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It's December. Effectively, work's over for the year, right? I mean, what recession? So, as you read this, lounging in your lounge, reclining in your recliner or poolside with low-slung Billabongs and a highball, you may be amazed to know that secreted away from the Public Eye, surrounded by more bubble wrap than you can shake a sodden stick at, the Glengarry Gift Wrappers will be hard at work, curling ribbon, cellophaning wine, sliding shut another branded box and piling up packages for the Christmas courier to ferry away to its destination. Their space is a seriously industrious corner of the world that, for the next four weeks, they will call home.

Yep, we have a dedicated gift wrapping room for our gift wrapping elves and elvettes and elvises, who turn your volumes of gift-wrapping orders into boxes and baskets and beautifully be-wrapped bottles of extraordinary brilliance, be it a bottle of Champagne for an old friend, or 450 individually branded boxes, bearing a company name and a bottle of festive cheer for some lucky client.

Drill Sergeant for the month is the urbane, unflappable Victoria Park long-timer Josh, who watches over the unfolding events with a steely gaze and a slow smile. Hell, what could go wrong, he says calmly? Well, you could wrap 500 wines and find they were the wrong vintage. Or you could do two dozen gift boxes and run out of European chocolates. Or, like, drop something. That could happen. But it never does. These guys have systems and processes that make the phrase 'well-oiled military-machine' seem like, so last year.

A word to the ruffled; while the Glengarry Gift Wrappers are river deep and mountain high in orders, they are well geared up and ready for more. So if you haven't pondered our gift catalogue, festooned as it is with festive packages, or if you have a niggling order that just needs that last address added to the spread sheet before you commit, panic not. Get it in and they'll get into it, and your clients/friends/long-lost rellies will get out of it a most sumptuous gift; one that's cost you less than you thought it would and taken you no time whatsoever to organise.

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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

Saint Clair

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$20.00 now **\$16.90** 18308

Gold medal Marlborough Sauvignon

Just about any question directed at a teen these days will come back with one word. How were your exams Clifford? Intense. As a descriptive it becomes diluted by overuse. Shame, because Saint Clair's Sauvignon is really, really intense. Highly flavoured and notably aromatic, it is a concentrated trip of varietal flavour and texture, from the tangy start to the zingy finish. Powerful, with, um, intense mineral notes, it is rich and elegant; and what about that price, eh lad? Intense.

G Solar Viejo
Cosecha 2007

was \$20.00 now **\$16.90** 88012

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

'Cosecha' simply means 'harvest' or 'vintage' so don't get all Spanish dictionaried out looking for the deeper meanings. The meaning, as always, is in the wine. Solar Viejo are on the way up, their new approach to old techniques providing traditional Spanish varieties with a modern take that is making them the vino to be seen drinking in the smart places over summer. Warm and ripe, awash in plum & cherry flavours and exotic aromas. Fantasma.

Rua

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10193

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Made by the team at Akarua

Another indication of how quickly the Pinot industry, if one can use such a vulgar term, is morphing in Central Otago. Not only do we now get Pinot under \$20, we get top quality, smartly made Pinot from a renowned producer for under \$20. Celebrations start here. The Wanaka and Bannockburn fruit is richly aromatic and enhanced by some smartly executed oak. Elevated berryfruit integrates with spice, while a subtle yet vital savoury character adds further intrigue and charm. Soft, bright, brilliant drinking.

Kotuku

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$12.70 now **\$9.90** 17375

New Marlborough Sauvignon

Kotuku means White Heron, and there is a large one in full flight angling across the label for your ornithological edification. The wing beats of the wine itself summon forth warm, tropical characters on the nose, with plenty of punch and much enjoyment. There is an appealingly citrus character as well; maybe even a sliver of sliced asparagus, but one mustn't go on. The palate pulls through all these characters and delivers them in a seamless, flavoursome whole.



Mount Hurtle

Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2007

was \$16.00 now **\$12.90** 22150

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

The perfect barbeque red

From Geoff Merrill comes yet another faultless and fabulous version of the great Southern Rhône blend. From his Great Southern Land, and some old, old vines, Geoffers knits together a compelling wine, powerful with insistent Grenache fruit tied to a frame of Mourvèdre structure dashed with decadent, seductive Shiraz spice. It's big, yet not overpowering, the underlying notes of spicy game suggesting wild birds would go down a treat and be hard to beat.



Three Paddles

Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$15.90** 15826

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Made by Nga Waka

Second tier label, first rate wine from the much-respected Nga Waka crew. 'Across all the varieties, flavours in the juice were notably pure and fine,' says winemaker Roger Parkinson of 2008 in Martinborough, and this is exactly that: pure, authentic Sauvignon Blanc served up with surging passionfruit and gooseberry characters and a tropical tint that dances to the delightful conclusion. Oar-some.



Kim Crawford

New Zealand Pinot Gris 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 11609

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

'New Zealand' because the fruit comes from five different key sites, to ensure that a full spectrum of flavours and aromas is achieved in the final wine. A tiny portion went through malolactic, accounting partly for the lush, creamy texture. Confidently aromatic, with flowers dipped in apricot jam being the best descriptor, while the palate is all that with peaches and varietal pears, awash in fresh cream.





Feature Winery



Malcolm Rees-Francis, winemaker at Rockburn

Dunedin Cardiothoracic surgeon Richard Bunton established Rockburn in 1991. The 1998 Pinot Noir, the first released by the company, won a gold medal at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

'Practically all our vineyard sites, about 34 hectares in total, are now fully developed. The Parkburn Vineyard in the Cromwell Basin, over 235 metres above sea level, and the Gibbston Valley Vineyard are the source of grapes for all our premium wines. Our focus is on Pinot Noir, which accounts for 70% of all our plantings,' says Rockburn Director Chris James.

In 2006 Malcolm Rees-Francis joined Rockburn as winemaker after four years working as assistant winemaker at Felton Road. Malcolm has also worked three vintages in Oregon and most recently with Domaine de l'Arlet in Burgundy.

'The approach to making wine there is pretty much the same as elsewhere. The philosophies are as varied as the winemakers, and in Burgundy and Oregon, as in Central, the aim is to get the best we can out of Pinot Noir,' he says.

The new Rockburn winery in Cromwell is very much Malcolm's baby. He was responsible for the design, and together with director Paul Halford managed its construction. The winery very much reflects Malcolm's winemaking philosophy of minimal interference, and is set up to treat the incoming fruit as gently as possible.

All the fermentation vessels and the two barrel cellars for red and white wines are fully temperature controlled. Malcolm is literally a one man band; he is responsible not just for the winemaking, but also does the bulk of the work in the facility. 'During vintage we employ people to help, but the winery has been designed to minimise the physical workload.'

Rockburn's reputation has been built on its superb, award-winning Pinot Noirs, but it also produces outstanding white wines. The awards just keep rolling in, and not just for the wines; Recently Malcolm became the first New Zealander to be awarded the Australian Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Sommeliers Choice Award. The award was for Rockburn's 2007 Pinot Gris, underscoring the company's quality-driven philosophy.

Central Otago's Rockburn

Rockburn
Central Otago Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$23.90 now **\$19.00** 12332



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

A blend of Sauvignon Blanc grapes selected from the Parkburn and Gibbston Valley Back Road Vineyards. The Parkburn fruit was barrel fermented and lees stirred, with the balance cool fermented in stainless steel tanks. It is a well balanced wine with characteristic varietal tropical fruit/gooseberry aromas and flavours. The barrel fermented portion provides richness, depth and complexity.



Rockburn
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2007

was \$26.90 now **\$19.00** 12331

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

An outstanding Pinot Gris that brought winemaker Malcolm Rees-Francis to the attention of the Australian Young Winemaker Awards. To add complexity, a portion was fermented on wild yeasts and the finished wine blended with stone-dry portions and some stop-fermented components. It has a fragrant, pure, stonefruit nose, while in the mouth the wine shows lovely depth of ripe peach flavours wound around a lush, creamy core.

Rockburn
Stolen Kiss Central Otago Rosé 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$19.00** 12339



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

This delightful rosé was produced by the saignée method, whereby the fruit is macerated for a short period and the pink 'stolen' juice is fermented. It is an attractive salmon coloured wine with strawberry-like aromas and just a hint of mineral. The off-dry palate has a fruity, juicy character and a clean, fresh finish. The perfect summer lunch drink.



