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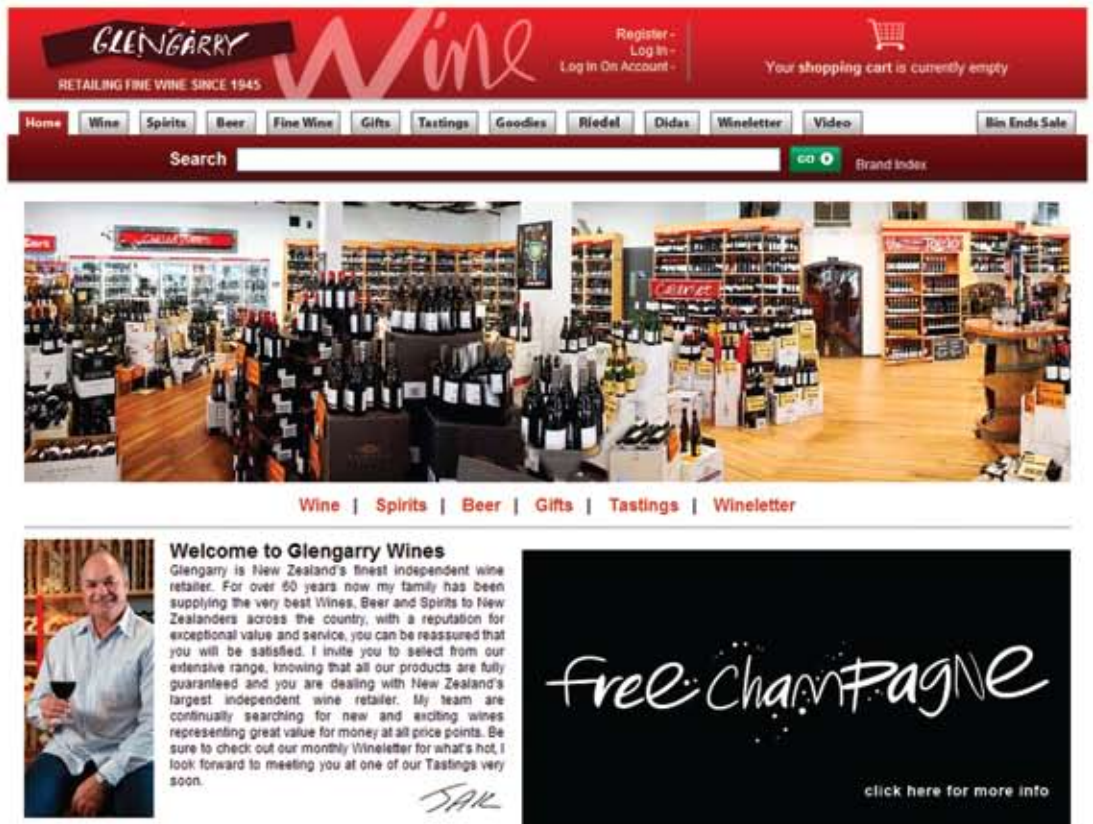
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Our new website is up and running

We figured it was about time we got the boffins in for a little, how you say, refurbishment of our second home, www.glengarry.co.nz. The website has been a brilliant addition to our business since we launched it a few years back but, as with so many things, if you stand still you're going backwards. So 'upgrade or die' became the cry.

How does this affect you? Simple. A gazillion of you use our website to browse and purchase. But if you've been reluctant to use the site - and many have an understandable loathing of anything that involves clicking a mouse - we've reworked glengarry.co.nz to make it more comprehensive and simpler to use, a tightrope of content versus usability that our inhouse propeller-heads have walked with the equanimity and poise of a Cirque du Soleil trapezist.

And so, come this way, where you can look up over a thousand products using a host of new criteria, from what region they're out of to whether they have a gold medal; you can even, if you're feeling weird, search by the wine's name. If you possess minimal info, there is still a very good chance you will discover the treasure for which you search.

We have also moved the site to being an excellent information resource; we have updated and uploaded winemaker and producer profiles and included a Fine Wine section. Our Dida's Food Store and its culinary collection are now present, along with our extensive range of gifts. We've aimed to make it as much like a Glengarry store as we can, without you ever having to leave the leather chair.

It's not static; every day there'll be something new as we update wine, spirit and beer specials, and online-only deals, as well as keeping you current with our continuing calendar of tastings, wine evenings, winemaker dinners, blogs, videos and whatever else comes along.

Most of the improvements have come via feedback from our existing users. That's you. Thanks a bunch; we hope you love it. Feed us back any comments; we're big kids now, really. To celebrate the completion of all our hard work, we're offering some sensational Glengarry Launch deals; just click on the Free Champagne box to find out more... no, not up there - you'll need to go online at www.glengarry.co.nz. Happy clicking.

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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

Backyard Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

RRP \$16.90 now **\$12.90** 12312

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.00 A BOTTLE

*Just in from Marlborough's
Awatere Valley*

This is a coiled beast of elegant, expressive charm, bursting with flavour yet controlled in its delivery. A timely offer; as our credit is duly crunched, this delivers a tidal wave of value for an outlay that is little more than a drop in the beach bucket. Awatere Valley mineral hints and a wash of fulsome, lush, herbaceous flavours, all the way to its tail. Try it with seafood or the best fish 'n' chips.



Lake Chalice

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 13576

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.00 A BOTTLE

Multiple gold medal-winning wine

There are a number of dilute young Savs vying for your new tax cuts, but this is not one of them. A flavour-filled, gold-medalled, punchy wine, the deep rivers of intense passionfruit, gooseberry and blackcurrant lead to a cascading and crisp mineral finish which signs it all off perfectly. A clever combination of fruit from a host of prime sites, it delivers much character, complexity and consistency.



Château Nicot Bordeaux 2005

was \$25.00 now **\$16.90** 41623

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

*From Bordeaux' exceptional
2005 vintage*

2005 was an exceptional Bordeaux vintage. 'I have never seen more perfect grapes harvested,' said Alfred Tesseron, owner of Château Pontet-Canet, a veteran of 50 harvests. The Nicot is a very economical way to see what all the fuss was about, providing all the characteristics of good Bordeaux - purity of fruit, roundness of tannin and earthiness as a backdrop - without your having to flick off the condo in Tahiti. Decidedly fresh and delicious on its own, this shines when paired with rare meat. As in pink, mind, not as in yeti or moa.



Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$17.90** 43895

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Proclaiming 'Beaujolais-Villages' provenance (as opposed to just 'Beaujolais') means the fruit must come from the granite hillsides in the north, where the Gamay grape thrives, blossoms and delivers. Not from the flat, fertile call yourself Beaujolais, pal? flatlands of the south. From the man who makes 10% of the region's wine, a mere 25 million cases and counting, this is a very characterful, flirtatious fellow, with red-fruited panache, tangy acid and an outrageous sense of its own drinkability. Cool? Charm.



Esk Valley Hawke's Bay

Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec 2007

was \$24.00 now **\$18.90** 12813

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Few make Hawke's Bay Merlot better than the Esk folk, and this is yet another in a long list of intensely flavoured but approachable, affordable Merlot blends that have issued forth over the years. At first inhalation your inclination is to think black forest cake and chocolate berry tortes (indeed a legitimate leaning), but the chewy palate offers even more than that with its dazzling array of plums, wild hillside herbs and splinters of finely emerging wood notes.



Mills Reef Reserve

Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 14519

Milling around the reef, we chanced upon this definitive example of Hawke's Bay Chardonnay and, you know, sometimes to get exactly what you expect can be very rewarding. Fully ripe, excellent quality fruit from two very different sites does the swirly-whirly-in-the-woody thing and comes out all thick and creamy, gurgling with masses of peachy stonefruit flavours and aromas. It's that creaminess that'll woo you, a texture of such luscious intensity that you may reach for a ladle rather than a glass.



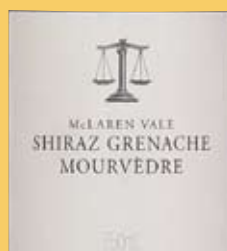
Geoff Merrill

McLaren Vale
Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2005

was \$23.00 now **\$19.90** 22128

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

That flashing colour in the glass reminds us we're getting a wine of some age for less than twenty notes. Beautifully fruity on the nose, you get jostled by moving plums at first look, then nudged awake by a slight Aussie menthol and dark chocolate note. Restrained oak accentuates the ripe, spicy fruit, older vines and great handling come through with earth, the tannins swagger in with structure.





Feature Winery



Affectionately known as the Baron of the Barossa, Peter Lehmann has become, according to the eminent Australian wine writer James Halliday, a legend in his own lifetime. A whole generation of the Barossa Valley's winegrowers would probably agree, as he saved many of them from ruin.

At seventeen Peter Lehmann joined Yalumba, working under the influential winemaker Rudi Kronberger. In 1960 he was appointed winemaker/manager at Saltram Wines, a position he held for twenty years. During that time, he developed a strong and enduring friendship with Barossa growers, with deals done on a handshake. During the overproduction crisis, the multinational Saltram ordered Peter to renege on his word to winegrowers. He refused, unwilling to see the growers go broke.

Instead, he formed the Barossa Masterton Vignerons Pty Limited, a company outside Saltram which crushed 12,000 tonnes of local grower's fruit, saving many from bankruptcy. The operation produced two vintages, but another change in Saltram's ownership was the catalyst that propelled Peter to start his own winery, and thus secure a long-term future for Barossa's growers and vineyards.

Together with some investment partners he established a consortium, and in 1979 built the Peter Lehmann Wines winery. The first vintage was processed in 1980, and since that time Peter Lehmann Wines has become one of Australia's most successful enterprises. In 2008, Peter Lehmann Wines was once again named Australian Wine Producer of the Year at the London International Wine & Spirit Competition. This is the third time since 2000 that the company has been awarded this prestigious trophy.

After 55 vintages Peter has retired from winemaking, but is still active, his loyalty and commitment to the Barossa and its growers undiminished. The company practises sustainable winemaking, and while it owns four vineyards, it carefully sources grapes from selected growers, some from families that have tended the same vineyards for six generations. Hence Peter Lehmann wines are a true expression of Barossa's gamut of terroirs.

Peter Lehmann's National PR Manager and wine personality Malcolm Stopp will be joining us on May 12 at Glengarry Victoria Park to conduct a tasting of these outstanding wines.

- 23102 **Peter Lehmann** Clancy's Shiraz Cabernet Merlot 2005 was \$20.00 now **\$16.90**
- 23105 **Peter Lehmann** Margaret Barossa Semillon 2003 was \$37.00 now **\$32.90**
- 23121 **Peter Lehmann** The Futures Shiraz 2006 was \$37.00 now **\$32.90**
- 23106 **Peter Lehmann** Eight Songs Shiraz 2003 was \$54.90 now **\$49.90**

The Barossa's Peter Lehmann

Peter Lehmann
Barossa Semillon 2006



was \$17.00 now **\$13.90** 23127

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

This wine is from the 2006 vintage, one of the largest and best in the Barossa. The wine was cool fermented in stainless steel tanks in order to retain its fresh varietal characters. It is unoaked, and a pale straw colour with glints of green. The deliciously fragrant nose is evocative of spring blossom, lemon zest and cream, while the palate has a lively, zingy character that gives the fruit a deliciously crisp mouthfeel.



Peter Lehmann
Barossa Cabernet Merlot 2005



was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 23101

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

This is a classic Bordeaux varietal blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot and 4% Malbec. Matured in French and American oak for 12 months, it is a dark, glossy, seamless wine. It has a complex and seductive nose, with an underlying concentration of ripe fruit embellished by spicy oak. Nicely rounded, with all the components neatly integrated in a delicious, sumptuous package.



Peter Lehmann
Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2006



was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 23111

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Selected from premium Barossa vineyards, traditionally fermented and matured in French and American barrels for 12 months. A deep, richly coloured wine with a savoury, fruit-laden bouquet of blackcurrant, mocha, cinnamon and spicy oak. An abundance of fruit on the palate suggests berry flavours with flashes of oak, the firm tannins adding structure and depth.



Peter Lehmann
Barossa Shiraz 2006



was \$25.00 now **\$19.90** 23103

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Rhône producers must be wondering how Peter Lehmann can make a Shiraz to rival their best offerings at this price. A deep, dark red with a distinctive spicy plum nose backed by hints of chocolate and seasoned by toasty oak, it is a generously flavoured wine with the emphasis on ripe fruit. Well structured, smooth tasting and mouthfilling, it is lined with a dusting of supple tannins.





SPARKLING

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

Nautilus

Cuvée Marlborough Brut NV

was \$39.00 now **\$29.00** 15470

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

Quality Marlborough methode

This gets three years of lees maturation, which is a long time to wait for your money. One wonders if the defining characteristic of a winemaker is perhaps patience. Anyway, this includes some proportion of reserve wines, a truly French phenomenon, and these age in oak, à la Bollinger and Krug. That's commitment. A very refined, elegant style that also packs a mouthfilling punch of citrus flavours and yeast-derived nuttiness, this is a New Zealand classic that has quietly accumulated critical and popular acclaim with minimal fuss.

