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Thomas Saint-Pic, Manager at Glengarry Takapuna

'I'm not homesick,' Thomas St-Pic insists as I duck in out of a gruelling storm into his pristine Takapuna store. I think of Bordeaux, Thomas' birthplace, shimmering in the high 20's, and wonder if he doth protest too much. 'I love it here,' he beams broadly. With his knowledge of all things Bordeaux, and Spanish and, frankly, most other wine regions you care to name, it's certainly a great thing for the store's ever-expanding customer base, too.

Thomas' first (and most gruelling) appointment was as wine manager of the massive retail hypermarket, E. Leclerc in Bordeaux. Being Bordeaux, the wine sections of these outlets attract huge attention. Thomas was in charge of 1500 labels, purchasing them, setting the prices, and then making sure they sold. While the 80 hour weeks and massive quarterly sales were difficult, Thomas says he did get to meet every player in the Bordeaux wine industry. 'It was like being at Vin Expo all the time,' he says.

After another high-pressure retail position, Thomas and his partner decided that a complete change of environment was what they needed, and New Zealand provided it. He quickly got himself through the doors at Glengarry, and here he is, with his French music chirping through the shop and his retail experience showing in the columns of neatly stacked displays throughout the store.

He's loving the experience, particularly enjoying tasting vast quantities of local wine and food to get himself up to speed. 'I don't know of any wine company in Europe delivering a monthly food and wine tasting as Glengarry does,' he tells me. Also, wine at home has been a way of educating himself. 'A good wine with a good meal is the best thing in the world.' And as for keeping the connection to home, having settled here, they did name their newborn baby daughter Margaux.

So next time you're wandering through the, er, sunny beachside hamlet of Takapuna, drop in and have a chat to Thomas; he'll engage you in a robust discussion about the next Rugby World Cup winner while giving you personal insight into any Bordeaux wine you care to mention. And all the while, the accordion sings away in the background.

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MANAGER'S PICK THOMAS SAINT-PIC



Château Roustaing Réserve Vieilles Vignes
Bordeaux 2006 42115

\$19.90 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Was \$30.00

I love this wine! It reminds me of home. It's an impressive, fully flavoured Bordeaux with a real regional earthiness and a brilliant, approachable fruit-filled palate. Lots of cherries and blueberries. The tannins are ripe and restrained, and with its weight and savouriness, we've been eating it with spicy meat dishes.

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Fearless Buys

A monthly selection of delicious, dependable reds and whites where the palate, not the price tag, packs a punch

Trinity Hill

Hawke's Bay Syrah 2007

was \$22.00 now **\$16.90** 19286

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Gold Medal, International Wine Challenge

Being an avowed Rhône fan, it's no surprise that John Hancock and team have fashioned an extraordinarily good Syrah from the cracking 2007 vintage. Pretty outstanding to nab that London Gold, too, considering this isn't even the winery's most expensive Syrah. With a 5% Viognier component adding extra lift to the already concentrated fruit, it's a spicy, lip-smacking expression that offers a great mouthful and delivers ridiculous value.



Coopers Creek Dillons Point

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$21.00 now **\$17.90** 11855

Gold Medal, Royal Easter Show 2008

★★★★★ *Winestate*

The Dillons Creek vineyard has only recently come on-stream for Coopers Creek and it's already producing stylish Sauvignon. Having netted a few awards along the way, including Gold at this year's Royal Easter Show, it's no surprise when you take your first hit of the Dillons just how scintillating an experience it is. Exploding with a torrent of tropical fruit, there's an edgy, restless herbaceousness which keeps it keen, while a wonderful mid-palate weight and richness suggests seafood would enhance it joyously.



Te Whare Ra

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$22.00 now **\$19.90** 19152

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Having produced their second set of twins last year, you'd wonder how Anna and Jason Flowerday find time to produce any wine. They do, praise be, and it is good. Rather than estate grown, this Sauvignon comes from a family block in the Awatere, and has that distinctive mineral character often associated with this intriguing sub-region. The concentration of the flavours is outstanding, with the varietal gooseberries and passionfruit given a spicy lift by some lemongrass and coriander characters. Showing finesse and firepower it's a beautiful mouthful.



Villa Maria

Riverstone Merlot Cabernet Shiraz

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 19607

Not so many years ago the idea of a cross-country, non-vintage blend of 3 different red grape varieties might have had some of you flirting with indecision. However, I think we've all grown up a bit and gotten over some of our wine prejudices. Selecting perfectly ripe fruit from climates and soils where the varieties themselves thrive, and delivering a soft, fruity thing to us thirsty buyers at such an outrageously low price can only be a wonderful idea, wouldn't you think?



Villa Maria Private Bin

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 19665

Villa Maria produce something in the vicinity of a dozen Sauvignon Blancs per vintage, and the wines are consistently brilliant right across the range. The Private Bin has been delighting drinkers for decades, and this 'hardly out of its wrapper' 2008 will definitely do the same. The vibrant and precocious tropical fruit characters are balanced by a push of firm acid, the two holding on to each other tightly all the way to the home straight.



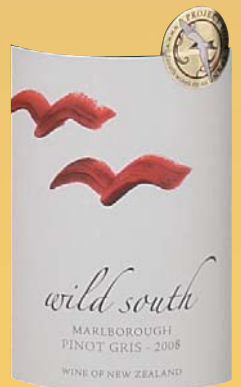
Wild South

Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$15.90** 11188

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

Talk about first cab off the rank; crikey, the other wineries are still looking for the right change. This searingly new release from renowned white wine expert Christie Brown has the spirited spice and lush apple/citrus characters that have distinguished previous releases, with all the richness and length that hallmark an excellent Pinot Gris expression.



Lake Chalice

Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

From its peachy fruit entry to its creamy back palate, this is a joyride all the way. It's a characterful wine, vivacious and charming yet also in possession of some significant depth and palate weight. By fermenting half the wine in stainless steel, an invigorating freshness is retained that vibrates through the lush fruit and gives rise to spontaneous acclaims of wonder and marvel from the imbiber. Bravo, etc.





Feature Winery

Spy Valley



Spy Valley describes itself as a family-owned, global boutique winery; eighty percent of the wine they produce is exported to markets all over the world. Bryan and Jan Johnson pioneered viticulture in the Marlborough sub-region of the Lower Waihope Valley when they established the 120-hectare vineyard in 1993. The district was considered unsuitable for wine production, but time has proved that it is one of Marlborough's finest cool climate vineyards. Initially, the Johnsons operated as contract growers supplying grapes to wineries, but in 2000 they released the first vintage under the Spy Valley label.

