, a citrus haunt and a divine toasty/yeastiness. The palate is drawn with very fine lines (more 2B pencil than thick oil paints, if you get me), the tight, precise style a reflection of the 'no sugar' approach at the winery.



Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut NV

was \$77 now **\$59.90** 46445

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Three German brothers actually started off this particular Grand Marque, I'll have you know. Winemakers from the Rhine valley, they moved into the Champagne region and started off what has proved to be one of the most enduring brands on the market. More often than not the Champagne used to spray the winners at Grand Prix events, don't let those uncouth oafs disturb you; this is a classy affair, with clean, elegant lines, fresh, lively fruit notes and a beautifully balanced backend. Smartly priced, too, Mr. Schumacher.

Lanson Black Label Brut NV

was \$64 now **\$54.90** 46313



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Lanson has four miles of cellars; what about their carbon footprint then, huh? Oh, relax and indulge, especially at this rather festive price. Honey smeared on toast is the aromatic analogy that comes to mind, with some Pinot complexity riding shotgun while flowers float aloft. A sound fruit punch and lively citrus engage the palate, it's racy and youthful with plenty of body and panache. You will disappoint no one with a wine of this style and class.

Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

was \$85 now **\$69.90** 48210



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'Pol Roger produces one of the finest ranges of champagne, exemplary, from Non-Vintage through to its prestige offerings,' says Clive Coates, Master of Wine. This is extraordinary verbosity from a man whose entire wine descriptions usually consist of nothing more than 'great grip' or 'sound'. His mouth ran away with him, but Pol will do that, we warn you now. It's exotic baked bread and floral bouquet is just the start; the creamy, lemony fruit flavours an exquisite middle and its finely balanced and invigorating finish wraps it up better than Toni the weather girl. Exquisite.



Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial NV

was \$75 now **\$59.90** 47211

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Did you know that Moët owns six square kilometres of vineyards in Champagne? Or that they produce a couple of million of cases of the good stuff annually? Boutique they may not be but this, the House's foundation, is insanely popular the world over for a fairly simple reason: it is a very good wine and delightful to drink. There is a lemony-scented allure that seems hardwired to your pleasure centres, and a ready richness that satisfies all the bits the rest doesn't reach.



Veuve Clicquot Brut NV

was \$87 now **\$69.90** 49810

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$65.00 A BOTTLE

There's an oil on canvas of Madame Clicquot online and, with all due respect, she is a frightening proposition. As you'd need to be; hello, a woman in the wine industry, in France, 200 years ago. Amazing she even got out the front door. But she did, and made her husband's company a leading light, delivering to us a Champagne of almost unparalleled style and character. Lots of black grapes mean much body, the one-third Chardonnay delivers finesse, elegance and freshness, and the waiter refilling your glass at Christmas Event Number 223 better stay close: it's awfully moreish.

Champagne

Laurent-Perrier

Brut L-P NV

was \$91 now **\$74.90** 46415

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The high proportion of Chardonnay most likely contributes to the wine's freshness, its most defining characteristic. Vigorous bead, uplifting citrus fruits and a vivacious palate all support the argument, leading inexorably to comments like, 'is it really our third bottle, Algernon? Yip, it's a drinkable drop, crisp, lithe and charming, and an ideal one for launching at an early evening soirée, as long as you have a set finishing time. Otherwise they'll all stay till the last bottle.'



Taittinger

Brut Réserve NV

was \$106 now **\$74.90** 49511

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Fresh, bubbly, precocious and yet delicate somehow, Taittinger's NV is a delight. The wine shimmers alluringly in the glass, the bead is fine, the liquid vivacious. Forward fruit notes and freshly baked bread dominate the aromatic spectrum, with hints of peaches and white flowers chiming in charmingly. The palate promotes fresh fruit to your senses, in a vigorously youthful yet sensibly balanced fashion, underpinned by hints of honey and subtle mineral notes. Unleash it by the fountain on your marble-flagged terrace, overlooking the olive groves, of course.

Bollinger

Special Cuvée NV

was \$89.90 now **\$74.90** 40820

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Some facts about Bollinger. Loud English women with prominent teeth are not its only market. Neither are people from Parnell or its near environs. Its fleshy robust style usually appeals more to wine drinkers, as it happens, particularly those who like to serve Champagne with food. So, leave your preconceptions at our front door, or ranch slider, being summer and all, and take Bollinger as it stands: a beautifully crafted, world renowned, big-style Champagne, possessing of much flavour, class and style.