Rockburn
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

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

5 star, multi-award winning gold medal Pinot Noir, including 2 trophies at the 2008 Air New Zealand Wine Awards Only \$36 a bottle by the case

Rockburn's defining creation is its Pinot Noir, a wine that is artfully expressive of its Central Otago origins. Boasting soft fruit aromas and wild mountain thyme nuances, it has a creamy, textured palate that supports with finesse the elegant fruit flavours. Balanced and well structured, it is neatly integrated and finishes on a long, flavour-some note. Consistently superb.

12330	Rockburn Parkburn Central Otago Riesling 2007	was \$23.90 now \$19.00
12342	Rockburn Central Otago Gewürztraminer 2008	was \$23.90 now \$19.00
12338	Rockburn Central Otago Chardonnay 2007	was \$25.90 now \$22.00



Methodes

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

Saint-Meyland Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Superb French Methode from just outside the Champagne region

If you are a sparkling wine aficionado but can't stretch to Champagne prices, then this French methode is an excellent alternative that will satisfy your craving without damaging the bank balance. Saint-Meyland is made from the same varieties as Champagne. With a steady stream of tiny bubbles and aromas of citrus, apple, hints of tropical fruits and classic yeasty notes, the well balanced palate has an attractive zesty quality and a rich, creamy mousse. Super value.



Allan Scott

Blanc de Blancs Marlborough Brut NV

was \$26.50 now **\$19.90** 17421

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

One of NZ's finest, made from 100% Marlborough Chardonnay

A beautifully crafted methode produced from 100% chardonnay. The base wine is fermented to dryness, put through full malolactic and, following filtration, given the second bottle fermentation and aged for two years, disgorged and released. It has well defined yeasty fruit aromas and a hint of citrus on the nose. The palate has an abundance of fruit complemented by a refreshing twist of lemon.



Cloudy Bay Pelorus Sparkling Wine NV

was \$36.00 now **\$32.00** 12122

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.90 A BOTTLE

Made by Cloudy Bay with the assistance of Veuve Clicquot

Cloudy Bay's Pelorus is named after Pelorus Jack, a dolphin who for more than 20 years escorted trans-island shipping through the Marlborough Sounds. Blended from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, the wine is put through malolactic and aged for two years in bottle following the second fermentation. This is a classy, beautifully realised sparkling wine, with lovely apple and lemon-fresh bready notes on the nose. The elegantly crisp palate has a toasty, creamy character and a lingering finish.



Freixenet

Cordon Negro Cava Brut NV

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

Buy 2 bottles for \$20

An incredibly consistent Cava and at the price a steal. The wine is produced from three native Spanish grape varieties, Macabeo, Xarel-lo and Parellada, and aged on lees for a minimum of 18 months. The nose shows aromas of pipfruit and lime, complemented by typical toasty nuances. The palate delivers a well defined array of fruit flavours, supported by a silky texture and a fine, zesty finish.



Brut de Charvis

Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

Quality French Methode under \$20

Brut de Charvis is made in the same winery as Saint-Meyland, but it is a more powerful, slightly drier style. The base wine was made from Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay and aged in bottle for 24 months. The fresh apricots, citrus and yeasty aromas on the nose are well integrated. Deliciously crisp and full of flavour, it is elegantly balanced and complemented by a persistent mousse.



Segura Viudas

Lavit Brut Nature 2006

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 87901

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Quite how the Spanish can make such excellent Methodes at this price is a bit of a mystery, but we'll continue to import them because as far as value for money goes, they are hard to beat. This is a straw yellow wine with a fine flow of persistent bubbles. The fragrant nose exhibits ripe fruit aromas embellished by biscuity notes. The palate is well balanced, with distinctive apple flavours complemented by a smooth mouthfeel and a delightfully fresh finish.



Taltarni

Premium Vintage Brut 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$19.90** 27897

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

This vintage Methode is a blend of the three traditional Champagne grapes Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, harvested from Taltarni's Victorian and Tasmanian vineyards. The bouquet offers tropical fruit aromas supported by yeasty and lemon nuances. It is a reasonably complex, elegantly styled wine with concentrated fruit flavours balanced by a fresh splash of citrus.



Celebration Wines



Jules Taylor
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$18.90** 10711

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.90 A BOTTLE

Gold medal Sauvignon from one of our most talented winemakers

This vibrant, exciting, express train of a wine will elevate your spirits on the dullest of days, so uplifting and grin-inducing is its character. From the lovely lime colour in the glass through its rich gaggle of grapefruit and grassy palate notes, it's a funky summer stunner of great verve and vigour.

Waipara Hills Southern Cross
Waipara Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$23.90** 10319

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.90 A BOTTLE

Gold medal Sauvignon Blanc

A little soul with your Sauvignon, sir, and perhaps a little sole, too, for this refreshing, zippy and well-weighted wine would walk wonderfully with a little fishy, should you have one handy. If not, fret not, for the vibrant herbaceous characters are present but not predominant, meaning sole sailing with the soul Sauvignon is, um, fab.



Akarua
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2007

was \$21.90 now **\$18.90** 10188

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.90 A BOTTLE

One of our topselling Marlborough Sauvignons

Had I been making tracks, this wine would have stopped me in them. It is arrestingly interesting with a steely-eyed glint to its flavours and a 6am freshness to its aromas. A broad wash of well-rounded passion-fruit and lime fills the middle, while the finish is a mad cap dash of distinctive varietal delight.



Clifton Road
Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$12.50 now **\$9.90** 18008

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$8.90 A BOTTLE

100% New Zealand fruit, this is fantastic sub \$10 Chardonnay

This reminds me of that fruit juice ad that transports us all to the supposed tropics with its banana trees, people splitting and sucking from melons, and so forth. While the ad was probably made in a warehouse in Swanson, indeed this wine was concocted in the Bay. Clean, fresh, tropical, tasty, creamy and about the price of a carton or two of juice. Brilliant.

Brookfields Bergman
Hawke's Bay Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11253

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Our top-selling Chardonnay in November

Richly golden in the glass, this is a warm, appealing chardonnay, with a rich and even texture, ripe fruit, firm acid and a finish that is all dignity and aplomb. Much like the actress who bore the same name, it is heart-breakingly beautiful. Perfect for early afternoon in your white linen under the gazebo.



Three Paddles
Martinborough Riesling 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 15827

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Gold medal Riesling from the team at Nga Waka

It is of deep concern that in these times of parsimony and frugality, we are in danger of losing the Art of Lunch. Resurrect it with this, an off-dry style that suits daytime decadence deliciously. It blooms with citrus then chimes with honey to a low alcohol beat, ensuring the afternoon will float by in languor.





Kim Crawford
Pansy! Rosé 2007

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 11704

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

From the consistently brilliant and iconic Kim Crawford

It's really made a name for itself, this wine, not so much carved out a niche as gently sculpted one. Its effusive charms have graced picnic blankets from Ponsonby to Kingsland and beyond, such is its funky, uber-modern appeal. Within lies a bed of roses and more, strawberries and cream with a slick Pansy sheen. Embrace.

Milton Te Arai Vineyard
Gisborne Merlot Rosé 2008

was \$21.00 now **\$18.00** 18079

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

100% organic Rosé from the pioneers of biodynamic winemaking

Such a pretty wine this, in every way, from its bright crimson colour to its gentle aromas of summertime red fruits. It's enchanting without being frivolous; there is great texture and succulence beneath those charming summer fruits, and flavours that show well even when the wine is lightly chilled. Gosh, is it 11am already?



Bunan
Bélouvé Côtes de Provence Rosé 2007

was \$31.00 now **\$21.00** 42748

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.00 A BOTTLE

Just landed from the French Riviera

Just a (lime)stone's throw away from the French Riviera, where the big boats tie up and the beautiful people let their hair down, comes this exquisite French rosé. Imbued with seductive, sensuous wild flowers and summer fruits, it has a structure and depth that insist seafood be grilled gently nearby.