The early wines were made in a Marlborough facility, but since 2003 they have been produced at the company's own winery located in the middle of the estate vineyards. The winery is entirely self sufficient; the winemaking facilities are all temperature controlled, and bottling, labelling and cellaring are all within the complex. 'By having the winery in the heart of our estate vineyard, we can process the fruit in prime condition. And by having the entire operation under one roof we can maintain good quality control from picking to dispatch,' says General Manager Blair Gibbs.

The plantings of Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Malbec at the family's Johnson Estate vineyard are managed by Adam Code, who has been with the company for some years. The Estate vineyard supplies the bulk of Spy Valley's needs. Says Blair Gibbs, 'We source some Sauvignon Blanc from other growers; it provides the winemaking team wider flavour profiles and it's also an insurance against climatic risk.'

The winemaking team, headed by Paul Bourgeois (a Kiwi, in spite of his French name) has produced a string of award-winning wines that have earned accolades from leading wine critics around the world. Spy Valley produces three tiers of wines, two of which are featured here. The Spy Valley-branded wines are made to display pure varietal and regional characters. The fruit is sourced from the company's Waihope Valley vineyards and from selected sites in Marlborough. The premium Envoy wines are produced from selected micro-sites on the Johnson Estate that experience has shown consistently deliver the best fruit.

In a remarkably short time, Spy Valley has fashioned a remarkable record for quality and established itself as one of the country's top wineries. Blair Gibbs states that their aim is to produce premium world-class wines that over deliver consistently.

Spy Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$16.00** 18313

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

*90/100 - Wine Spectator
★★★★ Winestate
Served first class on American Airlines*

Harvested from different blocks of the Wairau and Waihope estate vineyards. It has the classic hallmark vivaciousness that distinguishes Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, with lovely passionfruit and tropical fruit aromas merging with mineral and herbal notes. The palate has a heart of pure varietal fruit flavours, nicely complemented by a weighty mouthfeel and balanced by a squeeze of lemon at the finish.



Spy Valley Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$19.00** 18369

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

*★★★★★ Best Value NZ Pinot Noir - Decanter
Gold Medal, Japan Wine Awards*

Hand harvested from the Johnson Estate in prime condition, and following fermentation, matured for 12 months in French oak barrels. The wine has a scented nose of rose and berry aromas with hints of mocha and spicy oak. The fruit-driven palate shows soft summer fruit flavours, nicely integrated with oak and enhanced by supple tannins and a svelte finish.

Envoy Marlborough Pinot Gris 2007

was \$29.00 now **\$25.00** 18312

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

★★★★★ Michael Cooper

From the excellent 2006 vintage, using selected hand harvested bunches off the oldest plantings. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and fermented in German oak, then aged for seven months on lees. A wonderfully aromatic wine, with pineapple aromas and ripe, honeyed fruit flavours supported by a slick texture.



Envoy Marlborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$54.00 now **\$46.00** 18270

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$45.50 A BOTTLE

Fermented on naturally occurring yeasts, put through malolactic, aged for 18 month in French oak barrels, blended and bottled without fining or filtration. A glossy, garnet wine with a fragrant bouquet that exhibits cherry, chocolate and a trace of oak. The lengthy, integrated palate has tiers of concentrated fruit flavours woven around fine tannins, enhanced by a mellow mouthfeel.

18331 **Spy Valley** Marlborough Chardonnay 2007
18314 **Spy Valley** Marlborough Riesling 2007
18330 **Spy Valley** Envoy Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

\$19.00
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SPARKLING

A celebration of sparkling wines from across the globe to make every day a festive occasion

Pol Roger Blanc de Blancs Vintage 1999

was \$139.00 now **\$99.00** 48198

Christian Pol-Roger calls this his 'Liquid Diamonds'

Balance is the key here, between bold, attacking fruit flavours and delicacy, between a bright, vivacious mousse and a surge of rich Chardonnay finesse on the palate. With the fruit of only one (obviously exceptional) vintage to play with, this is an even more difficult achievement than it is with a Non-Vintage. Exquisitely balanced, with soaring floral and fruit characters underpinned by a stable and consistent nuttiness and toastiness, largely derived from the seven long years on yeast lees. Elegant yet robust, and a brilliant cellaring prospect.



Veuve Clicquot Brut Vintage 2002

was \$118.00 now **\$99.00** 49815

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$98.50 A BOTTLE

Vintage Veuve at a non-vintage price

Invigorating bubbles dance delectably as you slip into the plush palate. There is so much going on that one can become bedazzled; do drink it sitting down. The aromas are stonefruit tinged with acacia blossom, underpinned by brioche, toffee and fresh toast. The robust palate reflects the red grape dominance in the blend, and the typically forward Veuve vintage character demands a dish of comparable beauty.



Veuve Clicquot Vintage Rosé 2002

was \$129.00 now **\$110.00** 49825

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$109.50 A BOTTLE

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Often misunderstood, Rosé Champagne. However, the rich, noble flavours of this impressive wine should send anyone who thinks such a wine is delicate or fey back to where their ill-judged prejudice begat them! Dominated by red grapes and with 15% Grand Cru Pinot Noir in the final blend, this is a suggestive, seductive and robust style of Champagne, mouthfilling yet elegant, complex yet gorgeously balanced.



Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.90** 85010

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.00 A BOTTLE

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In a recent Wall Street Journal tasting of international sparkling wines, Freixenet won two critical categories: Best of Tasting, and Best Value. This is what makes it such a tempting offering; it drinks better than almost anything you line up against it, and it costs less than almost any other decent sparkling. What's not to like?



Saint-Meyland

French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43010

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

When the doyens of discount drive this wine down to this petty price, it pays to make hay. Dry, but not too much, flavoursome but not over the top, buoyant but not embarrassingly explosive, this walks the perfect line and will charm everyone who has the good fortune to come within its orbit.



Allan Scott Cecilia Reserve Brut NV

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 17397

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

FREE Devonport chocolate hearts with every bottle

'Oh Cecilia, you're breaking my heart,' but indeed not my bank balance. Astounding to get a wine this smart at this price and something to be taken advantage of. An appealing aromatic uplift of baked lemon biscuits sets the pace, while the palate chimes in with rich, mouthfilling flavours of fresh fruit and toast. Approachable, with plenty of character.