Deutz Blanc de Blancs

Marlborough Cuvée 2005

was \$44.00 now **\$34.00** 15017

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$33.50 A BOTTLE

Stunning New Zealand vintage methode

A beautiful golden yellow in the light, with a vigorous, fine bead and a restrained, elegant nose of flowers and bread yeast characters; and some charming lemon biscuit notes too. Creamy, mouthfilling and soft, with undercurrents of yeast and a citrus twinge, yet there's great acid down the side of the mouth that controls the flow of the palate to perfection. Is there a slight, honeyed, almost Muscat touch there? One of the best local methodes we've seen in an ice age.

Palliser

Martinborough Méthode Traditionnelle 2005

was \$46.00 now **\$39.00** 16735

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

Unique Martinborough sparkling

Let's not forget that Palliser planted their first vines in Martinborough in 1984, ignoring Orwellian portents and looking brightly towards a future that no one could predict. Visionary ain't the half of it. They now have an impressive 85 hectares, and while making a bunch of wines under a couple of labels, this is worth grabbing hold of with both bright blue mittens. A devilish blend of cream and hazelnuts, it is intense, yet delicate where it counts; a joy seen all too infrequently. Get thee some.

Drappier

Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$59.00 now **\$45.90** 43500

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$45.40 A BOTTLE

Predominantly Pinot Noir, this is a class act

We recently had the privilege of hosting Monsieur Drappier, who did mention the tale of the monk who brought the first Pinot cutting from Burgundy to Champagne; incredibly, Mr D still has it preserved under his office floor (the cutting, not the monk). And did you know? Drappier wines are deliberately low in SO₂, so less dosage is required than normal, and they have the oldest dosage liqueur in Champagne.



Lanson

Black Label Brut NV

was \$68.00 now **\$59.90** 46313

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$59.40 A BOTTLE

The house that was to become Lanson was established in 1760 by a chapottle by the name of Francois Delamotte, a familiar name to some. Lanson are one of the few houses to block the malolactic fermentation so that harder, rather than softer acids tend to frame the fruit. The expressions the panel tasted had shed that armour, and were soft and mouthfilling with an undercurrent of yeast and richness.



Charles Heidsieck

Brut Réserve NV

was \$99.00 now **\$89.00** 41522

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$84.50 A BOTTLE

First time back in NZ in ten years

Always an exceptional non-vintage wine, it's great to see that new winemaker, Règis Camus, has carried on Daniel Thibault's excellent work. The hallmark is the 40% reserve wines in the blend which, in my 1B5 puts this wine almost in the prestige cuvée class. Rich, unctuous, opulent yet wickedly fresh and vivacious, it is too delicious to have been so damnably absent. Reacquaint yourselves.



Moët & Chandon

Rosé Impérial Brut NV

was \$112.00 now **\$99.00** 47206

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$98.50 A BOTTLE

Everything great Champagne should be, this is exquisite, from the packaging to the copper-tinged sphericals that dramatically defy gravity, through to the haunting, beautiful floral/berry fragrance and the wine itself; poised, elegant and balanced, richly finessed, finely drawn, divine to drink. This makes Daniel Craig look scruffy, yet at the same time, it's so giddily playful. What a winner.



LITTLE BROTHERS

Top New Zealand wineries and their second labels

The concept of 'second wines' probably began (and continues) in Bordeaux, where fruit that may have initially been earmarked for the Grand Vin was at assemblage stage 'downgraded' to a secondary label. Often this was because certain parcels had characteristics that weren't typical of the main wine, or came from vines that were younger, with more upfront appeal but perhaps less potential for ageing. The reasons, like the labels, are myriad.

The wineries featured here who have developed second-tier wines, secondary labels, sub-brands, call them what you will, have likewise done so for a variety of reasons. Often, the brand's growth instigates extending their original range; sometimes they want to experiment with style without developing inconsistency in their first wines; sometimes they want to provide a broad fanbase with a more affordable, approachable style than their famous first wine.

It's fun to compare the similarities and the differences from brand to brand, and to take the opportunity to tell the story of each brand and its brother. One thing needs to be made very clear; the second wines are not second rate. No sir. They are different from the main label for reasons mentioned above, a divergent expression of terroir and winemaking style and process. Enthusiasts often take to a winery's second label over its first; and remember, too, that so-called second labels in Bordeaux still command hundreds of dollars a bottle.

PALLISER PENCARROW

Palliser Estate
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$51.00 now **\$39.00** 16747



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

Palliser are Pinot pioneers in Martinborough, ergo in the country as a whole, planting with portent back in 1984, when shirts were cerise and mobile phones bigger than cinderblocks. Hence some of the fruit comes off 25-year-old vines, and so the concentration, richness and intensity come as standard. Oozing class, and no small measure of intense cherry and plum flavours, it's bristling with vibrancy and brooding with intent. Magnificent.

Pencarrow
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$26.00 now **\$19.90** 17047

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Carrying the cachet of the big brand without the cash outlay, Pencarrow has firmly established itself as a name of excellence in its own right. The label was set up as a more affordable alternative, and quality and value are certainly trademarks. Pencarrow trumps many first-tier brands, and the 2008 is brimming with flavour and finesse.



ROCKBURN Devil's Staircase

Rockburn
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$45.00 now **\$39.00** 12365



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.00 A BOTTLE

Launched in 2002, Rockburn won immediate renown and more gold medals and trophies than is decent and polite. Their Pinot Noir has been screamingly popular, in no small part due to its collection of accolades and pages of critical praise; the new release then has been greatly anticipated. A richly intense, florally fragrant delight, with a balance, beauty and authenticity of character that is as rewarding as it is rare.



Devil's Staircase
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Devil's Staircase takes its name from a sinewy road that vies with the one at Chard Farm for the fear factor. Introduced with this, the 2008 vintage, largely because said vintage was so bountiful and also, one suspects, because the demand on the accolade-laden first wine was always going to involve punters unable to access their favourite drop occasionally. A drink-now, flavoursome style with punchy Pinot fruit and plenty of structure.

Rockburn
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$26.90 now **\$19.90** 12347



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A great opportunity exists here to compare the same vintage, same winery and same variety, but different brands. So we did. The tank fermentation was deliberately stopped, and so we have 15 grams per litre of residual sugar to enjoy. Yep, there's an obvious off-dry tinge to the proceedings, balanced against incredibly rich, vibrant fruit, a firm acid backbone and an already poised and balanced finish. Wonderful style, and a great expression of the variety.