Wild South
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$20.90 now **\$16.90** 11191

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Excellent value sub \$20 Pinot Noir

2008 was an ideal vintage for this style of Pinot, with the fruit ripening early yet being fully developed in acids, sugars and flavours. Thus, this was fermented in stainless steel so that all the glittering cherry and berry characters can shine a little love in your life, with a little violet and thyme, of course. Primo.



Culley
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$22.90 now **\$19.90** 12466

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

New release from master winemaker Neill Culley

Another perfect little performer from Uncle Neill, this is a charming, cherry-rich delight, fragrant with red berries and said cherries, touched with spice and a good deal of class. The palate bounces with bright fruits, cheeky acids and a titillating tang of varietal verve. Brilliant.



Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

Gold medal Pinot Noir

This wine is a celebration, because a Central Otago Pinot that won gold at the London International Wine Challenge should not be so approachably priced. The liquid elixir is most affable too, a sweet cherry entry followed by a meaty savouriness, all tied together with lashings of subdued tannic intent. Roaring? Laughing, all the way to the sideboard.



Celebration Wines



Ma Maison

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$39.00 now **\$29.90** 16019

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.90 A BOTTLE

From our cellar; with three years in the bottle it's perfect for Christmas Day

Deliberately held back until it was ready, this is a Pinot Noir in its prime. Clean and bright in the glass, there is plenty of forward fruit, beautifully wedded to a truffle, earthy, pinot-esque topography. Elegant and refined, its charms come slowly up from the depths, ascending to heaven with sweet cherry delights that you might miss first time around, especially if you were in a hurry. Don't hurry, it's Pinot.



Kaiken Ultra

Argentine Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$28.00** 90558

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$27.00 A BOTTLE

Just in from Argentina

The label is named after Patagonian geese (of course); the winery itself is a project by Chileans Montes, who decided one side of the Andes just wasn't enough for their rampaging, experimental approach. Dripping with ultra-concentrated, spice-laced blackberry and cherry flavours, with a structure that begs for charred meats and a rugged outdoor setting.

Deen De Bortoli

Vat 9 Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$20.00 now **\$16.90** 20916

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Gold medal wine

100% Coonawarra fruit, a geographic distinction worth making if those volatile, overpowering Barossa Cabernets aren't your gig. There are depths to plumb, of its plummy flavours, don't worry about that; huge swells and surges of dark brooding fruit topped with spice and supported by fine grain tannins. Saddle of venison, sip of this, BBQ, paradise.



Wild Rock Angels Dust

Hawke's Bay Syrah 2007

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** 11199

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

Made by the talented winemakers at Craggy Range

Living, wing-beating proof that Hawke's Bay can produce impressive Syrahs at prices other than \$50 plus. A cherub, if ever there was one, the deep, blood-red colour releasing wonderful violet and spiced fruit characters that re-engage on the palate. The tannins are dusty (hence the name) and an added complexity without being a burden. A great little buy.



Château de Lugagnac

Bordeaux Supérieur 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$21.00** 42116

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.00 A BOTTLE

Fantastic value Bordeaux

An equal blend of Cabernet and Merlot, this was picked by the Wall Street Journal as the Number 1 Bordeaux for its QPR (Quality price ratio, apparently). While we may question the judgement on Wall Street these days, there is no doubting that this, with its dust of cocoa over the soft fruit, moderate tannins and great length, has much to recommend it.



Quinta de la Rosa

Tawny Port

was \$39.00 now **\$29.00** 79010

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

From one of Portugal's most respected Port Houses

Grade A grapes from a very old family vineyard are then rapidly aged in barrel, meaning you get hugely concentrated flavours and the complexity that comes with age, yet a brightness and freshness not often seen in ports at this price. Lightly chill it, serve as an aperitif and you'll bring a new sophistication to the summer soirée.





Champagne

Let's take a moment to chat about the perils of parallel importing. On the face of it, big brand champagnes at cheap prices might seem like a no-brainer. However when it comes to wine, it's a case of buyer beware; Glengarry purchases its stock directly from the champagne house and packs it carefully into refrigerated containers to ensure the wine's security against the ravages of climate as it is shipped across the globe via the most direct route possible.

Parallel imported champagne is often purchased and re-purchased before finally ending up in New Zealand; thus, it can go around the world more than once, passing across the equator and through some pretty dodgy locations without the benefit of refrigeration to protect its integrity. Overheated or shipped incorrectly, champagne becomes prone to oxidation and loss of bubbles, and can arrive in your hands a mere shadow of its former glorious self.



Drappier

Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$55.00 now **\$39.90** 43500

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.90 A BOTTLE

The real deal for under \$40

Delightfully fresh and upfront style of Champagne, with precise, elegant fruit flavours, a steady stream of small, scintillating bubbles and a mouthfilling baked apples and cream palate. Seamlessly neat i.e. hospital corners on the sheets, shoes all facing the same way in the wardrobe, but not without frivolity and finesse. It's also tidily priced.



Gosset

Brut NV

was \$89.90 now **\$64.90** 47319

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$63.90 A BOTTLE

The Gosset family have grown grapes in Champagne since before it was Champagne; 1584, in fact. While the bottles are all still hand-turned, the wine is alluringly modern and tightly composed. Being malo-less there's firm acid, the palate is vigorous and fresh, with a well-defined citric and pear-tinged character and gently swaying finish.

Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut NV

was \$79.90 now **\$49.90** 46445

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$48.90 A BOTTLE

Purchase Mumm & go in the draw to win a luxury weekend for two

Should you ever have tasted preserved lemon jelly smeared gently across freshly toasted, toasty toast whilst reclining supinely upon your d-d-divan, you will understand the exotic, twitching, tempting tastes of George Hermann Mumm's little creation. The dried fruit and marzipan characters add depth to the whole experience, which is hedonistic in a light-hearted, refreshing sort of way. Enchanting.



Philipponnat

Royale Réserve Brut NV

was \$88.00 now **\$64.00** 43510

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$60.00 A BOTTLE

Exclusive to Glengarry

Unashamedly at the lighter end of the Champagne continuum, elegance and balance are the key here. Starting with crisp apples smeared on fresh toast, the palate moves through a cleansing mid-section to a tantalising tease of a finish. Intense and exciting, like a gondola ride without your pants. Or anyone else's.



Delamotte

Brut NV

was \$69.90 now **\$59.90** 42845

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$58.90 A BOTTLE

This sister house to the stratospheric Salon, Parker calls Delamotte 'an insider's house, producing high quality at realistic prices.' Correct. There is a satisfying surge of power when you first negotiate the citrus-tinged, frothing seas of aroma and flavour, which settles into a persistent charm. Supple, round and satisfying.



Louis Roederer

Brut Premier NV

was \$94.00 now **\$69.90** 48510

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE

Although P-Diddy showers scantily clad chicks with Cristal, thus boosting its (and his) profile, it is this wine that accounts for three quarters of Roederer production. Its appeal is obvious, from the Chablis-like precision through to the vanilla-touched biscuitiness. Beautifully conceived, characterful and flavoursome throughout.



Nicolas Feuillatte

Brut Réserve Particulière NV

was \$76.00 now **\$64.90** 40010

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$63.00 A BOTTLE

After these sometimes creaky European Champagne Houses, it's quite fun to have an upstart. The man who hung with the Kennedys and was, umm, permanent representative to the UN for Ivory Coast, launched the brand in 1976. The wine is clean, racy, firm and fast, linked to the arts and beholden to no one.



Duval-Leroy

Fleur de Champagne Brut NV

was \$79.90 now **\$69.90** 47320

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$68.40 A BOTTLE

A family-owned house that has one of Champagne's best winemakers, and a strategy and approach that see it now jostling shoulders with the best Grand Marques for quality. Its NV is a broad, deep river of delicious flavours, a creamy lemon wine, with fresh, vibrant mousse, firm acidity and a citrus-tinted tail.



Veuve Clicquot Brut NV



was \$90.00 now **\$72.90** 49810

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE

The hottest case price in town

This wine is utterly consistent, year in, year out, hence its ubiquity and international recognition. Fresh and forceful, it's well-structured and slightly vinous, though not without charm, elegance and harmony. And if you keep a dozen in the boot, should you get a flattie over the hols, the label makes for a great traffic beacon.