Deutz

Blanc de Blancs Brut 2005

was \$44.00 now **\$29.90** 15017

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

A consistently stylish wine; if you think Deutz means 'bulk production' or some derivative thereof, note that this is hand-picked at the Renwick Estate and spends a carefully-guarded three years plus on yeast lees. Deliberately dry, this, but with a richness and creaminess that comes on after the initial citrus wake-up call. There's a real toasty, bready character, as you'd expect with a predominantly chardonnay sparkling, and an elegance and finesse that may lead you to believe you've just woken up in France.



CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

Devil's Staircase Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 12343



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Made by the team at Rockburn, this has to be the Pinot bargain of the century. Black Doris plums, a hint of toast and some thick, almost sweet-edged cherry and blueberry form the core of a sexy textured and deeply-flavoured palate.



Mud House Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

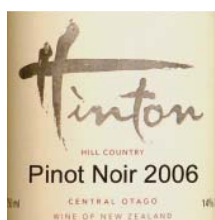
was \$27.00 now **\$22.00** 14673

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.90 A BOTTLE

Exuberant berryfruit tinged with five spice is saddled up to some well-defined but not overbearing tannins. At 14% alcohol, it has a mouthfilling richness and a lip-licking freshness. Packs plenty of punch, particularly for the price.

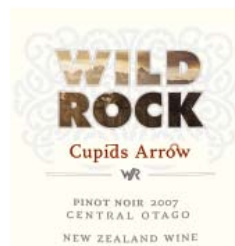
Hinton Hill Country Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$25.90 now **\$23.00** 11285



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.00 A BOTTLE

This little charmer is a very approachable, fruit-driven style. The hint of spice and subtle oak nuances deliver more complexity than may initially be expected. Smart, clever and perfectly priced.



Wild Rock Cupids Arrow Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$26.00 now **\$23.00** 11215

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.00 A BOTTLE

Made by the Craggy Range kids, this smells like summer, and has plenty of push and punch on the palate, while acid rains down on the finish just to tighten it up and leave an impression of precision and balance.

Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$28.90 now **\$24.00** 10917



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

This much acclaimed Pinot is an attractive deep crimson colour, the weighty fruit of a plum and cherry nature, the palate supple, succulent and warmly generous. Astounding value at full whack; at this price, it's a dream.



Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$27.90 now **\$24.90** 14935

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Smart Central Pinot, its delicious fruit marked by a distinct savoury character, the tannins a framework, not hard work and the finish all about the flavours rather than the structure. One of our biggest selling Pinots from any region.

Rabbit Ranch Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$30.00 now **\$25.00** 11167



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.00 A BOTTLE

This is mighty cute, with plenty of punchy cherry fruit and hints of spice neatly woven throughout the palate. There's a hint of smoky herb (careful) scattered across it all and a genuinely seamless, seductively smooth finish.



Chard Farm River Run Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$32.00 now **\$27.00** 11155

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.00 A BOTTLE

Intentionally fashioned as a drink now style. Being a vintage of low yields and a long, cool ripening season, the concentration potential of the fruit is fully realised in this style of Pinot. Youthfully exuberant and damned tasty.

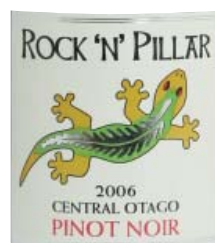
Dry Gully Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$36.00 now **\$28.00** 11193



Exclusive to Glengarry

Dry Gully produce Pinot Noir only, and the 2006 version is one of their best releases yet, a rich expression whose cherry fruit and vibrant flavours wrap themselves around you in rather delectable fashion.



Rock 'n' Pillar Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$38.00 now **\$29.00** 11196

Exclusive to Glengarry

Next door to Dry Gully (in a Central Otago next door kinda way), the fruit for this comes off a very rocky two-hectare site, while the wine itself is a mineral-tinted expression, pure in its varietal nature and most charming in its conduct.

Mt Rosa Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$31.00 now **\$29.00** 11321



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

The youthful, vibrant vigour on display here is passed by at your peril. Exuberantly fruity, while coloured by seductive spices and exotic herb characters, it's a chewy, delicious offering that's inordinately satisfying.



Maude Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$32.00 now **\$29.00** 12072

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.50 A BOTTLE

While robust, weighty and mouthfilling, this also has a flighty frivolity in its character, a knowing charm in its strawberry & raspberry flavours and aromas. The hint of Burgundian earthiness adds further delight. Worth cellaring.

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR

Akarua Gullies Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$35.90 now **\$29.00** 10184



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

Ready to unleash its charms, the Gullies is a well-polished, chewy, floral-tinted expression exuding summery strawberry and cherry fruit neatly interlaced with firm fruit acid. Hints of herbs, earth and spice complete the picture.



Mount Dottrel Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$41.00 now **\$29.00** 19929

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

Made by the brilliant Carol Bunn, originally of Akarua, this is cherry-laden, jammy, supple and wonderfully flavoursome. Very fresh for an '06, it's also a powerful wine, with a sturdy structure that will see it age well.

Chard Farm Finla Mor Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$41.00 now **\$38.00** 11164



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$37.00 A BOTTLE

From one of the region's pioneers and most consistent performers, this has a feminine, elegant profile that becomes truly enchanting after a glass or two. Integrated wood and gentle tannins support the complex characters superbly.



Fallen Angel Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$39.90 now **\$36.00** 10508

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.00 A BOTTLE

Stonyridge's take on Central Pinot is a bright, bold version, stacked with thick plum and cherry fruit flavours, themselves smeared across stout French oak and a smattering of spice. Drinking perfectly now, it's an utter delight.

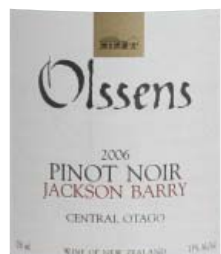
Peregrine Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$41.00 now **\$36.00** 17125



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.00 A BOTTLE

A brilliant wine, expressing the best elements of the regional terroir and showing itself as a strictly varietal Pinot Noir, with all the nuances, charm, complexity and style that such a comment would suggest.



Olssens Jackson Barry Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$45.00 now **\$38.00** 11103

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$37.00 A BOTTLE

Made in an opulent, robust style, this packs in the goodies on the palate, with an abundance of intense cherry fruit, some spice and chocolate notes all brought into line by sturdy tannins.