Devil's Staircase
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 12344

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Whereas down the winding staircase, we're still well-served by finesse, style and more flavour than you could shake a gnarly stick at. The Devil is seductively sweeter, still off-dry rather than medium, and most definitely not cloying; just luscious and appealing and bouncing off the walls with flavour, which seems to be a Devils Staircase trademark. Nashi pears, melons and passionfruit are licked into shape by citrus zest in an approachable, vivacious style.

Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg

Mt Difficulty
Central Otago Chardonnay 2007

was \$34.90 now **\$29.90** 14929



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Much is made of Central Otago Pinot Noir, and often overlooked are the Chablisian-styled Chardonnays. Crisply mineral, with the tropical, nutty-tinged richness hidden behind firm fruit acid, the restrained lees complexity and textural weight show through. With razor's edge balance and concentrated, powerful flavours, this will appeal to cool-climate fans who like their Chardonnays along precise, clean lines.



Roaring Meg
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$27.90 now **\$22.90** 14935

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

The main difference between these two brothers? The Mt Difficulty is an estate-grown wine; all the fruit comes from the home vineyards at Bannockburn. With Meg, the winery can pull fruit from elsewhere in the district. Volume demands can be met, blending options open up accordingly, and we get top quality Pinot from one of the region's biggest and best without surrendering our first-born to Mammon.

Chard Farm Rabbit Ranch

Chard Farm
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$26.00** 11151



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$25.50 A BOTTLE

The Hay brothers were pioneers in the district when they launched Chard Farm in 1987 from the end of the scariest road in Central Otago. Hence this label commands enormous respect, and in that time they've gone from one Pinot to four. Not better, just different to the Rabbit, this has upfront charm and boisterous berries, with enough structure to carry food and enough girth to keep you gratified.



Rabbit Ranch
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$27.00 now **\$24.00** 19017

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

The wines down on the Ranch are made by Chard Farm's winemaker and utilise Chard's facilities, with the fruit off a bunch of vineyards in the Cromwell Basin where, one assumes, Bugs and his Bros had made themselves more than comfortable. This is deliberately made in an off-dry style, so that the cool climate acid is balanced by a hint of honeyed sweetness. As playful and appealing as the label.

Craggy Range Wild Rock

Craggy Range Single Vineyard
Seven Poplars Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$32.00 now **\$24.90** 11100



Steve Smith MW and his band of merry folk have made a huge impact in a short space of time. Craggy Range has become synonymous with intensely concentrated, beautifully made, award-winning wines of unbridled class, right through their entire range. A white wonder from a staggeringly good vintage, the fruit gets the full Montgomery; wild yeasts, barrel fermentation, fourteen months' oak ageing. Huge style, and a superb cellaring prospect.



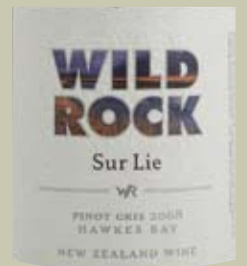
Craggy Range Single Vineyard
Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Merlot 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$24.90** 11214

Did we mention the reds? Intensity isn't the half of it, and what a joy to get a Bordeaux-style red with some age on it. The Gimblett Gravels vineyard has delivered up some sumptuous fruit, and the team have shepherded it through with great care. 45% new French oak, eighteen months in barrel in all, and a plum-filled, licorice-lashed, chocolate-silked beauty is yours to behold.

Wild Rock Sur Lie
Hawke's Bay Pinot Gris 2008

was \$24.00 now **\$18.90** 11239



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Wild Rock is such a different proposition from the main brand that it has its own website, and completely its own flavour. Craggy is all beautiful images of the stunning winery and surrounds, while Wild Rock wows with waves, surfers and, um, adventure packs. This wine, curiously, is funky, fun and modern, yet made in a very traditional style, aged on lees. Apple-rich, soft and lush, it's an afternoon-by-the-beach kinda wine, utterly enjoyable and mucho satisfying.



Wild Rock Strugglers Flat
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$27.00 now **\$21.90** 11243

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Another reason for another tier: Craggy Range has made much of its Hawke's Bay heritage, and this little beauty comes straight out of Martinborough. Pinot vines love the badlands almost as much as Bruce Springsteen professes to, in that they, erm, struggle, work hard and produce bright, punchy, flavoursome wines such as this. Quite Burgundian in its own way, with a clump of dankness oozing between the cracks and augmenting the plush, lush fruit, stirred gently with herbs.

Seresin MOMO

Seresin
Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008



was \$33.00 now **\$29.00** 18610

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$28.50 A BOTTLE

Cinematographer Michael Seresin started his label back in the mid-90s, and immediately had the wine press scrambling for epithets, while the rest of us just wanted a bottle or two of his outstanding wines. Brian Bicknell made them until 2006, when Clive Dougall picked up the secateurs. This is extraordinarily rich and deep for Pinot Gris, so far ahead of the bunch it's started to lap them. Lap it up yourselves.



Momo
Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008

was \$24.50 now **\$18.00** 12861

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

Mr Bicknell slipped on a Hat Called Momo and began reproducing the magic he had begun at Seresin. Momo is still part of the Seresin label, and this certainly sees the same care and artisan-like attention to detail as the other. Hand-picked, carefully moved through a blend of barrels, it is earthy, Granny-Smith tinted, with a charming splash of spice that encourages culinary complements. Astounding value.

BURNT SPUR RUSSIAN JACK

Burnt Spur
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2007



was \$40.00 now **\$32.00** 18966

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$31.50 A BOTTLE

Grown south of Martinborough town, the heavy soils deliver up an expression of brooding beauty, an almost muscular, supple Pinot Noir of solid concentration, beautiful lifted cherry flavours, and an appealing French earthiness. Concentrated, and soundly structured, it's a brilliant cellaring prospect. But I'd sneak a bottle now and then; just to see how it's going, of course.



Russian Jack
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

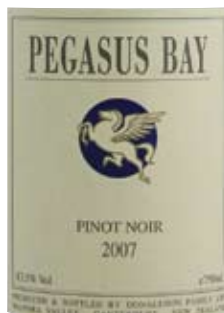
was \$19.50 now **\$16.90** 18949

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Where some brands opt for clear delineation of their second-tier offerings, Russian Jack just nestles in amongst the Burnt Spur wine, its 'drawn-by-a-crazy-toddler' label and completely different style and pricepoint distinguishing the brand from its bigger brother. Cheeky and charming, there is also a good resonant depth of varietal flavour and no shortage of character.