Perrier Jouët Grand Brut NV



was \$99.00 now **\$72.90** 47810

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE

PJ were the first house to release a dry Champagne, way back in 1854, and thus stand as originators of the Brut style that dominates proceedings today. This is a sure-footed wine with substance to its golden fruit flavours, while the wisps of white fruit and flowers give it cherubic charms and angel's wings all in one.

Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV



was \$89.90 now **\$74.90** 48210

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE

A choice of 3 free gift packages

When critics bang on about structure, integration, etc. you could be forgiven for wondering how exactly you should notice such things. Perversely, in a good wine they aren't noticeable, and that's the point. A wine this good is seamless, balanced and integrated, so well made, you won't notice a thing. Except satisfaction.



Taittinger Brut Réserve NV



was \$106.00 now **\$74.90** 49511

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$69.90 A BOTTLE

Consistently one of the best NVs around; a very aromatic Champagne, white flowers swishing with citrus fruit and Auntie, carrying a tray of freshly-baked almond biscuits, bringing up the rear. White peaches, hints of honey and a heavenly harmony of palate and perfume.

Delamotte Blanc de Blancs Brut NV



was \$89.00 now **\$74.90** 42850

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$73.90 A BOTTLE

This comes from arguably the finest terroir in Champagne, and is a beautifully refined and elegant wine. It draws you in with a hint of rich, ripe fruit and on to a soft mouthful of restrained complexity, before delicately leading you to a lovely and long, dry finish. Judiciously restrained, with integration and harmony rarely seen at this level.

Moët & Chandon Rosé Impérial Brut NV



was \$92.00 now **\$79.00** 47206

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$78.50 A BOTTLE

Funhouses all round here, as the initial archway of red fruits beneath which you pass gives way to a scent-saturating courtyard of darker fruits, hints of spice and some candied apricot characters. Finishing sumptuous, sexy and seductive as all hell.



Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut NV



was \$106.00 now **\$84.00** 40820

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$83.50 A BOTTLE

Celebrate the Bond movie in style

Distinctive, Bollinger, easy to spot even if you don't drink a tonne of Champagne. Its boldness is obvious a mile off, yet this character is so restrained that it never becomes aggressive. A nuttiness and caramel-toffee component underpin the strong dried fruit & almond characters. Confident, complex and beautifully turned out.

Nicolas Feuillatte Millésimé Brut 2003



was \$104.00 now **\$88.90** 40012

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$89.40 A BOTTLE

Feuillatte produce a vintage champagne every year, which flips the traditionalists right out of their Range Rover Sportives. This is a killer wine; silky, rich and flavoursome, with some vivaciousness that borders on the risqué. As it should be.



Duval-Leroy Rosé de Saignée Brut NV



was \$104.00 now **\$89.90** 47322

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$89.40 A BOTTLE

'Headed for the Premier League,' says Tom Stevenson, and this luscious, fruit-packed and pretty wine should be making a bee-line for your fridge, too. Summer red fruit aromatics lead to a palate that is sumptuous and fleshy, and not without with elegance and charm.

Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage Brut 2000



was \$120.00 now **\$89.90** 47221

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$89.40 A BOTTLE

'The Grand Vintage 2000 is an extraordinary wine, offering from the very first encounter all round pleasure that is completely seductive. This vintage is splendidly free, tremendously assertive, distinguished, yet delightfully spirited and mischievous.' Their chef de cave, quoted here, forgot to say it is the sexiest looking Moët we have ever laid our orbs on as well.





Pol Roger

Blanc de Blancs Vintage 1999

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



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$98.50 A BOTTLE

Gold medal champagne

A magnificent wine that always impresses, and at these dollars you should be considering getting a case. Packed with character, the dried fruit, brioche and vanilla nose are the gateway to a cornucopia of exotic flavours and complexities. Will keep, but it's beautiful now.



Taittinger

Les Folies de La Marquetterie Brut NV

was \$128.00 now **\$99.00** 49512

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$98.00 A BOTTLE

Exclusive to Glengarry: new single vineyard from Taittinger

In a move we're seeing more of, an esteemed house comes gliding into town with a single vineyard Champagne of immense intrigue and delight. From the tiny vineyard Les Folies, the wine is enormously concentrated, with a dense apricot-brioche-spice nose and a rich, powerful palate, with the slightest sliver of wood. Extraordinary.

Gosset

Grand Millésime Brut Vintage 1999

was \$124.00 now **\$105.00** 47332



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$104.00 A BOTTLE

Any Gosset connoisseur knows its vintage wines will keep for decades, and this model certainly has the legs to slip comfortably toward the 2020s. Lovely drinking now, though; dried apricots sprinkled with vanilla, and fresh baked/yeasty notes in support. Oozes charm and finesse.

Moët & Chandon

Be Fabulous Brut NV + Ice Bucket

was \$120.00 now **\$110.00** 47209

Have you checked out the bucket, pilgrims? It's not for sandcastles. This is supersexycool receptacle time for the showiest model on the shelf.



Cuvée Dom Pérignon

Vintage 2000

was \$300.00 now **\$199.90** 47240



The best vintage in the last 40 years

Disgorged in April 2007 after six years on lees, from an excellent Champagne vintage comes an excellent Dom. True to style, already showing that it'll be a superb keeper. Incisive, confident characters of poached pears and apples and creamy vanilla all streamlined by a razor-sharp chalky minerality, this is a rich, opulent powerhouse.

Perrier Jouët

Belle Epoque Vintage 1999

was \$250.00 now **\$210.00** 47812



Reflecting that grand period of flappers, slappers and dapper chaps, this is a wine laden with promise and character. Fresh, delicate with a tight core of flavour that is just waiting to bloom in a beautiful room. With swirls of anemones like this, who needs friends?

Pol Roger

Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill Vintage 1998

was \$279.00 now **\$225.00** 48224



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$224.50 A BOTTLE

Free Riedel Vitis champagne flute valued at \$76.90 with every bottle purchased

Winston is consistently rated as the best of the best, the top prestige cuvée in the best vintages. The sheer range of flavours and aromas is breathtaking; its combination of youthful verve and brooding ageability, its charm and weight are an experience like no other. One of the best Champagne cellaring prospects.

Palmes d'Or

Vintage 1997

was \$276.00 now **\$245.00** 40016



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$244.50 A BOTTLE

60% Pinot and 40% Chardonnay, 8 years on lees and in the most astounding prestige cuvée bottle, this is a complex and layered miracle of flavour, brushed with white flowers, smeared with cherry fruit notes and slipped under the grill on a little brioche.

Krug

Grande Cuvée Brut NV

was \$305.00 now **\$255.00** 45824



'A breathtaking Champagne that effortlessly balances richness and freshness, power and finesse,' I read recently, and figured that sums it up pretty neatly. There's a beautiful creamy edge to the abundant fruit/toast/gentle spices and a sliver of citrus to sharpen it up. Full, vibrant, unique, beyond compare.

Salon

Le Mesnil Blanc de Blancs Vintage 1997

was \$579.00 now **\$579.00** 46438



From one of the best pieces of lawn in Champagne, known discreetly as the 'Jardin de Salon'. From Salon's wee garden comes this single vineyard, single grape (Chardonnay) extravaganza made with a single-minded purpose: to create the most intense and memorable Champagne experience. Have they succeeded? Now, that would be telling...