Delamotte

Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

was \$89 now **\$75** 42850

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Surprisingly rich and round for a Blanc de Blancs style, it is, of course, the soul of discretion, its myriad, mesmerising aromas and flavours delivered discreetly. Florals dominate the nose, with a curious note of angelica slipped in amongst the citrus to make sure we were all paying attention. Rather toasty on the palate, it is flavoursome while retaining that initial finesse, touched with spice and framed in pert acid. A charming and unique expression of the great wine. Sumptuous with oysters.

Drappier

Grande Sèndrée Brut 2000

was \$99 now **\$75.90** 43507

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A rather special drop, this, being produced only in the best vintages, and from tiny plots planted in vines 70 years older or more. With its high Chardonnay component (55%), you'd expect elegance, finesse and poise, and you'd be right. The balance is Pinot Noir (no Meunier here) which exhales a rich and lush breath of flavour and texture to the final wine. The cellars in which this baby languishes date back to the 1100's, the bottle itself a replica of an 18th Century style Champagne receptacle.



Perrier Jouët

Grand Brut NV

was \$96 now **\$79.90** 47810

Did you know that when you pop a Champagne cork it is travelling between 50-80km/h? Lordy. Anyway, Perrier Jouët were apparently the very first Champagne House to make a brut wine, this being back in 1854. The fine, lively bead and vigorously youthful, golden colour pull you in, as do the toasty notes and florals on the nose. It's an appley, uppity little back-seater, busting out of its bodice with plenty of citrus and buttery charm. Lively more than luscious, although there is no lack of weight and punch; oily salmon or anything creamy would be a dream accompaniment.

Bollinger

La Grande Année 1997

was \$204 now **\$170** 40816

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And for the purists who really want to know how that Champagne terroir shows itself in the bottle... Yep, this is a vinous drop, with marked minerality and the intensity for which the House is renowned. Uniquely, the first fermentation takes place in small oak casks, hence the richness and ageing capability. And with a 65% Pinot component, shyness is not a hallmark. Majestic, rich and vivacious, there is an underlying power that surges toward the marathon finish, and that will become tidal with time.



Perrier Jouët

Belle Époque Brut 1999

was \$240 now **\$199** 47835

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$198.00 A BOTTLE

No, Brad, Belle Époque doesn't mean good time as in 'good time girl'. It refers to 'the fine period,' the time of security and gracious living for the well-heeled that was cut abruptly short by WWI. The anemone-swirled bottle replicates one painted by artist Emile Galle in 1902; the wine within emulates and imitates nothing but itself. Containing P.J.'s most outstanding Champagne (they tell us), white flowers and honey dance you down the golden path to a rich, fruit-filled, layered palate that bursts with joy.

All of our champagne is fresh - no Parallel Stock

Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame Brut 1998

was \$286 now **\$240** 49801



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While a house stands or falls on its NV Champagne and the quality and consistency thereof, we can't deny the allure of a House's Prestige Cuvée. This, generally the most rarely released, and usually the most expensive, natch, is invariably an exciting and intense experience of the House style. Clicquot names theirs after their founder. Only Grand Cru vineyards contribute their precious fruit, which is assembled in a style that is clear-cut and precisely defined, yet silkily rich and smooth as well. As Mr Dilmars says, 'do try it.'



Cuvée Dom Pérignon Vintage 1999

was \$300 now **\$199** 47234

D'you know that the first vintage of Dom was in 1921, and even that wasn't released until 1936. The current vintage being 1999 almost suggests things have sped up, then. But its oily, smoky richness just commands languor, and demands you take your time and indulge. Nutty, mineral with a hint of earth and a vivacious lift that puts a jump jet to shame, this is a joyous experience, one to be savoured, and not to be doled out liberally, unless the other guest is yourself or someone like you.

Pol Roger Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill Brut 1996

was \$259 now **\$215** 48221



BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$214.00 A BOTTLE

At the Liberation of Paris, Churchill met Odette Pol-Roger and forged a link that exists today between the two families. The Cuvée, released in memory of the great man, reflects what she loved in Champagne - robustness and character. The exact assemblage remains a closely-guarded family secret (don'tcha love the glamour?). Sourced from Grand Cru and Pinot grapes that were under vine when the old boy was still fighting them on the beaches, it is only made in the very best vintages. Structure, breadth, robustness and romance are the hallmarks. And the '96 is unequivocally one of the best ever.