Pegasus Bay Main Divide

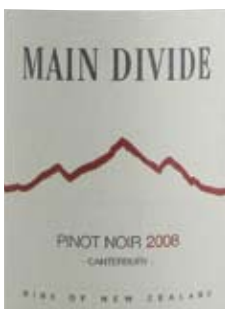
Pegasus Bay
Waipara Pinot Noir 2007



was \$52.00 now **\$49.00** 16805

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$48.50 A BOTTLE

There are few reputations that ride as high as the be-winged ones, and they keep it that way by keeping yield and volume limits low on excellent, concentrated wines like this beauty. The Pegasus wines beautifully reflect the unique Waipara terroir, none more so than this Burgundian-style delight.



Main Divide
Canterbury Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$24.00** 13608

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

A brand that has outgrown its 'mini-Pegasus Bay' look and developed a following in its own right, Main Divide wines allow the Pegs to source fruit from all over and make varietal expressions as they see fit. Breathing the same heady air as its stablemate above, but at a less Alpine price and with a more upfront, 'excite me now!' appeal.

Akarua Rua

Akarua Gullies
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2006



was \$35.90 now **\$29.90** 10184

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Akarua have had astounding success from the get-go, producing two Pinots under their main label. The Gullies is made to drink while the Cadence ages in the cellar; dang, they've thought of everything, haven't they? This is a chewy, succulent style, big on satisfaction and unconcerned about trying to impress, unlike some of the Central offerings flitting around. Brilliantly made, highly enjoyable.



Rua
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

I guess 'Aka' sounded a bit aggressive; anyhow, the name 'Rua' has the ebullient charm and cheeky imp status that the wine deserves. Sourced from Wanaka and Bannockburn, the concentration and flavours are extraordinary, considering the price and the minimal time it spent ageing. The flavours roll around your mouth like gumballs, cherries, berries and exotic spices in a clean, easy-drinking style.

NGA WAKA Three Paddles

Nga Waka
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2006

was \$44.90 now **\$39.00** 15813



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

The winery moniker is taken from the local name for the three hills which lie side by side, look like upturned canoes, and form the backdrop to Martinborough town. This top-tier Pinot wasn't released in 2004 and 2005, so its return is most welcome. A succulent, generously flavoured and well structured expression, the very low yields deliver deep pools of spice and plummy flavours, the complexity and layers of flavour more astounding with each sip. Worth cellaring.



Three Paddles
Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 15837

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

I feel a kayaking thing coming on, but when you have 'waka' in your main brand name, you wouldn't call the second label 'Three Ocelots' would you. This label was introduced with the 2004 vintage, when the fruit was very good but missing the perfection benchmark that Roger and Christian insist on for the main label. This year's model shows bright red fruit flavours spined with spice and framed with approachable tannins. There's much generosity of flavour on a palate that's soft and round as a baker's belly.

Nga Waka
Martinborough Riesling 2003

was \$23.50 now **\$19.90** 15804



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Nga Waka were white wine specialists for some years before branching out into Pinot Noir, and the Rieslings have always been arresting propositions. Their ability to age well has been a hallmark, so it's great to have a six-year-old wine still available to show to those who wonder what the grape can do when in the best hands. Immensely powerful and concentrated, the initial citrus tang has given way to a round resonant richness, its grace note of minerality now a resounding chord.

Three Paddles
Martinborough Riesling 2008

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

An entirely different proposition to the above, this slightly off-dry little upstart is a lemon/lime Fru-Ju expression, with that wonderful citrus zip neatly offset against some residual sugar that makes you want to drink deep from the waka well. Fun, but not frivolous, there's plenty going on here to keep Riesling-o-philes more than satiated, and to ensure that this is one of the best value, most exciting buys of the wineletter. If you think Riesling might not be your thing, here's your chance to live a little.



Waimea SPINYBACK

Waimea
Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$25.00 now **\$17.90** 14909



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Hands up for Nelson, we say. While still 'boutique', and certainly family-run, these chaps are serious contenders, and this is an excellent Sauvignon, racy but weighty, with a clean, lean mineral appeal and loads of tropical-type flavours. And it's won mega gold medals, too.



Spinyback
Nelson Cabernet Franc Syrah 2007

was \$19.50 now **\$15.90** 12385

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Shows that there's nothing to stop Nelson producing reds with stuffing. The brand is also a smart piece of marketing, carving niches into chasms overseas, and providing an approachable, affordable, fruit-forward style for those who crave it locally. Plenty of peppery, spicy characters sift amongst the ripe berryfruit. Smart blend, silly price.

The creation of a second tier

The following hugely respected wineries have a number of ranges within their brands. Rather than sitting outside the main brand, these wines are part of a well developed strategy that ensures they carry the flag of the overall winery, while offering a different expression to their siblings.

Saint Clair

Saint Clair Oh Block
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$23.90** 18378

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

The Pioneer Block range was developed to showcase particular parcels of fruit with unique characters that would be lost if blended, and so we have a staggering nine Sauvignon Blanc expressions alone, this one a late ripener with punch, power, flavour and swagger.



Saint Clair
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$20.00 now **\$17.90** 18308

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Saint Clair have an incredible fleet of wines; single vineyard, regional expressions, single block offerings, export labels, all of which befit a vineyard with the volumes of fruit, range of terroir and reputation of the Saints. They are kings of Marlborough Sauvignon, and this, from the original range, shows typical varietal zest and much class.



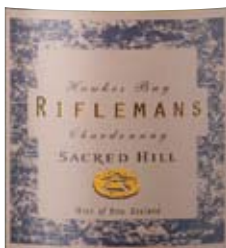
Sacred Hill

Sacred Hill Rifleman's Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$53.90 now **\$49.90** 18481

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE

While Tony Bish has made great wine from seemingly every variety and every region in the country, he really struck gold with the Rifleman's, a single vineyard expression of momentous power and finesse that for vintage after vintage has gobsmacked critics and enthusiasts alike. This new release is all the great things Chardonnay can be - rich, weighty, thickly textured yet undeniably classy, in a style that ages gracefully. A true benchmark, and an extraordinary display of what happens when a great vineyard meets a great winemaker.