Carrick Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$50.00 now **\$39.00** 11128



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

Succulent, plummy and juicy, becoming multi-dimensional with the addition of licorice and spice, then settling in amongst the savoury framework of warm wood and fine tannins to flow out to a finish of full flavour and perfect balance.



Quartz Reef Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$46.00 now **\$39.00** 17231

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

More Burgundian than 'fruit bomb' in its stylistic tendencies, this unleashes robust charm and much flavour, with an earthiness and an untamed quality that is captivating. Its savouriness begs for a wild meat accompaniment.

Akarua Cadence Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$45.00 now **\$39.00** 10186



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.00 A BOTTLE

Yet another in a long line of great releases, the Cadence is a treasure trove of blackberries, blackcurrants and Black Doris plums, the spice, oak and earthiness augmenting the flavours while delivering their own parts of the picture.



Rockburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

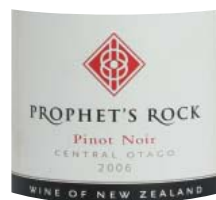
was \$45.00 now **\$39.00** 12336

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.00 A BOTTLE

Rockburn's low yield approach almost produces 'essence of Pinot,' so concentrated and dazzling are the flavours. That the intense fruit is dropped onto a palate of such lusciousness is simply another stunning angle to this wine.

Prophet's Rock Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$54.90 now **\$48.00** 18439



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$47.00 A BOTTLE

This has the powerful fruit intensity that the top-end Central expressions aim for, with a butchery/gamey/savouriness that balances the sweet fruit to perfection. Its sturdy structure ensures it will age well.



Sacred Hill Prospector Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

was \$53.90 now **\$49.00** 18422

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$48.00 A BOTTLE

Restrained yet powerful fruit expresses itself on the palate as solid cherries smeared with spice. Hillside herbs and Burgundian truffle characters point to the complexity, while sturdy tannins suggest cellaring will be well rewarded.

Wine Talk

Yackety-yack, the inside chat on what's happening, what's new, what's fab from our world to yours



THE SACRED HILL SPECIAL SELECTION ANNUAL RELEASE

August 2008 signals the annual release of Sacred Hill's Special Selection range. 40 members of the Glengarry team went to Hawke's Bay in August to taste the range with Sacred Hill's Senior Winemaker, Tony Bish, and all were mightily impressed by the quality of the wines.

Tony explained that the Special Selection range is a collection he makes for his love of the wines; not produced to make commercial sense, they are the winemaker's personal expressions.

This year's release consists of Brokenstone Merlot, Prospector Pinot Noir, Helmsman Cabernet Sauvignon, Riflemans Chardonnay and Deerstalkers Syrah. The annual release this year does not include the Sauvage Sauvignon Blanc.

TRAINS & BOATS & PLANES



Are you thinking that a couple of bottles of good New Zealand Pinot might just quieten Uncle Frank in the Barossa this Christmas? Does Cousin Judith in London need a case of Sauvignon to see her through?

Well, Glengarry are fully ready to freight wine around the world on your behalf. We have special packaging, and the latest in freight rates, weights and all that sort of logistics stuff. And you can send what you like; it doesn't have to be New Zealand wine. Give us a ring; it may solve a host of Christmas, and other time, gift problems.

THE GLENGARRY BORDEAUX CLUB

Get out your claret-coloured pen and put a big 'x' on your calendar, for this much-anticipated fixture of the wine enthusiast's monthly plan is up and running once again.

Conducted in our Wine Room at our Victoria Park store, these are informal yet very interesting tastings and discussions of all things Bordeaux; and to tempt you back in, we'll kick off with a vertical of Château Cos d'Estournel. Interested? Thought so.



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THE GLENGARRY PINOT NOIR CLUB

If you have even a passing interest in Pinot, then you may have noticed the huge number in this Wineletter. There are rivers of exciting and exotic Pinot Noir flowing into our stores every day, probably too many for you to ever keep up with.



And as it becomes a tad expensive to buy every one that grabs your attention, at the Glengarry Pinot Noir Club, we taste our way through a whole range of styles, vintages and regions so you can get a handle on what's out there, and a real understanding of what you like.

**THE GLENGARRY PINOT NOIR CLUB
WE EXPLORE CENTRAL OTAGO WITH A SELECTION OF THE NEW 2007 RELEASES:
wines from Rockburn, Peregrine, Waipara Hills, Mt Difficulty, Chard Farm, Maude, Mud House and Wild Rock
7PM, THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER
AT GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK, 118 WELLESLEY ST WEST
\$45 per person (includes a Riedel Vinum Pinot Noir glass worth \$54 to take home afterwards)
Bookings required: ph 0800 733 505 or email sales@glengarry.co.nz**

FATHERS DAY IDEAS

Knowing it's just around the corner we feature two beautiful single malts, Bruichladdich and Glenmorangie, the former a refreshing, sumptuous Islay malt, the latter one of the world's most renowned single Highland malts. Both are beautifully packaged, both expressions of great taste and hey, you won't even have to wrap them.



- Glenmorangie Original 700mL \$79.00
- Glenmorangie Lasanta 700mL \$85.00
- Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban 700mL \$85.00
- Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or 700mL \$89.00
- Bruichladdich 15-Year-Old 700mL \$99.00

Malts

in fine Spirits



Glenfiddich Special Reserve 12-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$58.00** 93500

Did you know this is the world's biggest-selling single malt? Twelve years batted down in oak casks, this Highland malt is as rich and smooth as Sean Connery without the annoying accent. Fruit rises above the wood on the nose, while the palate is an exquisitely integrated combination of wet forest, luscious pears and that inimitable peatiness, the latter lingering on to the seamless finish. And for the note-takers, Glenfiddich is the only Highland single malt distilled, matured and bottled at its own distillery.



Grey Goose Vodka

700mL **\$69.90** 92657

My, haven't spirits come a long way. Or should I say, hasn't the category grown in synergy and dynamism. Where a bright label and a discount sticker used to move mountains, or at least palettes, now we've got websites where chicks flutter their eyelids at you and the barman taps impatiently while you decide how you'd like your goose, er, cooked. Indeed the vodka is slick and stylish inside and out, oil free but flavour full. Question: If you've had more than one, does that mean you've had a few Grey Geese or Gooses?