Salon Le Mesnil Blanc de Blancs Brut 1996

was \$485 46436

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$484.00 A BOTTLE

There have only been 37 vintages of Salon released since production began in 1905. Not exactly assembly line manufacture, then. Remarkably subtle, yet unashamedly direct, this strange combination of extraordinary complexity and character delivered oh-so-discreetly is kind of like inviting Claudia Schiffer to a party then spicing her in the back door and straight up the stairs. Ahem. Strongly built, with barely restrained power, the winemaker describes it as 'feline, like a snow tiger.'

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Wally's Hut Cabernet Shiraz 2006

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28430

This is a very good wine. Tasty and true, it ticks all the boxes required of it. It is also a very cheap wine, or 'approachably priced,' if you prefer. How is it, then, that in a world of greed, consumerism and Al Gore, something very good can be incredibly cheap? Is there some ulterior motive at play here, some sinister and underhand conspiracy that remains unrevealed until Wally is given room in your home? Is 'medium bodied wine with spicy rich berry flavours and a good dose of oak and vanillin,' code for, 'they're relaunching' em right now, Mr. President,'? Does it matter?

Clifton Road Sauvignon Blanc / Chardonnay / Merlot

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 18007 / 18008 / 18009

A range of great drinking wines, all made with 100% NZ fruit and all for under a tenner. Remind me what the bad bit is again? Oh, there isn't one. Didn't think so. The Sauvignon is all gooseberries and passionfruit, as you'd expect of Hawkes Bay Sauvignon, while the Chardonnay an opulent peaches and cream delish delight that is fresh as a newborn and far quieter. The merlot is remarkably ripe and rich given the financial context, with plummy, cherry-flavoured fruit basking on a warmly toasted oak endivan. These wines over-deliver, under-charge and drink superbly. Are you in?



De Bortoli DB Sparkling Brut NV

was \$15 now **\$8.90** 20828

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Our own Methode makers have every right to stamp their collective feet and raise merry hell when confronted with such a delightful little offering as this. Does Australia's geography look big in this? You bet, Bruce. See, De Bortoli have Chardonnay and Pinot vineyard holdings that would cover most of the North Island, so their fruit selection when constructing a mighty drinkable, dry and delicate bubbly is a little broader than that available to someone from, say, Marlborough. The volumes made also mean that they, and we, can price it sharply. The perfect celebratory sparkler.





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Laroche

Chardonnay 2006

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The creation of the Vin du Pays Appellation in the 1970's opened a new window for winemakers that up until then had been hamstrung with regulations confining their wines to the lowest rung of the quality ladder. Smart negociants like Laroche have embraced the Vin Du Pays category, upgraded winemaking techniques and introduced modern technology. This Chardonnay has a classic varietal bouquet supported by a toasty edge. The palate is nicely weighted, and has a lovely touch of stonefruit flavours that are complemented by nutty nuances and enhanced by a lovely mineral texture.



Arrogant Frog Ribet Red

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43961

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Jean-Claude Mas produced this wine from 26-year-old Cabernet vines and 31-year-old Merlot vines grown on the family's 64-hectare estate. The wine was vinified using a combination of traditional and New World methods, and aged in barrel prior to bottling. It is an elegantly proportioned red with complex layers of blackberry and plum aromas with hints of vanilla in the background. A deeply balanced and seductively silky, it finishes on a long, bright note. Easy to enjoy and beautifully crafted, it delivers well above its price.



Paul Jaboulet

Côtes du Rhône Selection 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$16.90** 45317

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

A terrific, well-priced Côtes du Rhône blended from Syrah and Grenache, traditionally whole bunch fermented and matured in oak barrel and bottle before release. It is a moderately complex wine with a youthful ruby colour. The bouquet is characterized by ripe berry fruit aromas gracefully integrating with subtle oak. The palate opens on a restrained note, but develops through the mid-palate to display a good depth of berry/plum flavours, supported by subdued spicy oak and enhanced by a mellow mouthfeel and a long finish.