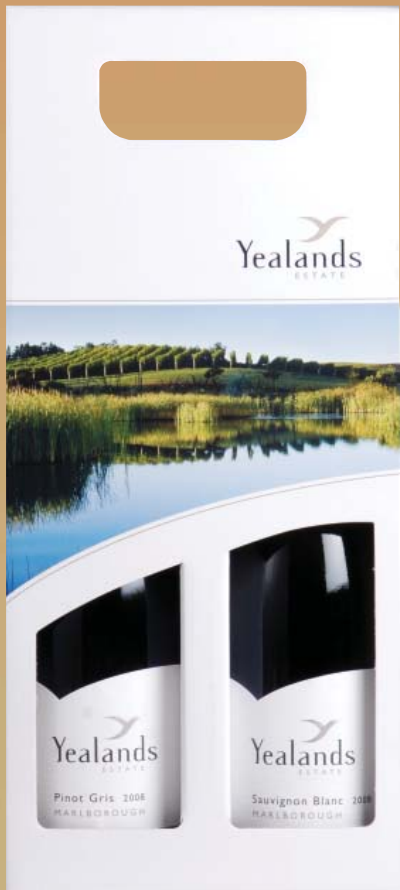
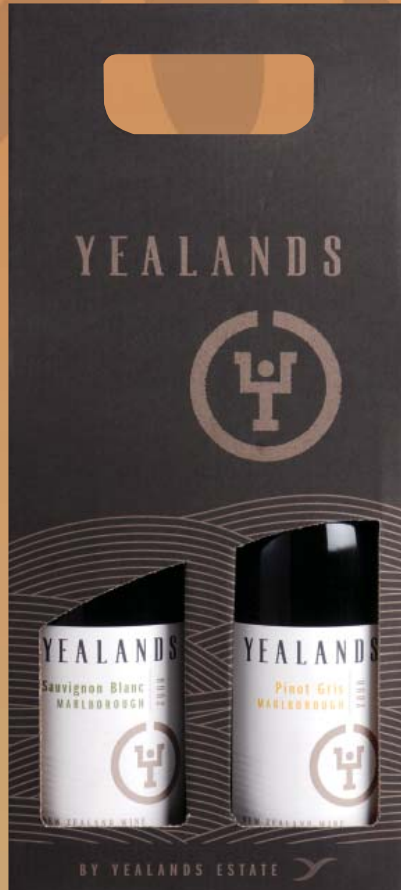
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Piper-Heidsieck Brut NV + Cool Box

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Pol Roger Brut Réserve

+ Package of your choice

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- 69956 Brut Réserve + Fabric Carrybag
- 69965 Brut Réserve + Gift Box

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$68.90 A BOTTLE



Sacred Hill

Helmsman Vintage Pack **\$150.00** 69987

Cabernet Merlot 2004
Cabernet Merlot 2005
Cabernet Merlot 2006



Sacred Hill

Brokenstone Vintage Pack **\$150.00** 69988

Merlot 2004
Merlot 2005
Merlot 2006



Malts



Ardbeg
10-Year-Old Single Islay Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$75.00** 93407

Some consider this to be the peatiest of the Islay malts, so she's no wallflower. That said, it's perhaps not as pungent as Laphroaig, and has greater character than most; reflective, perhaps, of the tiny amounts in which it is produced. There's one wash and one still, end of story. The key to this malt is that it is non chill-filtered which, again, is reflected in the depth and range of aromas and flavours, best described as 'maritime and medicinal'. Get thee down the docks, then, laddie.

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

1 Litre **\$99.00** 93508

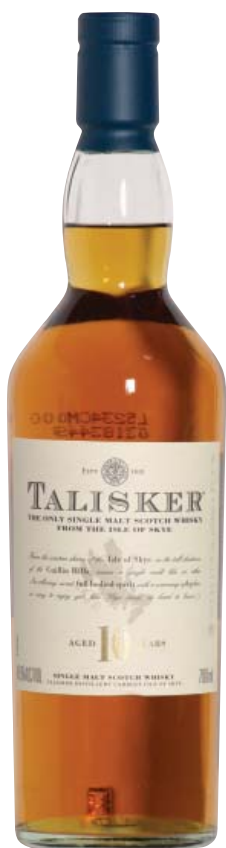
Glenfiddich means 'Valley of the deer', if you hadn't picked up the antlers on the bottle; the perfect stag night dram? The whisky that introduced the world to the pleasures of single malt, this accessible dram first flowed forth on Christmas Day, 1887. The distillery is unique in that it bottles in situ, from a single water source, while the liquid itself sings its Speyside provenance proudly; pear drops and citrus dominate the nose, while the palate is initially drying before the cereal/toasty notes emerge, tinted with honey and touched with heather flowers.



Talisker
10-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky

700mL **\$99.00** 93739

From the Isle of Skye (which makes the Chathams look positively cosmopolitan) comes this powerful malt, known for its peat and spice and all things nice. The original (1830) still was almost destroyed by fire in 1960, but five exact replicas were built preserving, praise the Lord, Talisker's unique characters for all eternity. Peat, seawater and fresh oysters assail the nose, while the flavours surge with a smoky maltiness that is as intense as it is broadly warming. Rich and generous, the palate is long, deep and slightly spiced, finishing with a sprinkle of delightful sweetness.



in fine Spirits



Appleton Estate
Extra 12-Year-Old Jamaica Rum

750mL **\$54.00** 92557

This masterpiece of blending and aging is a sipping rum (did you hear that, kids?), a golden, mellow, smooth and buttery blend that oozes charm and caramel in about equal proportions. There are walnut and orange peel scents to behold, while the palate is more brown sugar than Mick's Jamaican delight. Bittersweet and luscious, cloves and nutmeg nuances sprinkle the warming elixir with a piquant fervour. 'The finest aged rum from Jamaica,' said Britain's Independent.

Jack Daniel's
Gentleman Jack Rare Tennessee Whiskey

700mL **\$59.00** 92449

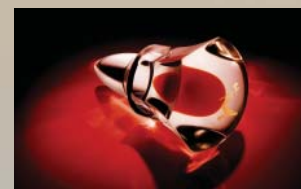
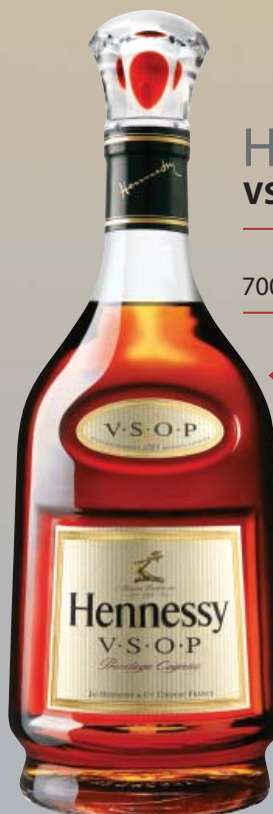
Sir Jack now comes in a beautiful new flask, squarer of shoulder and bolder of intent than before, but they daren't change the insides, and, as John Campbell kept saying in those leaders' debates, why would you? The company pitch it as 'the mellower side of Jack', for indeed it is double-distilled, each drop dripped through ten feet of sugar maple, before and post fermentation. This piece of genius was something that Jack Daniel had played with for some time in small batches; someone found the recipe, liked the concept and we are all to gain. Gloriously.



Hennessy
VSOP and Crystal Stopper

700mL **\$140.00** 92271

Being the 'H' in luxury goods company LVMH means opulence comes second nature, so it comes as no great surprise that for the past two decades, Hennessy have employed French designer Thomas Bastide to create the various accoutrements that augment their range of cognacs. This year, Bastide has made the most delicious crystal stopper for the VSOP Cognac, a luxurious liquid in its own right, the idea being that your bottle becomes a collector's decanter. Smart, huh. Or, being Christmas, it becomes the most exquisite gift. Exclusive to us, it's all yours.



Pinot Noir



Kotuku

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$14.90 now **\$12.90** 17376

New release

Kotuku is a range introduced to provide quality wines that are expressive of their variety and origins while delivering great value. The wine is a vivacious, fruit-driven style dominated by strawberry and brambly aromas. A ready to drink wine with excellent fruit purity embellished by hints of spice and a lovely, easy mouthfeel.

Kim Crawford

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 11674

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

As with all Kim Crawford wines, this has a touch of individuality that raises it above others at this price point. Selected from various Marlborough vineyards to provide complexity, it was matured in seasoned oak barriques to minimise the oak influence. This is a fruit-driven, ready to drink wine with a well defined varietal nose of raspberry/ strawberry and integrated oak. The palate is characterized by juicy cherry flavours built around a firm, supple tannin structure.



Akarua

Gullies Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

Gullies Pinot Noir is characterized by its consistency and a distinguished pedigree; previous releases have won numerous accolades, including gold medals, trophies and Champion Wine of the Show at the 2003 Air New Zealand Show. The 2006 release very much reflects the vintage and, as always, a sense of place. The impressively fragrant nose has alluring aromas of soft summer fruits combining with mushroom and understated oak. Beautifully balanced and vibrant.