Springbank 10-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$98.00** 93728

Aged mainly in bourbon casks; some sherry casks are used as well, giving the rich, full palate a slightly sweet lift that beautifully offsets the salty tang which is ubiquitous in the Springbank whiskies. The nose is initially fruity, its whimsicality tempered by a smoky surge of peat, while the palate is a cornucopia of exotic flavours, from vanillin hints to nutmeg and cinnamon spices.



Bulldog London Dry Gin

750mL **\$59.00** 92135

While vodka has dominated the hipsters' drinking habits (that's you guys) over the past decade, gin is roaring back, mainly buoyed by the increased interest in cocktails which, before children came and messed with them, were based largely on, well, gin. This 'brazen', high-end brand was launched only a couple of years ago, the company being founded by an investment banker and a chap from Skyy vodka. Distilled four times with myriad botanicals it has smooth, seductive fruit, citrus notes and it has a dog collar (studded, naturellement). Barking, but pleasantly tame.



Caol Ila 12-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky

750mL **\$89.00** 93446

Very much hidden away in the craggy wilds of Islay, accessible only to those with stout boots and a sturdy physique, this distillery with a name that translates as 'sound of Islay' dates back to 1846. Like so many, it has had an up and down ride to its current state. But the dram is why we're here. Considered lighter in style for an Islay, it still has an iodine/medicinal whiff and a peaty base upon which lie floral and fruited flavours. It starts slightly sweet, then progresses through to a charred, bone-dry finish. Intriguing as it is rare.



Glengarry Malt Whisky Tasting Club

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
7:00PM



Glengarry Victoria Park
118 Wellesley St West
Cost: \$35 per person
Plus \$10 off purchases on the night
Bookings: angie@glengarry.co.nz

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Beers



Leffe Brune Belgian Dark Ale

330mL single **\$3.90** 91716

When you start getting aromas from your beer that lean towards green apples and citrus fruit with hints of nuts, cor blimey, you begin to understand why beer tasting is taken as seriously as wine tasting by a not insignificant number of people. Surprisingly thirst quenching, this is also richly satisfying, a mouthfilling ale with generous malty flavours and a refreshing zing from the crisp hops. At 6.5%, we politely suggest you have your bus pass on hand; you wouldn't want to drive, and not too many local taxi drivers understand Flemish.



Dux Hereford Bitter Dark Munich Lager

330mL single **\$4.90** 91367

Herefords are a breed of cow, isn't they guv? Then you've got Dux, which would suggest, well, Daffy and friends, but it all actually comes down to Dux de Lux, a company with a couple of funky dining rooms, one in Christchurch and one in Queenstown. The latter has the brewery on-site, where they make a range of top flight bevies, this being one of them. They call the Hereford a dark, Munich-style lager, with full-on maltiness and a surprisingly non-bitter aftertaste.

Moa Five Hop Winter Lager

375mL single **\$6.90** 91337

Weka, Moa, Kiwi, Tui? I guess we can expect a Pukeko Pilsner sometime soon. Anyway, Josh-son-of-Allan Scott has made quite a name for himself with his excellent range of Moa beers and this, Moa's first ale, is made the same way as all the other Moas, following the Méthode Traditionnelle that is used to produce Champagne. A powerful beer, malty and creamy with a hint of sweetness, the coup de grâce being the hoppy floral characters that bounce off the top.



Dux Lager

330mL single **\$4.90** 91365

Showing that they're no one-trick pony, these guys got all their dux in a row (oops) and picked up a gold at the Aussie International Beer Awards. They then secured a gold for 'Best New Zealand Lager' at the NZ Beer Awards just a couple of years back, against some competition who probably have a bigger budget for paper clips than these guys have for their entire outfit. Go the little people! Slightly citrusy and charmingly refreshing, it's a weighty but fleet of foot lager with an invigoratingly clean finish.



Weka Native Lager

330mL 4-pack **\$9.90** 91339

This is brewed at the Mussell Inn (geddit?) which is located handily at, er Onekaka, itself situated on that beautiful north-east/south-west sweep of Golden Bay. They also bring you (or at least the locals) Swinelager and Heat Rash, which is a chilli beer, in case you hadn't worked that out. And why are they brewing beer in an area renowned for macramé pot holders? Pure mountain water, Petunia. To add some character to that pristine beginning, the ale is matured in bourbon barrels, lending a caramel tone to its dark stoutiness.



Dux Ginger Tom Ginger Beer

330mL single **\$4.90** 91366

Not often you get a ginger beer that's actually beer, if you know what I mean. But they don't muck around at Dux, and this has an alcoholic strength of 4%. 'A night on the gingers' is not as lame as it sounds, although it does sound a little creepy, I guess. The pre-requisite for a decent ginger beer is spice, and this has it in spades, sprinkled liberally through the fizzing fruit, giving it that refreshing lift you'd expect. There are delicious hints of honey and lemon, too, a slight maltiness and a very crisp twist of the tail. Paw me another...

a taste of Australia

Rediscover the wines of the lucky country with our pick of the best and most exciting Aussies on offer

The Australian 'Wine Lake' that has been delivering us bargain-priced bulk wine is now history. Last year, London's Daily Telegraph reported that the price of Australian wine was predicted to soar as the country's crippling drought threatened to halve the coming grape crop. The 2008 vintage was almost 35% below the five-year average, the prolonged period of drought considered the worst experienced by the wine industry.

With global warming a scientific reality, the situation is unlikely to improve. Growers in the vast, irrigated Murray-Darling region of South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales may have to abandon their vineyards because of the growing lack of access to water. The bulk of Australia's wine is derived from these regions, but the much reduced 2008 vintage will push up grape prices, ending the three year grape glut that produced cheap bulk wine.

The good news is that the smaller boutique wineries, more dependent on sustainable winemaking, have not been as seriously affected; their wines offer excellent, affordable quality.