Louis Sipp

Alsace Pinot Gris 2004

was \$31.90 now **\$24.90** 46959

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The Louis Sipp Company, long established in Alsace, is renowned for producing classically-styled Alsatian wines. They own vineyards in some of the region's best districts, including a number of Grand Crus. Their experience and vineyard holdings enable them to consistently source top grapes, so that the quality is never compromised. A nicely developed Pinot Gris that is already delicious to drink. The nose has typical varietal honeyed pear, citrus and spice aromas that are echoed on the palate. It is relatively full bodied, with pure, fresh fruit flavours that linger on and on.



Arrogant Frog

Ribet Red Shiraz 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43962

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Arrogant Frog is a range of estate-bottled Languedoc wines that though typically French, leap out of the glass with New World style. The 'Frog' wines were created by Jean Claude Mas, whose family have been involved in the wine business in the Languedoc for generations. This is a fruit-driven wine with classic Shiraz varietal vitality. It has a youthful, cerise-fringed appearance with black cherry and spice aromas. The palate is characterized by ripe, spice-spiked damson plum flavours enhanced by a silky texture and a firm, lengthy finish.



Nicolas Potel Cuvée Gerard Potel

Bourgogne Chardonnay 2005

was \$33 now **\$27.90** 42444

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Nicolas Potel (yes he is a real person) is on a roll and receiving much praise for his efforts in turning out great wines across the price spectrum, which in Burgundy can be enormous. His latest effort is a lovely introduction to why this region is famed for both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Quite deep, rich and slightly tropical on the nose, there are similarities to some of our own chardonnays. On the palate this has richness and tropical fruit (perhaps a character of the outstanding vintage) but with lovely light to medium texture. Don't serve too chilled.



Italy

Each month, discover the value and style of Italian wines

G Pasqua Lapaccio Primitivo Salento 2005

was \$17.90 now **\$15.90** 66025

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

The Primitivo has been making itself very much at home in the hot, dry climate of the Salento Peninsula for longer than anyone can remember. This is a boldly-structured wine, with concentrated plum and black cherry aromas and flavours integrated with a dash of spice and oak nuances. It is full bodied, a touch rustic and uncompromisingly punchy and long in flavour. The rich palate displays deep-seated spiciness enhanced by a slick texture.



Cecchi

Chianti DOCG 2006

was \$19.90 now **\$16** 62431

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

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.



Cecchi

Orvieto Classico DOC 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 62444

BUY A CASE OF 6 FOR ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

Orvieto is by far Umbria's best-known and most popular wine. It was a favourite of a succession of Popes, particularly Gregory XVI; he decreed in his will that he be washed with Orvieto prior to interment! This is a blend of native Italian varieties Grechetto, Drupeggio, Procanico and Trebbiano, grown in the hilly vineyards surrounding the ancient town of Orvieto that looms majestically above them. It is a straw-coloured wine with a distinctive floral, herbal bouquet. Vinous with subtle herb and mineral notes, it is artfully balanced with a fresh, lingering finish.



Pasqua Sagramoso Valpolicella Superiore DOC 2005

was \$21 now **\$16.90** 66045

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

Valpolicella is the perfect summer red, particularly well-suited to the indoors/outdoors lifestyle from December through to autumn. Sagramoso is a warm, hearty, cheerful wine that's great with pasta, risotto or around the barbeque. The Pasqua family have adopted a very modern approach; made from the traditional native varieties Corvina, Rondinella and Corvinone, the wine was cool fermented and matured in French oak. The Corvina and Rondinella provide weight, the Corvinone balance and spiciness. It is a fragrant wine, with bright cherry and plum aromas supported by toasty oak. Full flavoured and medium bodied, it is enticingly suave.



Cecchi

Chianti Classico DOCG 2005

was \$27 now **\$19.90** 62421

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The beautiful hilly countryside of Tuscany in the provinces of Siena, Florence, Arezzo and the original Chianti zone, Pistoia, was a favourite destination of the Renaissance artists, who immortalized its vineyard and olive-covered hills as the backdrop to many of their paintings. The Cecchi family, based in the heart of Chianti, are passionate advocates for preserving the traditions of this great appellation. 90% Sangiovese, the wine displays intense cherry and violet on the nose, while the palate is quite concentrated and firmly structured, yet smoothly textured. An excellent accompaniment to red meat dishes.