Sacred Hill Reserve Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2008

was \$20.90 now **\$13.90** 18085

From the same range as the Basket Press, this has built up, over a decade of consistent distinction, a following of great devotion. A beautiful reminder of why Hawke's Bay continually claims to be the country's Chardonnay capital, it has lovely peaches and cream characters matched to a beautiful barrel-derived mealiness. Something of a junior Rifleman's with its full-on style, the layers of flavours, concentration and length suggest a wine in the high \$30 bracket, not sub-\$14. Crazyness.

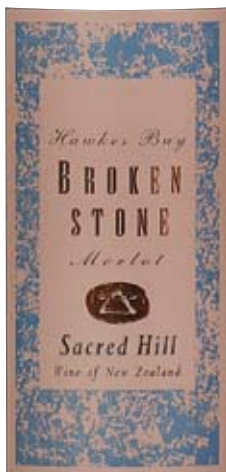


Sacred Hill Brokenstone Hawke's Bay Merlot 2006

was \$64.90 now **\$59.90** 18480

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$59.40 A BOTTLE

While it's a little disingenuous to compare styles across nations, this showed brilliantly against some serious Bordeaux in our latest panel, a feat it has also pulled off in overseas competitions. From a label within the Sacred Hill range that sports exceptional wines made only in exceptional vintages, it's a deeply fragrant, lushly textured and haunting style, expressive and opulent, and another reason why Gimblett Gravels is so fiercely protected and loudly proclaimed as a home to claret-style reds.



Sacred Hill Reserve Basket Press Merlot Cabernet 2008

was \$20.90 now **\$13.90** 18074

Made by the same winemaking team, and with fruit off the same blocks, as both the Brokenstone and the excellent Helmsman Cabernet. Such is the joy of drinking the output of a winery that has so many options for its fantastic fruit and who, through being spoilt for choice, can spoil us with such top quality wine at such a ludicrous price. The Basket Press is a classic, now, a consistently excellent, soft and flavoursome red with pedigree, class and an array of succulent, concentrated flavours.



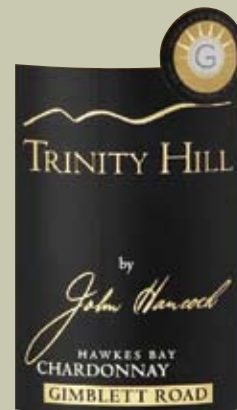
Trinity Hill

Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$33.00 now **\$29.90** 19226

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

A solid, luscious, weighty reminder that Gimblett Gravels isn't just about reds. Handpicked and artfully directed through the winemaking process, this is a stylish and open, expressive style of Chardonnay. It shares the weight, richness and resonance of the Rifleman's, with its own unique fruit characters - grapefruit, dried fruit and white peaches - massaged to perfection by biscuity, toasty oak. It demands food, time to open in the glass and, if you can bear it, a few unfolding in the cellar will be a treat in years to come.

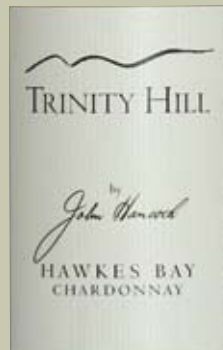


Trinity Hill Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$17.90** 19221

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

There are, neatly, three ranges at Trinity Hill; the Gimblett range, the Homage range of rare, exceptional wines and this, the flag-bearing white label range. John Hancock's expertise with Chardonnay ensures this punches way above its weight. Fruit-driven, with only a touch of oak fermentation, this is a creamy tropicana-fest that is delicious, approachable and delightfully under-priced.

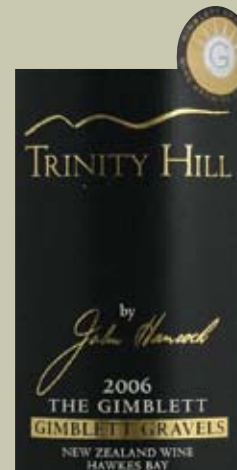


Trinity Hill The Gimblett Red Blend 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$29.90** 19264

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

John Hancock saw very early on the huge potential of the Gimblett Gravels region, and has been a vocal and vigorous defender of its rights as a sub-region ever since. A blend of the five great Bordeaux varietals, with Merlot and its silky richness dominating, this is a deeply concentrated and opulent red, richly redolent of Black Doris plums and wild blackberry flavours, and with the structure to see off all-comers for a decade. Note to accountant: it's too cheap.

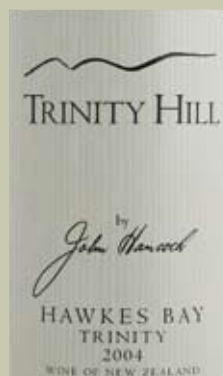


Trinity Hill Trinity Red Blend 2004

was \$20.50 now **\$17.90** 19243

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

A blend that John Hancock has produced for some vintages now, the various components knitting together to come out the other end as greater than their individual parts. Such is the point of such a blend, of course. Almost a brand within a brand, the Trinity offers good depth of flavoursome drinking at a price not normally stuck on a Hawke's Bay red of this pedigree, from a winemaking team of such skill and experience.