Kaesler

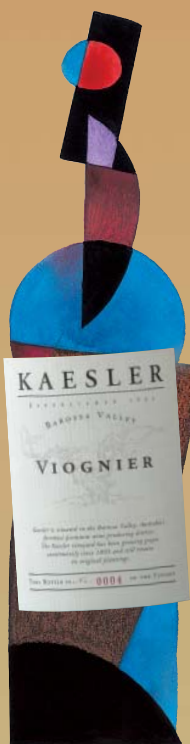
Old Vine Barossa Valley Viognier 2007

was \$33.90 now **\$24.90** 22265

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.00 A BOTTLE

*Kaesler's third Viognier release
Only 250 cases made*

The Kaesler family settled in the Barossa valley in the 1840s, and planted the first dry-grown vines in 1893, which are still producing today. Kaesler produce less than 300 cases per vintage of estate-grown Viognier. The fruit is hand harvested, whole bunch pressed and fermented on wild yeasts in new and seasoned French barrels, then lees aged to add textural complexity. It is a wonderfully aromatic wine with apricot, pineapple and spicy oak nuances. The palate has a creamy feel that melds beautifully with the fruit. A rare treat.



Chapel Hill

The Prophet McLaren Vale Shiraz 2005

was \$37.90 now **\$24.90** 22142

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

*Chapel Hill's Michael Fragos
was named Winemaker of the Year
at London's 2008 International
Wine and Spirit Competition*

If The Prophet Shiraz is anything to judge by, Chief Winemaker Michael Fragos' award was well deserved. The grapes were sourced from McLaren Vale, long considered one of the best wine regions in the world for the variety. This is a big wine, boasting a deep, brooding colour and some bursting pepper, plum, and ripe berry aromas supported by smoky oak. It's a richly flavoured red with an abundance of spicy fruit and a long, lush finish.



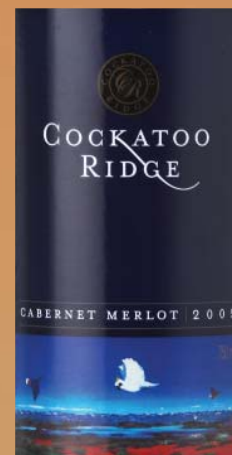
Cockatoo Ridge

Cabernet Merlot 2005

was \$12.00 now **\$10.90** 22603

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$10.00 A BOTTLE

Cockatoo Ridge was created by Geoff Merrill in 1990 to provide quality wines that were approachable and inexpensive. Geoff Merrill is no longer involved, but his innovative approach has been continued. Sourced from south-eastern Australia, this has an attractive bouquet of blackberry, mocha and toasty oak. It is a fruit-driven wine with a well weighted and generously flavoured palate.



Grant Burge

Barossa Vines Shiraz 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$16.90** 21371

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Fifth-generation winemaker Grant Burge has won countless gold medals and every major trophy in Australia. His wines are based on individual vineyard selections from Barossa Valley's finest vineyards. This is a dark, glossy wine with a complex nose of soft fruit, cherry, plum and ground pepper aromas supported by spice and chocolate nuances. The seamless palate is dominated by ripe, spicy fruit complemented by mellow tannins.



Geoff Merrill The Prodigal Son

McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Viognier 2004

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 22140

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

The Prodigal Son is a blend of Rhône Valley varietals that have been grown in McLaren Vale. It is a well crafted wine with a rich ruby colour and a moderately complex nose incorporating berry, violet and nutmeg. The Viognier component adds a velvety texture to the palate that allows the ripe fruit flavours to shine through.



Peter Lehmann

The Futures Barossa Shiraz 2005

was \$37.00 now **\$29.90** 23121

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Classic Barossa, vegan friendly

The Futures was the first wine made by Peter Lehman sold on a 'pay now for later delivery' basis. The Shiraz grapes were selected from low-yielding Barossa vineyards, partially barrel fermented and then matured in French oak for 15 months. The classic varietal aromas echo spice coffee and vanillin oak, and the multi-layered palate has an abundance of rich, ripe fruit flavours complemented by a slick texture and a lingering finish.



a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

The Côtes du Rhône AOC (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée) covers the entire Rhône Valley and comprises over 80% of the total volume produced; these are mostly red wines, but there are also some rosés and whites.

The AOC was created in 1937, and in 1996 the initial regulations were tightened regarding allowable varieties, yields and blends, stipulating that red wines must contain at least 40% Grenache with Syrah and Mourvèdre. The regulations came into being in 2004, and have raised the quality of the basic level of generic Rhône reds.

The AOC covers the 171 villages that do not have their own appellation. Spread over such a large area, it produces a diverse range of wines from the variety of microclimates and soils, the combination of varieties in the blends and the vinification methods employed.

Almost 70% of generic Côtes du Rhône wines are made in cooperatives, but the most satisfying wines, with longer keeping potential, are usually produced by single estates, domaines and established grower/producer/merchants like Paul Jaboulet and Mont-Redon. Made in smaller quantities, these usually contain significant proportions of Syrah, are deeper in colour, are more concentrated and have firm tannin structures. The best of them represent exceptional value.

Paul Jaboulet

Côtes du Rhône Selection 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$16.00** 45317

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

Rhône records show that the Jaboulets have been in the wine business since at least 1834, if not longer. The family owns superb low-yield vineyards within every significant appellation of the Rhône Valley, providing them with a wonderful palette for blending. This is a blend of Syrah and Grenache, diligently matured in oak barrels so its influence is not overpowering. The wine is characterized by a swathe of ripe berry and plum aromas and flavours integrated artfully with some subtle oak. Superb Value.



Georges Duboeuf

Fleurie Beaujolais 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$23.00** 42924

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.00 A BOTTLE

Fleurie is one of the top ten Crus of Beaujolais; these villages consistently produce wines that are more distinctive, elegant and complex than your standard Beaujolais. Considered to be the Queen of Beaujolais, Fleurie is made from the Gamay variety utilising the maceration carbonique method, and it possesses that distinctive floral juiciness that characterises the best from the region. It has a fresh bouquet of strawberry, violet and cherry. In the mouth, there is a delicious grapey character, and a velvety texture balanced by a fresh tangy finish.



Laroche

Vin de Pays Syrah d'Oc 2006

was \$22.00 now **\$17.00** 48525



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

Laroche and a few other visionaries have changed the winemaking landscape in the south of France, as this Syrah clearly demonstrates. It is a modern-styled red with an aromatic bouquet of peppery, spicy plum aromas and a hint of vanilla. The spicy fruit flavours on the palate are supported by a mellow texture and supple tannins.