Santa Margherita

Valdadige Pinot Grigio DOC 2006

was \$28 now **\$23** 62535

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$22.00 A BOTTLE

The cool climate and free-draining soils in the Adige River Valley of the Southern Tyrol, in Italy's north-eastern region, is responsible for producing some of the country's finest aromatic wines. This is the largest-selling Italian Pinot Gris in the USA. With a very appealing, subtle bouquet that displays aromas of apple, pear and mineral, the fresh, well-balanced palate finishes on a lively, lemon-spiked note. Its fresh character makes it an ideal aperitif, and a very good match to shellfish, poultry dishes and salads.



Barolo is arguably Italy's greatest wine. These powerful, dramatic Single Vineyard examples from Fontanafredda are concentrated, full bodied, long-lived and outstanding reds.

Fontanafredda

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a taste of
Spain

G Solar Viejo
Cosecha 2006



was \$20 now **\$16.90** 88005

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An exceptionally well-priced Rioja made from 100% traditionally fermented and matured Tempranillo. A brilliant cherry red with purple highlights, on the nose there are intense aromas of raspberry and black cherry supported by hints of spice. The palate has a juicy character dominated by ripe berry fruit flavours that are beautifully complemented by suave tannins.

Ada
Minotauro Azul 2004



was \$21 now **\$18.90** 88022

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

Pamplona's 'Running of the Bulls' has its origins in the legend of the Minotauro locals like to believe escaped to Navarra to run free. Produced from old vines, the Silver Medal-winning Azulexudes ripe berry aromas and hints of cinnamon and vanilla on the nose. Velvety smooth and long flavoured, this is great value.

Ada
Minotauro Rojo 2004



was \$29 now **\$26.90** 88023

BUY A CASE OF 12 FOR ONLY \$26.00 A BOTTLE

The Rojo was awarded Gold at the prestigious Concours Mondial in Brussels. It is a blend of Garnacha and Tempranillo, matured in French & American barriques for twelve months. A seamless, elegant, complex wine with great depth of ripe fruit on the nose and palate, complemented by subtle spice and herb notes. Great value.

Marqués de Cáceres
Reserva 2001



was \$43 now **\$39.90** 88003

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

World-renowned oenologist Michel Rolland is Marqués de Cáceres' winemaking consultant, and his influence is very evident in this outstanding wine. Matured for 22 months in French oak barriques, it is a bright ruby colour with spice-edged berry aromas supported by oak nuances. Complex and richly flavoured, it is well balanced, nicely rounded and finishes on a long note.



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

Rosé Champagne

In some minds Rosé Champagne might lack a bit of credibility; i.e. 'it's pink so it must be cheap.' Breaking out the Champagne isn't an everyday occurrence for most of us anyway, so why would you take the risk of cracking into a Rosé, when the moment comes? Ahh, therein lies the problem, and it's one of perception.

Cast your eye along a retail shelf and you'll see that many Champagne houses only make Vintage Rosé. Or, you check the price-tags and see that invariably a House's Rosé is more expensive than its Non-Vintage, the wine we usually head for when it's party time. Something doesn't compute here, and yes, it's actually serious vino, is Rosé, and a beautiful experience.

From a winemaking point of view, there are generally two ways to make a Rosé wine; you either macerate/soak the juice with the skins of the dark-coloured grapes you are using to make the wine, or you blend a small amount of still red wine with the finished white wine. Rosé Champagne is, more often than not, made via the second method. This gives the wine its beautiful salmon-esque hue and contributes texture, complexity and further flavours and aromas to the final wine.

Far from being lollywater, Rosé Champagne is often a more robust and weighty style of wine than, say, a Non-Vintage, and as such partners food beautifully. It also ages particularly well. Of course each House style is intrinsically different from the next; the best place to start is with the Rosé of a House whose NV or Vintage you particularly favour. Because, while Rosé is yet another expression of a House's style, in the same way that a Blanc de Blancs or a Prestige Cuvée is, it will still reflect the overall characteristics of the House that produces it.

We don't normally exhort you to do anything in particular, but this Festive Season, if you get the opportunity, try a bottle of Rosé Champagne. You will almost certainly be delighted that you can start off 2008 with a new hobby. Or is that an obsession?