Brandy

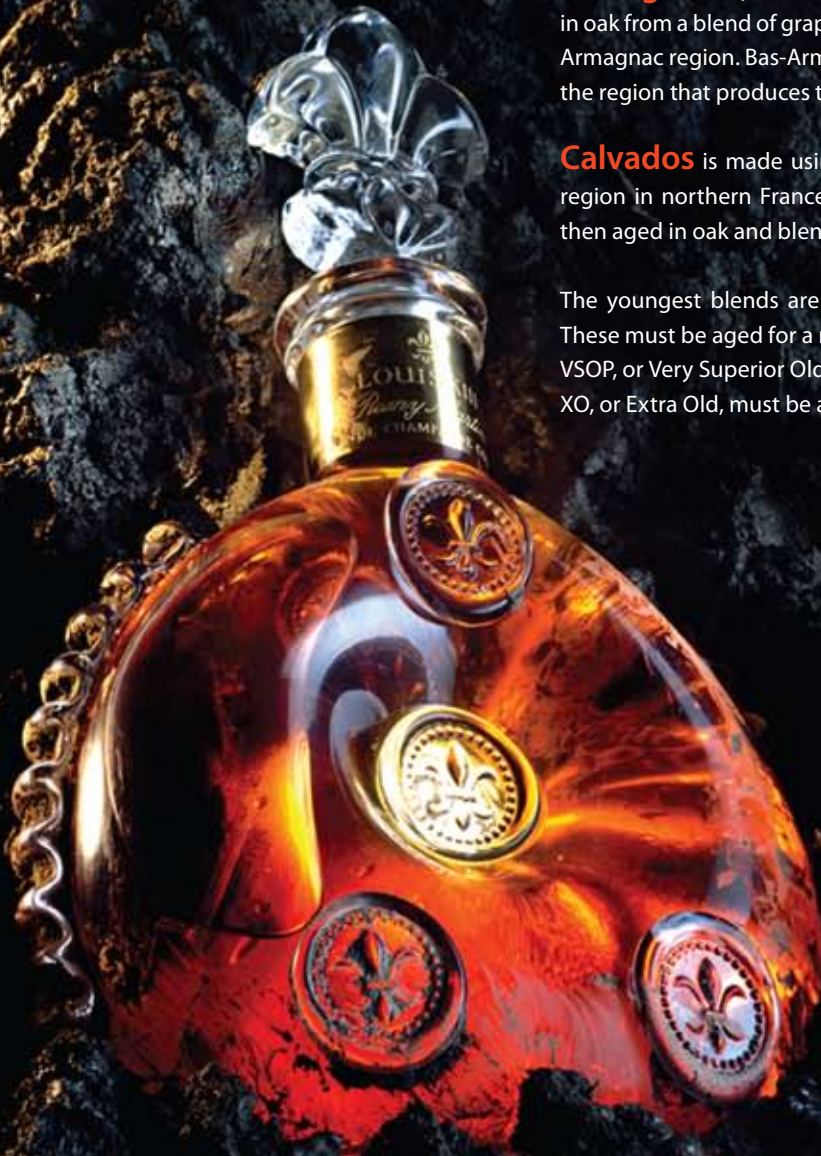
Cognac is most commonly made, using a process of double distillation, from Ugni Blanc grapes grown in a specific region of southwest France with a unique microclimate and soil. It is aged in oak for many years and skilfully blended.

Armagnac is produced through a single distillation and aged in oak from a blend of grapes that includes Ugni Blanc grown in the Armagnac region. Bas-Armagnac is one of the three areas within in the region that produces the highest quality Armagnac.

Calvados is made using apples or pears from the Normandy region in northern France that are distilled either once or twice, then aged in oak and blended.

The youngest blends are Fine, VS (Very Special) and Three Star. These must be aged for a minimum of 2½ years.

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92363	REMY MARTIN	VSOP	700mL	\$110.00
92395	REMY MARTIN	XO	700mL	\$299.00
92373	REMY MARTIN	LOUIS XIII	700mL	\$3950.00

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Calvados

92088	CHRISTIAN DROUIN SÉLECTION	700mL	\$63.00
92084	CHRISTIAN DROUIN BLANCHE DE NORMANDY	700mL	\$67.00
92086	CHRISTIAN DROUIN FINE CALVADOS	700mL	\$77.00
92085	CHRISTIAN DROUIN VSOP	700mL	\$105.00
92091	CHRISTIAN DROUIN POMME PRISONNIÈRE	900mL	\$149.00

Armagnac

92202	TARIQUET	VSOP	700mL	\$62.00
92203	TARIQUET	XO	700mL	\$87.00
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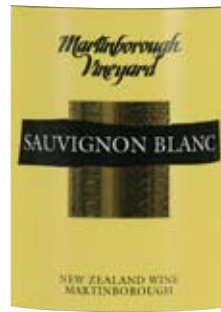
By the bottle or by the case, we have the month's bargain buys



Kim Crawford
Briant Gisborne Merlot 2007
 was \$34.00 now **\$14.90** 11676



*Stunning single vineyard
 Gisborne Merlot*



Martinborough
Sauvignon Blanc 2008
 was \$27.50 now **\$14.90** 13742



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Jules Taylor
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Te Tera Martinborough
Sauvignon Blanc 2008
 was \$22.90 now **\$13.90** 13739



Winery clearance

Pinot Noir



Torea

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 12293

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

One of the best Pinots in our stores

The Torea is the South Island oystercatcher, which has crazy, spindly red legs and feet which leave kooky little imprints on the mudflats at low tide. No relevance at all, but you don't get to talk much about seabirds these days, I've found. This wine, then, is a full-on, plummy, flavoursome little beauty from the Fairhall Downs team, and if it isn't the best-value Pinot Noir that we have on the shop floor... but fortunately it is, so no weird superlatives needed. Slightly spicy, it's great with Moroccan Lamb.

Judge Rock

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$42.00 now **\$34.00** 18438

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.50 A BOTTLE

Top Central Otago producer

Better to know the judge than the law, I've heard it said, and you'd do well to get acquainted with this finely-honed piece of work. The medal room at this family-focused winery must be the size of Belgium by now, and this pulled an Elite Gold at last year's Air New Zealands, but it's what's in the bottle, not on it, that we look at here. Great presence, pushy varietal cherry plushness, spice sprinklings and a dash of funky intrigue. Not a lot made, but much to be enjoyed.



Rimu Grove

Bronte Nelson Pinot Noir 2006

RRP \$29.00 now **\$19.90** 10412

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Smart new producer

This hails from sunny Nelson, Bronte being reflective of the peninsula upon which the vineyards sit, rather than any pretensions to literary grandeur. 'All apple orchards round here when I were a lad,' the slow removal thereof and replacement with vitis vinifera sees the Grovers on the map for vintage 2000. This is very much handpicked and handmade; with a picture-perfect summer and early picking, ripening ended up being superb, and this shows great spicy fruitcake flavours, intense concentration and excellent length.



Nautilus

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$38.00 now **\$29.90** 15465

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

From a very consistent Marlborough winery

The aromatics are the best one out of the chocolate box, dark fruits and raspberries wrapped up in said milk chocolate. There is real palate weight here, excellent ripeness/fruit sweetness and a warmth that is alluring and comfortable, augmented by the soft, plush tannins. You'll find you sink into it rather than drink it, an in-of-body experience, if you will. The 2006 got 91 points in Spectator.



Jules Taylor

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

RRP \$32.00 now **\$29.90** 12933

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

New Release from Jules

We do tend to salivate a bit at the prospect of a new JT release, particularly when it comes to her Pinot. Partly it fuels our theory that with good Pinot, 'if you don't hurry you won't get a seat' (witness how fast previous vintages sold out, should you doubt). This very much skips down that varietal black cherry path, with much intensity and concentration proving beyond doubt that Central and Martinborough do not hold all the cards when it comes to finely-tuned Pinot Noir.

Maude

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$39.00 now **\$34.00** 19980

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$32.00 A BOTTLE

A highlight of our Central Otago tour in January

The Glengarry kids that flitted down to the Central Otago Festival in late January tasted about a gazillion wines, but the Maude seemed to lodge in their back brains more than most. An impressive wine, with real weight and a meaty succulence that commands attention. It's the sort of wine that might make other Pinots nervous if they all had to share the same pen. Keep it separate, keep some in the cellar.