Waipara Hills Southern Cross Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

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



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

Simon McGeorge has produced yet another stunning Pinot Noir. To retain fruit integrity and add complexity, the wine was matured in new and seasoned French oak barriques and stainless steel tanks. It is a healthy, deep crimson wine with an enticing bouquet that unravels to express cherry and plum aromas embellished by nutmeg and spicy oak. It is a complete and harmonious expression, with well defined fruit supported by supple tannins, finishing on a long, elegant note.

Domain Road

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$30.00 now **\$26.00** 14329



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$25.00 A BOTTLE

★★★★★ & *Top Ten-Cuisine*

A boutique winery located in the Bannockburn region of Central Otago, Domain Road has, in its short existence, made quite an impact. On the nose there are perfumed notes of red fruit, cinnamon and vanilla, while the palate has concentrated cherry flavours mingling with earthy nuances, supported by savoury oak and elegant tannins.

Chard Farm River Run

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$32.00 now **\$29.90** 11155



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.00 A BOTTLE

★★★★★ *Cuisine*

Chard Farm's River Run selection is a great advertisement for the region's early drinking Pinot Noir style. A dark, ruby-coloured wine, it has an enticing bouquet of raspberry and cherry aromas against a background of spicy nuances. The palate has a sensuous mouthfeel complemented by persistent, ripe fruit flavours and a supple tannin texture. It is a complete wine, velvety smooth with a long aftertaste.

Seresin

Leah Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$39.90 now **\$34.00** 18619



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.00 A BOTTLE

Like the 2006 release, which Wine Advocate scored 91/100, this is destined to be a classic. The fruit was harvested mainly from Seresin's Raupo Creek Vineyard with portions from their other vineyards, each enjoying different soil types and contributing individual characteristics to the finished wine. With an alluring bouquet of summer fruits, leather and smoky oak, the palate has concentrated layers of berry fruit supported by finely-judged oak wound around a supple tannin core. It has a wonderfully long, flavour-filled aftertaste.

a taste of Australia

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

Sémillon is not well known in New Zealand, and rather underrated since the variety is responsible for producing some of the finest and most diverse white wine styles in the world. It produces some of the most interesting and subtle, long-lived dry wines in the world, but it reaches its thrilling best in the sweet botrytized wines of Sauternes and Barsac.

Originating in Bordeaux, Sémillon is a thin skinned variety that ripens earlier than most grapes and is less prone to disease, but because of its thin skin it is susceptible, under beneficial conditions, to Botrytis cinerea, or noble rot. It is a vigorous variety that needs to be well managed in the vineyard. Over-cropped or under ripe yields produce undistinguished, rather thin, acidic wines. When it is cropped low and harvested at full ripeness, in not too hot an environment, it can be sublime.

Young unoaked Sémillons can be reserved, but with bottle ageing they undergo a metamorphosis, developing richness, toasty honeyed characters and layers of complexity. Sémillon responds well to both barrel fermentation and oak maturation, acquiring a rich, viscous mouthfeel, and it can continue to evolve for a decade or more. Oaked or unoaked Sémillon is a delicious alternative to Chardonnay, and bottle aged examples are particularly well suited to food.

Peter Lehmann Barossa Semillon 2006

was \$19.00 now **\$14.90** 23127

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.90 A BOTTLE

Stunning summer drinking

Lehmann's Semillon has amassed an impressive show record, most recently winning a Blue-Gold at the 2008 Sydney International Wine Competition. The 2007 is an unoaked style, cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to enhance fruit flavours and delicacy. It has a nose of orange blossom and citrus zest, while the palate has a lively, refreshing character with well defined fruit flavours balanced by a squeeze of lime at the finish.



Cape Mentelle Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2007

was \$27.60 now **\$20.90** 20516

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.90 A BOTTLE

Blended white wines are not that prevalent in New Zealand, but in Europe, and particularly France, it is common practise. Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon are the basis of Bordeaux whites, and these wines can be very good. Partially barrel fermented to add greater dimension, this is a crisp wine with berry nuances on the nose to complement the lime and tropical fruit. It is deliciously fresh, and dominated by citrus flavours underscored by herbaceous characters.



Deakin Estate Shiraz 2006

was \$14.90 now **\$9.90** 20794

The Deakin Estate property is named in honour of the Prime Minister who established an agricultural settlement near Red Hills in north-west Victoria in the 1880's. The grapes were harvested from the company's Red Hills vineyard. It is a deep cherry wood-coloured wine with an aromatic nose of plum and berry laced with cinnamon-mocha notes. Full and ripe, it is lined with silky fruit flavours supported by sturdy tannins and enhanced by a velvety mouthfeel.



Ring Bolt Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$20.00 now **\$16.90** 21125

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

The 2007 Margaret River vintage provided well conditioned Cabernet grapes, which were traditionally fermented and matured for 11 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels. A dark, glossy, plum-coloured wine with a berryfruit-laden nose tinged with herb and mocha nuances. The elegant fruit is supported by spicy oak and coffee notes.

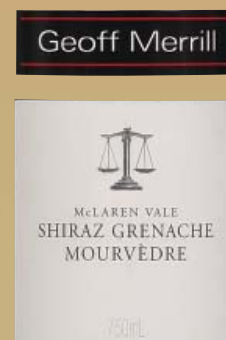


Geoff Merrill McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2005

was \$23.00 now **\$19.00** 22128

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

Geoff Merrill's approach is to give the blend a different oak maturation to lessen the impact on the finished wine. As a result, the wine is less one-dimensional and characterized more by the subtlety of the blend. With spicy notes of berry, liquorice and leather on the nose, the svelte palate is well integrated, with ripe fruit flavours underscored by a mellow tannin structure.



Kaesler Stonehorse Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$24.00** 22260

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

Stonehorse is matured largely in seasoned oak barrels for 12 months and bottled without fining or filtration. It is a deep garnet with a fragrant ripe berry nose underscored by nutmeg and mineral-like nuances. The palate opens with rich, full throated, spice-edged mulberry and currant flavours and develops through the mid palate to show savoury earthy notes. A versatile food wine.



a taste of

France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

The wines of the village of Vinsobres have had a steady climb up the appellation status ladder. In 1937 Vinsobres wines were only entitled to the generic Côtes du Rhône appellation. Then in 1967 the National Institute of Appellations of Origin introduced the Côtes du Rhône-Village classification and elevated Vinsobres, along with sixteen other villages, to that higher appellation, in recognition of the fact that the wines from these communes were superior to the generic wines of the region.

In 2006 came the acknowledgement that Vinsobres produced wines with special characteristics and qualities, and it was promoted to its stand-alone Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC), becoming the latest Rhône village to earn this status. The AOC is restricted to the terraced hill slopes rising from 184 to 520 metres north of the village.

Production conditions, grape varieties, yields per hectare and alcohol levels (minimum 12.5 %) are strictly controlled and regulated. Blends must consist of at least 75% Grenache, Syrah and/or Mourvèdre. Other Côtes du Rhône varieties are allowable to make up the 25% balance, but only 5% can be white. The relative altitude of the vineyards in Vinsobres and the fact that the vines are about 50 years of age means that its wines consistently display complexity and structure.

Domaine Jaume Altitude 420 AOC Vinsobres 2006

was \$28.00 now **\$22.00** 43783

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.00 A BOTTLE

From Northern Rhône's newest appellation

Robert Parker considers this Domaine to be one of the best in Vinsobres, and it's easy to understand why. The wine was produced from 50-year-old vines located at relatively high, and thus cooler, altitudes that have provided intensely concentrated fruit flavours. Blended from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre and matured in a mixture of seasoned oak barrels, it has an aromatic nose of plum and berry with a touch of herb in the background. The palate is flavoured with distinctive spicy notes complementing the ripe berryfruit.