Billecart-Salmon
Brut Rosé NV

was \$130 now **\$99** 40700

If you think the world has lost its romantic edge, and let's face it, Paris Hilton isn't exactly Audrey Hepburn, well, this pretty, pretty wine may restore your lost hope. The exact proportions of the three Champagne varieties committed to the blend, the amount of Pinot Noir added for colour and complexity and the percentage of reserve wines used is a most closely guarded family secret; but we're here to indulge, not crunch the numbers. A dusky pink colour with flashes of gold, the wine has a bouquet that is a gentle breeze of red fruits. The palate is elegant but quite fleshy, with a long, drying finish and a texture that screams for canapés. An absolute thrill all round.



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| 43502 | Drappier Brut Rosé NV | \$55.00 |
| 47313 | Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut Rosé 1999 | \$79.90 |
| 41503 | Ruinart Brut Rosé NV | \$98.00 |
| 42852 | Delamotte Brut Rosé NV | \$99.00 |
| 48223 | Pol Roger Brut Rosé 1999 | \$99.00 |
| 46440 | Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé NV | \$125.00 |
| 47832 | Perrier Jouët Belle Epoque Brut Rosé 2002 | \$199.00 |

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

1 **G** **Kaesler Stonehorse** Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre **2006**

was \$27 now **\$24.90** 22260

Great value Australian Rhône varietal blend of 45% Grenache, 44% Shiraz and 11% Mourvèdre. Well structured, with a pleasantly spicy bouquet and excellent depth of fruit on the palate.



2 **Saint Clair Pioneer Block 11** Cell Block Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc **2007**

was \$28 now **\$24.90** 18379

A wonderfully aromatic Sauvignon exhibiting ripe tropical fruit and mineral notes. A fresh, immaculately-crafted wine that's very stylish and finishes on a crisp limey note.



3 **Waipara Hills** South Island Pinot Gris **2007**

was \$19.90 now **\$17.50** 10918

This is a youthful, straw-coloured wine with spicy stonefruit notes on the nose. The weighty palate has great fruit depth, a slick texture and a resoundingly fresh citrus finish.



4 **Hewitson Ned & Henry's** Barossa Valley Shiraz **2006**

was \$30 now **\$24.90** 21785

Distinctive blackberry & ground pepper aromas are supported by oak nuances. Rich and seamless, it has persistent spice-edged berry and plum flavours wrapped around a velvety coat.



5 **Kim Crawford SP Matt's Blend** Riesling Gewürztraminer **2005**

\$29.90 11703

A poised wine with an outstanding aromatic nose showing floral notes, nashi pear, honey and citrus aromas. The palate has penetrating fruit flavours, balanced by a tangy freshness.



6 **Tupari** Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc **2007**

was \$29 now **\$25** 18552

Moderately complex Awtare Valley Sauvignon with ripe passion fruit and tropical fruit aromas and flavours underpinned by flinty nuances. It has a creamy texture and a fresh citrus finish.



7 **C J Pask Declaration** Hawkes Bay Chardonnay **2005**

was \$45 now **\$36.90** 11083

C J Pask's top-of-the-line Chardonnay, barrique fermented and lees aged. It is an elegant, richly flavoured wine with lovely mealy characters supporting the fruit. Superb with food.



8 **Te Mata Woodthorpe Vineyard** Hawkes Bay Gamay Noir **2007**

was \$21 now **\$19.90** 19154

Beaujolais-inspired red with a seductive, fruity, floral, berry bouquet. The juicy palate has a lively character that lifts the ripe raspberry fruit flavours. Lovely easy drinking.



9 **Omaka Springs Falveys** Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc **2007**

was \$25 now **\$19.90** 16059

Fruit-driven, Marlborough Sauvignon alive with passion fruit and melon aromas and flavours enhanced by hints of herb and mineral. Fresh, elegantly structured, smartly balanced wine.



10 **Cable Bay** Marlborough Pinot Noir **2006**

was \$35.90 now **\$29.90** 12443

A deliciously captivating Pinot Noir with lovely plummy, raspberry aromas and flavours supported by hints of vanilla and spice. With its supple, silky texture, it's all too easy to enjoy.



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Ben Glover – Winemaker



- Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007 \$16.90
- Marlborough Chardonnay 2005 \$24.90
- Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006 \$39.90



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Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006	\$29.90	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005	\$30.90	Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006	\$24.90