Brut de Charvis

Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$22.90 now **\$19.00** 43013



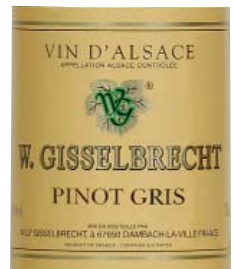
Exclusive to Glengarry

Champagne is France's best known sparkling wine, but there are also vast quantities produced in other regions. Winemakers in Burgundy, close neighbour of Champagne, also produce excellent sparkling wines, using the méthode traditionnelle; this is one of them. Made from a blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, it has a steady stream of tiny bubbles and appealing aromas of cherry, rose and toast. Smooth and tasty, with a crisp, fresh finish.

Gisselbrecht

Alsace Pinot Gris 2007

was \$29.00 now **\$24.00** 46979



'Absolutely great; the best vintage in the last five years' CLAUDE GISSELBRECHT

New World wine drinkers have no difficulty coming to grips with Alsace wines; they are labelled by variety, and just one classification, covers the whole region. If you are all chardonnayed out then try this; it has the weight and complexity to match a wide variety of foods, with a wonderfully aromatic bouquet of spring blossom, roasted almond and raisin. Different in style to the 2006, it's drier and crisper than its predecessor. A stunning wine, possibly Claude's best yet.

Château de Lugagnac

Bordeaux Supérieur 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$25.00** 42116



Buy a case for only \$21 a bottle

Château Lugagnac has a very long history, built as it was at the time of the Hundred Years War (1337-1453). From the excellent 2006 vintage, this is a complex, fruit forward wine with black currant and cassis aromas nicely integrated with toasty oak. Richly structured, slightly fleshy and harmonious, it has ripe tannins and a lingering finish.

a taste of *Italy*

Intriguing, exciting and always stylish, smarten up your sideboard with the new breed of Italians

Theoretically, Italian wines have been governed by laws since Roman times, but for most of their history those laws have been largely ignored. Responsible winemakers lobbied Parliament for years to introduce regulations that would protect the authenticity of their wines, and eventually, in 1963, the DOC (denominazione di controllata) laws were introduced.

The classifications start with VdT (Vino de Tavola) for basic wines that do not indicate variety, vintage or geographic origins. A step up from VdT are the IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica) wines; these must state the variety and geographic region.

The DOC classification is applied to wines made from specific varieties in delimited zones, processed and aged by set methods to meet prescribed standards of alcohol, colour aroma and acidity. The laws aim for quality but do not ensure it. In 1982 a super DOC, the DOCG, was introduced; the G stands Garantita, or guarantee.

This is the top tier and is reserved for the finest wines. The regulations are much stricter regarding yields, and each wine is analyzed and tasted by a panel. The DOC laws have brought a greater sense of cohesion to the Italian wine industry, and improved the quality and status of Italian wine.

Cecchi Chianti DOCG 2006

was \$21.50 now **\$17.00** 62431

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

The Cecchi Family firmly believe that the heart of Chianti is the Sangiovese grape. In their estates they have been replanting with clones better-suited to individual sites, and this has paid dividends; Cecchi's Chiantis are among the most consistent in the entire region. The 2006 is a superbly crafted wine and offers great value. It has a bouquet of black cherry, violet and spicy oak, while the fruit-dominated palate is well integrated, velvety smooth and long flavoured.



Santa Margherita Valdadige Pinot Grigio DOC 2007

was \$28.00 now **\$24.00** 62539

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

Santa Margherita was the first Italian winery to treat the pink-grey Pinot Grigio grape like a white variety by avoiding skin contact, to eliminate the copper tones, and cool fermenting to retain freshness and varietal integrity. It is a big seller in the USA, while in its homeland, it is admired because it complements rather than overpowers food. This is a pale greenish wine with an elegant bouquet displaying apple and pear aromas with traces of mineral and spice. Well balanced and nicely weighted, it has well defined fruit and a fresh, lively finish.



Pasqua

V Valpolicella DOC 2006

was \$17.90 now **\$15.00** 66006

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.50 A BOTTLE

Along with Chianti, Valpolicella is Italy's best-known red wine, which is not surprising since there probably isn't an Italian restaurant anywhere that does not feature one or both of these wines. They are quite different in style; the only thing they have in common is that they are good food wines. Pasqua's 'V' is a dry, well weighted red with an attractively fragrant nose of strawberry and raspberry, with hints of herb and mineral. The juicy, well balanced palate is nicely rounded and finishes on a long savoury note.



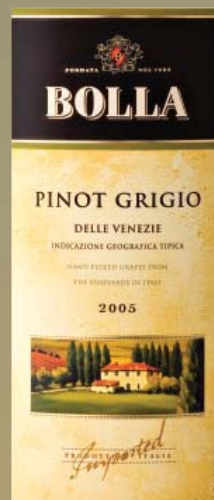
Bolla

Pinot Grigio IGT 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$16.00** 62567

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

To give the finished wine greater complexity and interest Bolla sourced this Pinot Gris from selected vineyards in north-eastern Italy, regarded as the best region for the variety. The nose has attractive orange blossom and blackcurrant aromas that tumble through onto the palate. It has an excellent textural, silky mouthfeel and a crisp, citrus-influenced finish. A versatile food wine.



Pasqua

Lapaccio Primitivo Salento IGT 2006

was \$18.90 now **\$17.00** 66023

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

Pasqua have been based in the Veneto for more than 80 years, but the family is originally from the Salento. Their vineyards are meticulously maintained and the winery in San Felice is world standard. This full bodied Primitivo wine is typical of their entire range, and well crafted yet moderately priced. With its bouquet of cassis, black cherry and spicy oak, the richly flavoured palate is balanced and structured around a core of supple tannins.



Bolla Torralta

Prosecco di Conegliano DOC NV

was \$22.90 now **\$19.00** 62566

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

Produced by the Charmat process, this has a persistent stream of golden bubbles. The aromatic bouquet shows fine apple-scented characters, and the wine comes alive in the mouth with the dominant fruit flavours enhanced by a silky feel and balanced by a slash of citrus and a hint of sweetness at the finish. Versatile and refreshing.



a taste of SPAIN

Sherry is one of the world's most versatile, under-rated and misunderstood wines. The way it is made, matured and blended is very different to other wines, because it is fortified with brandy after fermentation.

Made from the Palomino Fino variety, the style of Sherry is determined by a natural phenomenon called 'flor'. Flor is a white veil of yeast that grows and feeds on the surface of the wine, preventing oxidation and imparting a characteristic pungency. The Sherries that develop flor are the Fino and Manzanilla styles, and those that do not are classified as Oloroso, and are often sweetened with Pedro Ximénez for the cream styles.