Pierre Brecht Alsace Pinot Gris 2006

was \$31.00 now **\$19.90** 42400

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE

Alsace Pinot Gris under \$20

The benchmark for Pinot Gris is Alsace, according to leading wine experts across the world, and having tasted this example from Pierre Brecht it is difficult to argue with that proposal. It is a beautifully crafted wine with a seductive bouquet of musky, honeyed nuances complementing exotic aromas. The ripe and fleshy fruit flavours are lushly integrated, brought into focus and balanced by a dash of citrus. Particularly well priced, and versatile enough to match a variety of foods.



Paul Jaboulet Côtes du Rhône Selection 2006

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.90 A BOTTLE

Since the 19th century successive generations of the Jaboulet family have forged a formidable reputation for their wines. This Côtes du Rhône from the excellent 2006 vintage is largely a blend of Grenache and Syrah. It is deep in colour with cerise highlights, leading to an elegant spicy bouquet of berry and plum aromas. It is a generous wine with persistent, rich fruit flavours complemented by a velvety mouthfeel. Excellent value.



Château Nicot Bordeaux 2005

was \$25.00 now **\$18.00** 41623

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.00 A BOTTLE

New stocks just landed

The 2005 Bordeaux vintage has been described as the vintage of a lifetime and as a consequence prices have soared, so it is satisfying to discover that Château Nicot offers not only excellent quality but is also inexpensive. The svelte palate is richly flavoured and concentrated with traces of herb and subtle earthy notes. A super bargain.



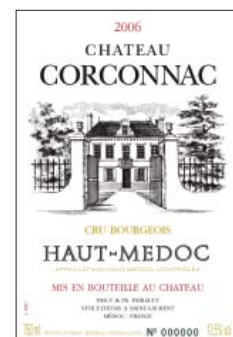
Château Corconnac Cru Bourgeois AOC Haut-Médoc 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$24.00** 41179

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

Excellent value Cru Bourgeois

Château Corconnac is known for its impeccable vineyard management regime. A classic Bordeaux blend, this is a medium weighted red with typical Cabernet Sauvignon blackberry aromas and power tempered by the Merlot's lush, plummy characters. Mellow tannins provide a good backbone to the ripe fruit flavours.



Château Mont-Redon Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2005

was \$64.00 now **\$59.00** 41408

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$58.00 A BOTTLE

90/100 Wine Spectator

In his book the World Wine Encyclopedia, Tom Stevenson wrote, 'this property makes wine of consistent quality, even in bad years.' The 2005 vintage was the best in years, and it shows in this delicious, big hearted wine blended from the company's meticulously maintained estates. It has a concentrated array of aromas and flavours that hint at plum, berry, liquorice and toasty oak. Superb.



a taste of *Italy*

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

France's Pinot Gris and Italy's Pinot Grigio are the best-known mutations of Pinot Noir, and we are often asked why examples from Alsace and Italy have such different flavour profiles. There are a number of reasons; like its cousin Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris is particularly responsive to individual environments. Vineyard sites, soil types, meso-climates, clonal selection and winemaking approach each influence the end result.

In Alsace, the Pinot Gris vineyards enjoy dry autumns that provide long hang times, allowing the winemaker to harvest late for dry and off-dry, and even later for the sweet styles. Regardless of the style, dry or sweet, Alsace's Pinot Gris always displays a characteristic aromatic, mellow character.

In the north-eastern vineyards of Italy where the best Pinot Grigio is grown, the climate is cooler than that of Alsace and does not provide long hang times. There is also the danger of rain in autumn, so the tendency is to harvest early to retain freshness; but in doing so, the grapes don't have sufficient time to develop concentrated flavours.

A top Italian Pinot Grigio, while lacking the concentration of Alsace Pinot Gris, has well-defined aromatics and a bright mineral freshness, and compares very favourably with a Cru Chablis or a top German Riesling. And like many other Italian wines, they are particularly good with food.

Bolla

Delle Venezie Pinot Grigio IGT 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$15.90** 62567

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE

Bolla sourced its Pinot Grigio from the Venezie region, considered the best in Italy for the variety. To preserve varietal characteristics and freshness, the wine was cool fermented in stainless steel, held on lees and put through a partial malolactic to add dimension. With fresh notes of crushed berryfruit and hints of citrus and mineral on the nose, the crisp palate displays dried apricot flavours marrying with citrus rind, enhanced by a suave, slightly buttery texture.



G Santa Margherita

Prosecco di Valdobbiadene DOC Brut NV

was \$31.00 now **\$26.00** 62538

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.00 A BOTTLE

Tucked in at the foot of the Alps, the north-eastern vineyards of Italy enjoy some of the coolest growing conditions that are perfect for the Prosecco variety. Sourced from the hill vineyards of the Valdobbiadene zone, The wine was produced in pressurized tanks and given a month's lees contact to add complexity. It is a pale, straw-coloured wine with a fragrant nose of peach, apple and pear. Elegantly structured, with a persistent stream of bubbles and a delightfully fresh, lively finish.



Pasqua Le Collezioni

Montepulciano DOC 2007

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 62475

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$8.90 A BOTTLE

The Montepulciano variety is widely grown throughout Italy, but the best wines are from the Abruzzo region. With plum aromas and flavours, this well rounded wine is nicely weighted and complemented by nuances of coffee, ripe tannins and a long finish. The price is not a misprint, so head down to your nearest Glengarry store and stock up.



Pasqua

V Valpolicella DOC 2007

was \$16.90 now **\$14.90** 66008

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.90 A BOTTLE

The arrival of summer heralds the barbeque season, and there is possibly no better wine than Valpolicella to accompany grilled fare. This native Italian has a fragrant cherry-plum bouquet and silky smooth mouthfeel. Its fresh, fruity character is weighty enough to match barbequed meats, while it has a juicy element that is perfectly suited to outdoor occasions.



Bolla Torralta

Prosecco di Conegliano DOC NV

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

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.00 A BOTTLE

One of the favourite tipples in Venice is sparkling Prosecco, until recently practically unknown in New Zealand. Having tasted its delights over the last few years, we have come to understand why the citizens of Venice have such an insatiable appetite for it. With its persistent stream of bubbles and apple-like bouquet, Bolla's Torralta is wonderfully fresh and uplifting.



Cecchi

Chianti Classico DOCG 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$24.00** 62422

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$23.00 A BOTTLE

The Chianti region of Tuscany has a very long history and was first identified as a separate zone in the 13th-century. In 1716 the central historical district was declared the Classico zone, and only wines from this region can be named Chianti Classico. This is Cecchi's flagship wine, and has been fermented and matured in oak barrels. It is a deep ruby colour, with a distinctive violet edge on the nose. The medium-weighted palate has hints of chocolate and mushroom wrapped around a velvety texture.



a taste of SPAIN

Those who have been following the renaissance of Spanish wine over the last couple of decades have seen the emergence of premium wine producing regions such as Ribera del Duero, Toro, Priorat and Jumilla. Add the name Bierzo to that list.

Bierzo is a small and ancient district in north-west Spain that has risen from obscurity to become one of the country's leading wine regions. The image of Spain is that of a country shimmering under the hot sun, but this is not true of the north-west. The climate there is influenced by the Atlantic, and with no gulf stream to bring in additional warmth, it can be cool with plentiful rain.

Sheltered by mountains yet influenced by the sea, the vineyards enjoy a temperate climate despite the fact that they are located between 500 and 659 metres. Winemakers here have abandoned antiquated practises to embrace modern winemaking methods. The resulting wines have earned the region plaudits around the world.

The grape variety responsible for Bierzo's success is the native Mencia. Depending on where it is grown, Mencia delivers a range of wine styles that can be engagingly fruity, or uncommonly complex. At their best, Bierzo's wines possess an exotic earthiness and are wonderfully expressive.

Descendientes de J. Palacios Villa de Corullón Bierzo DO 2005

was \$89.00 now **\$74.00** 88068

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$73.00 A BOTTLE

From one of Spain's new stars

A knockout single vineyard wine produced entirely from 65-year-old Mencia vines. It is a wonderfully concentrated, powerfully built red that, despite its brawny character, manages to retain elegance. It is a dense, deeply coloured wine with plum, spice and subtle oak notes on the nose. The palate reflects the bouquet, with persistent fruit flavours supported by supple tannins. Its fruit depth, structure and balance suggest that it will cellar well.



Marqués de Cáceres Rosado 2007

was \$22.00 now **\$19.90** 87998

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

Perfect on a hot summer's day

Tempranillo and Garnacha grapes were harvested from the highest slopes of Rioja Alta, crushed and macerated for a few hours, separated from the skins and fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks. Following fermentation, the wine was bottled early to preserve freshness. It is lovely pale pink with a soft floral-fruit bouquet. The palate is well balanced and elegant, with ripe berry flavours balanced by a fresh, vibrant finish.



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

Freixenet Brut Rosé NV

was \$13.90 now **\$10.90** 85016

Buy 2 bottles for \$20

Produced from hand harvested Garnacha and Trepát, an old, indigenous Spanish variety used especially for Rosé Cava. It is a delicate sparkling Rosé with bright, complex flavours enriched by a silky mousse and a refreshingly dry finish.

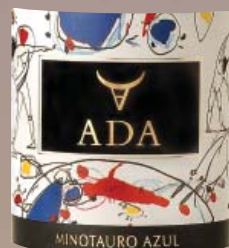


Ada Minotauro Azul 2004

was \$21.00 now **\$17.90** 88022

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.90 A BOTTLE

Blended from sixty-year-old Garnacha vines, Tempranillo, Cabernet and Merlot, traditionally fermented and matured in American oak barrels for 3 months. The wine opens with ripe red berry, cinnamon and vanilla aromas on the nose. Smooth and velvety, it has a good depth of ripe fruit flavours a touch of spicy oak. Beautifully balanced, fresh and flavoursome, Azul is terrific value for a silver medal wine.

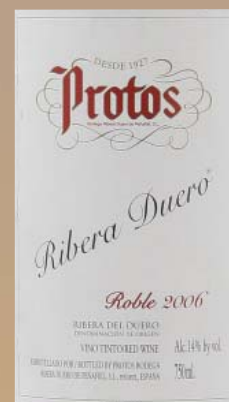


Protos Roble 2006

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 88072

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.90 A BOTTLE

This Ribera Duero, Tempranillo-based red is a fruit driven style produced to be enjoyed within five years of its release. It is a youthful wine with cherry and plum aromas combining with traces of herb and vanillin. The palate is dominated by berry and plum flavours supported by spicy undertones balanced by a touch of toasty oak. It has a svelte mouthfeel, supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste.



Luzon Selección 12 crianza 2004

was \$28.00 now **\$22.00** 86953

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.00 A BOTTLE

A blend of Monastrell, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Tempranillo, Selección 12 is one of the reasons why the wines of Jumilla have soared in popularity and earned a reputation for delivering classy wines that are moderately priced. This is a beautifully crafted wine showing great balance from start to finish. Aromas of black cherry, blackberry and herb combine neatly with oak and minty nuances. The ripe-tasting palate is elegantly structured, enhanced by mellow tannins and finishes on a lengthy, flavoursome note.



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the GLENGARRY Top 10

december

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

1 Gisselbrecht Alsace Pinot Gris 2007

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

CASE OF 12 \$23.00 A BOTTLE

A terrific Alsace Pinot Gris, alive with aromas of wild flowers, honey, spice and nutty nuances. Beautifully structured and balanced, it finishes on a bright citrus note.

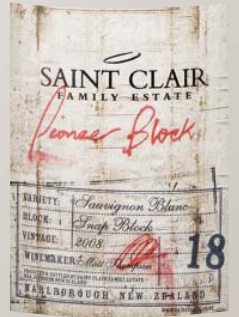


2 Saint Clair Pioneer Block 18 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$24.00** 18484

CASE OF 12 \$23.00 A BOTTLE

Classically styled Marlborough Sauvignon with concentrated passionfruit and celery aromas. A wonderfully fresh wine with well defined fruit flavours enhanced by a twist of citrus.



3 Jean Chartron Le Jaja de Jean Chardonnay 2006

was \$34.00 now **\$26.00** 41436

CASE OF 12 \$25.00 A BOTTLE

Elegant barrel fermented French Chardonnay with upfront apple-like aromas and flavours supported by understated oak characters. It finishes on a crisp, fresh, citrus note.



4 Escarpment Martinborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$35.00 now **\$29.90** 10288

CASE OF 6 \$28.90 A BOTTLE

A straw-coloured Chardonnay with distinctive citrus aromas on the nose. The palate is nicely poised, with persistent fruit flavours enhanced by a touch of mineral and a clean finish.



5 Sacred Hill Wine Thief Series Riflemans Terraces Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$29.90 now **\$22.00** 18073

CASE OF 6 \$21.00 A BOTTLE

This Gold Medal Chardonnay is a class act from the first sniff to the very last sip. A complex wine with layers of aromas and flavours wrapped around a silky texture.



6 Montes Limited Selection Cabernet Sauvignon Carménère 2007

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 90520

CASE OF 12 \$18.90 A BOTTLE

A balanced blend of Cabernet and Carménère with persistent blackberry, plum and spice aromas and flavours backed by some savoury nuances. Superb value.

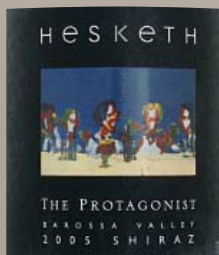


7 Hesketh The Protagonist Barossa Valley Shiraz 2005

was \$26.00 now **\$22.90** 21081

CASE OF 6 \$21.90 A BOTTLE

A rich Barossa Shiraz combining blackberry with spice, chocolate and liquorice aromas. It is a powerfully built wine with ripe plum flavours that last forever.



8 Palacios Remondo La Vendimia Rioja 2007

was \$24.90 now **\$19.00** 88060

CASE OF 12 \$18.00 A BOTTLE

A terrific Garnacha, Tempranillo blend full of ripe blackberry and plum aromas and flavours. Nicely weighted, well integrated and enhanced by a hint of vanilla.



9 Yealands Estate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.00** 10009

CASE OF 12 \$18.00 A BOTTLE

This newcomer on the Marlborough scene has made a huge impact. This wine is superb, full of varietal verve and classic nettle characters enhanced by zesty citrus freshness.



10 Arrogant Frog Ribet Red Shiraz 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 43967

CASE OF 12 \$15.90 A BOTTLE

A great value Gold Medal wine, opening on a spicy peppery note and developing to display berry and violet aromas. Full bodied and smooth as silk, it has a lingering, flavoursome finish.



LAKE CHALICE

MARLBOROUGH

In 1989 two windsurfing mates, Chris Gambitsis and Phil Binnie, decided that drinking wine was not enough, and what they really wanted to do was make the stuff. In true kiwi fashion, they jumped in at the deep end, naming their fledgling operation Lake Chalice Wines after the wilderness lake in the Richmond range bordering the Wairau Plain. They also adopted New Zealand's stunning Falcon, the Karearea, as their emblem. In almost two decades, Lake Chalice has come a long way, boasting an outstanding range of wines and a swag of awards to their name. Lake Chalice Wines is a key sponsor of the Wingspan Trust, set up to preserve New Zealand's birds of prey, and is actively involved in the project to re-introduce Falcons to the Wairau Valley.



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| 13567 | LAKE CHALICE Marlborough Chardonnay 2007 | was \$19.90 now \$16.90 | 13570 | LAKE CHALICE Marlborough Merlot 2007 | was \$19.90 now \$16.90 |
| 13584 | LAKE CHALICE FLIGHT 42 Unoaked Chardonnay 2008 | was \$19.90 now \$16.90 | 13583 | LAKE CHALICE Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008 | was \$24.90 now \$21.90 |
| 13581 | LAKE CHALICE EYRIE Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008 | was \$19.90 now \$16.90 | 13577 | LAKE CHALICE RAPTOR Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008 | was \$29.90 now \$26.90 |
| 13580 | LAKE CHALICE FALCON Marlborough Riesling 2008 | was \$19.90 now \$16.90 | 13578 | LAKE CHALICE PLATINUM Marlborough Chardonnay 2007 | was \$29.90 now \$26.90 |
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NEW RELEASE

Lake Chalice Cracklin' Savie
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

\$16.90 13585

Classic fresh Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc flavours with the added excitement of a little spritz.

Chris Gambitsis and Phil Binnie