Both basic types are fermented to dryness and placed in a 'solera,' a blending system consisting of a group of wine butts of different ages known as the criadera or nursery. When wine is required for bottling or blending, a percentage is drawn from the oldest butt and replenished with the next oldest wine. Thus the younger wines take on the character of the older wines, maintaining the style and quality year after year. Dry and pungent, Fino Sherry is a superb aperitif that's best enjoyed slightly chilled, and once opened, should be consumed before it loses its freshness.

Marqués de Cáceres Rosado 2007

was \$22.00 now **\$18.00** 87998

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

Based in the Rioja Alta sub-region, Marqués de Cáceres is one of the most influential wineries in Spain. Its selection of wines has been a revelation for their varietal purity and sense of place. This Rosado, or Rosé, is appealingly stylish, excellent as an aperitif and a versatile food wine. A pale salmon colour, it has fragrant and delicate spicy strawberry aromas, while the palate is nicely balanced, with soft fruit flavours that linger on in the bright finish.



Protos Roble 2006

was \$24.90 now **\$19.00** 88072

Spanish wines labelled 'Roble' are usually younger wines that spend less than six months in oak barrels. Produced from Tempranillo, this was traditionally fermented and aged for four months in French oak, allowing the fruit to shine through. The bouquet has cherry and plum aromas mingling with herb and understated vanillin oak. The fruit-driven palate is well balanced, with the ripe berry and plum flavours supported by chocolate and cinnamon nuances. It has a wonderfully silky mouthfeel and a nice dusting of supple tannins. Great value and ready to enjoy.



Spain is searingly hot, and we have our fingers in the paellas of the premium new producers

Solar Viejo Cosecha 2006

was \$20.00 now **\$16.00** 88005

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE

Quite how Solar Viejo manage to produce a wine that offers so much at this price is nothing less than extraordinary. The bouquet expresses aromas of blueberry, black cherry, hints of liquorice and nutmeg, while the palate has a juicy feel that complements the berryfruit and plum flavours. It has a firm backbone of suave tannins and a lingering, flavoursome finish.



Ada Minotauro Azul 2004

was \$21.00 now **\$18.00** 88022

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

For the second year in a row, Ada's Minotauro Rojo and Azul wines won Gold and Silver medals respectively at Concours Mondial de Bruxelles. Produced from 60-year-old Garnacha blended with Tempranillo and a splash of Cabernet and Merlot, the Azul was matured for three months in American oak barrels. The ripe berry aromas are supported by cinnamon and vanilla notes. Beautifully balanced, it is deliciously ripe and velvety smooth.

Real Tesoro Fino Seco Jerez Sherry

was \$28.00 now **\$19.00** 89853

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

Jose Estavez, President of Real Tesoro, is reputedly such a fan of Fino that he has called his dog by that name. A cunning ruse, we imagine; whenever he calls out 'Fino! Fino!' he probably gets to enjoy the attention of man's best friend plus a copita of his favourite tippie. This has a rich, spicy nose of freshly-sliced green apple and hints of hazelnuts. It is a beautifully fresh, delicately poised dry Sherry with a complex character that develops with each sip.



Marqués de Cáceres Crianza 2004

was \$27.00 now **\$25.00** 87999

The term 'crianza' means breeding or rearing; wines so designated in Rioja must be matured in oak barrels for a minimum of 12 months. This is a blend of 85% Tempranillo, with the balance made up of Garnacha and Graciano, aged for 12 months in oak and a further 14 months in bottle. The lively bouquet has morello cherry and strawberry aromas seasoned with vanillin oak, and the complex fruit flavours are nicely integrated with spicy oak. Velvety smooth.

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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 Yealands Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 10008

A mouthfilling Pinot Gris with lifted pear and nutty characters on the nose. A richly flavoured wine with well defined fruit nicely balanced by the refreshing citrus finish.



2 Jules Taylor Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$18.00** 10711

A classy wine with an abundance of passion-fruit and capsicum aromas and a well balanced, zesty palate that is wonderfully appealing and refreshing.



3 Paul Jaboulet Parallèle 45 Côtes du Rhône 2006

was \$24.00 now **\$18.00** 45327

A super-value Rhone red with a bouquet of spice-edged berry and plum. The elegant palate is structured around a core of supple tannins that complement the fruit flavours.



4 Pierre Brecht Alsace Gewürztraminer 2006

was \$29.00 now **\$26.00** 42401

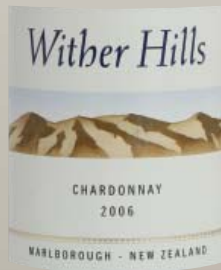
This is a superbly concentrated wine with a rich vein of spicy exotic fruit aromas and flavours wrapped around a silky coat. Nicely weighted, it finishes on a citrus-influenced note.



5 Wither Hills Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$31.00 now **\$26.00** 19963

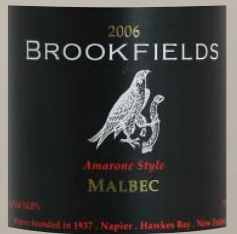
An immediately appealing Chardonnay with grapefruit and stonefruit aromas and a palate that's beautifully focused, the distinct peachy flavours balanced by a touch of lime.



6 Brookfields Amarone Style Hawke's Bay Malbec 2006

was \$25.00 now **\$19.00** 11256

From one of Hawke's Bay's most consistent winemakers, this bulges with plum and violet aromas that lead on to a muscular palate packed with flavour. Outstanding value.



7 Askerne Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$18.00** 14320

An elegant single vineyard Chardonnay with layers of stonefruit/citrus aromas and flavours supported by mealy characters and understated oak, complemented by buttery nuances.



8 Unison Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006

was \$42.00 now **\$38.00** 14200

Rich aromas of pepper, prune and cinnamon are enhanced by toasty oak, while the generous palate has chocolate nuances supporting the spicy fruit. Rated 92/100 by Robert Parker.



9 Deen de Bortoli Vat 8 Shiraz 2006

was \$20.00 now **\$16.00** 20903

A classically styled Shiraz with lifted blackberry and spice aromas supported by vanillin oak. The rich, spicy plum flavours are complemented by a silky texture and a long finish.



10 Waipara Hills Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$20.00 now **\$16.00** 10922

This combines pip and tropical fruit aromas with lime and a touch of nuttiness. The well integrated palate has an excellent fruit profile, ample weight and a fine finish.



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