Margrain Home Block

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$49.00 now **\$39.00** 13688

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

From the birthplace of New Zealand Pinot

A concentration that makes Bobbie Fischer look unfocused. Always an impressive wine, the 2007 will lash you to the mast with its pronounced jamminess and sweet fruit ripeness, then give you a gentle flick of finely integrated tannins for good measure. Warm, rich, generous and very, very well priced.



Villa Maria

Iconic New Zealand Winery

Villa Maria is New Zealand's largest privately-owned family winery, and its record in local and international competitions is unsurpassed by any other New Zealand wine company. Winestate named Villa Maria New Zealand Winery of the Year in their annual wine awards, the tenth time in eleven years that Villa Maria has been honoured.

It is impossible to profile Villa Maria without mentioning the remarkable contribution that founder and managing director George Fistonich has made to the company, and to the New Zealand wine industry.

George's single-minded approach, passion and entrepreneurial flair have earned him a remarkable number of awards; the National Business Review named him New Zealander of the year in 2004, and he was listed as one of fifty prominent figures in the wine industry by UK Wine International.

From its modest beginnings in the early 1960s, Villa Maria has risen to become New Zealand's superstar winery, renowned throughout the world for the consistent quality of its wines. The architect of its success is quick to acknowledge that it is his winemaking team that deserves the credit.

In 2005 George Fistonich received the title of Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to the wine industry. He will soon become the first wine industry figure to be knighted. We can't think of a more deserving recipient; his contribution to this country's wine reputation is immeasurable.

Villa Maria Taylors Pass Vineyard Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$22.90** 19568

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Sited 100 metres above sea level on the north banks of the Awatere Valley, the Taylors Pass Vineyard delivered an excellent crop of Sauvignon Blanc in the 2007/2008 season, due to good vineyard management and a low cropping regime. It is a classy, pale lemon wine with an exuberant bouquet displaying layers of passionfruit, melon and citrus aromas supported by a touch of mineral. The brisk mouthfeel captures perfectly the pure gooseberry-tropical fruit flavours, neatly balanced by a squeeze of lime.



Villa Maria Taylors Pass Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$39.00 now **\$34.90** 19560

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Awatere's Taylors Pass Vineyard is characterised by its free-draining, gravel-laden soils that consistently produce low yields of exceptionally flavoured grapes. The grapes were hand harvested, whole bunch pressed and, following fermentation, matured in French oak barriques and 75% lees aged. The 2006 is a complex Chardonnay, beautifully crafted to showcase its Awatere terroir. The bouquet is inlaid with whispers of citrus, mineral and oatmeal mingling with smoky oak. A complex, elegantly conceived wine with a fine textural feel and a long, flavoursome finish.



Villa Maria Seddon Vineyard Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008

was \$33.00 now **\$25.90** 19541

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.40 A BOTTLE

Sited on exposed river terraces, the Seddon Vineyard enjoys warm daytime temperatures and distinctly cool evenings that help to concentrate fruit flavours. The wine has an alluring, exotic bouquet of pipfruit laced with cinnamon and almond nuances. The off-dry palate is concentrated and sensual, with a silky texture and a fine finish.



Villa Maria Omahu Gravels Vineyard Hawke's Bay Viognier 2008

was \$42.00 now **\$34.90** 19542

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

The Omahu Gravels Vineyard is directly in the middle of Hawke's Bay's Gimblett Gravels district. It enjoys a hot, dry meso climate that, coupled to its free-draining gravel soils, makes it an ideal site for Viognier. An outstanding, off-dry style with a bouquet of perfumed stonefruit and cream, this wine boasts lovely apricot and pear flavours wrapped around a lush, velvety coat.



Villa Maria Reserve Marlborough Chardonnay 2006

was \$38.00 now **\$29.90** 19775

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

A blend of Awatere and Wairau Valley fruit selected from premium vineyards, the grapes were whole bunch pressed, fermented in French barriques, put through malolactic and lees aged in barrel for 12 months. The fragrant bouquet is laden with ripe fruit and biscuity nuances combining with spicy oak. The palate is well poised and graceful, with citrus flavours enhanced by the creamy texture and lingering finish.



Villa Maria Reserve Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Merlot 2005

was \$54.00 now **\$44.90** 19718

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$44.40 A BOTTLE

With significant awards under its belt, the 2005 Reserve Merlot is a deep, glossy, garnet-coloured wine displaying a sophisticated bouquet of spice-edged cassis, violet and berry aromas melding with cedary oak nuances. The palate has a superb, seductive fruit momentum that asserts itself right through to the last sip. Wonderfully structured and harmonious, this is a class act.



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A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

BURGUNDY

Burgundy produces some of the greatest wines in the world, but sorting out what's there can be frustrating. It is the most terroir-conscious wine region in France, with more than 600 individual appellations. Its AC system guarantees the origin of the wine, not its quality; theoretically, the smaller and more precise the appellation, the higher the quality. At the top of the pecking order are the Grand Cru ACs, followed by the Premier Crus; a rung down are individual village appellations and specific regional appellations, like Chablis or Haute-Côte de Nuits, down to Bourgogne AC, which covers the whole region.

There are approximately forty Grand and Premier Crus that produce Burgundy's finest wines. They are located only in Chablis and the Côte d'Or. This world famous strip consists of two zones; the Côte de Nuits, which produces Burgundy's most concentrated reds, and Côte de Beaune, home to fine reds and some of the region's greatest whites. Chablis is noted for its pure, mineral-edged Chardonnays.

Thanks to the Burgundian laws of inheritance, vineyards with individual ACs are fragmented and owned by dozens of small-scale growers. These small holders find it convenient and commercially viable to sell their wines to negociants, who blend and market the wines under each appellation. The last fifty years has seen the emergence of an increasing number of go-it-alone individuals who grow, blend and bottle single estate burgundies. The quantities of these domaine-bottled wines are invariably small, but they are among Burgundy's best and most authentic expressions.

Labouré-Roi Collection Bourgogne Rouge 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$27.00** 42381

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.50 A BOTTLE

Established in 1832, Labouré-Roi has become one of the most important exporters of Burgundian wines. The nose combines berry and cherry aromas with hints of forest floor. Medium-bodied, fresh cherry flavours develop through the mid-palate and mingle with herbal notes. Nicely rounded, with a supple backbone of well integrated tannins.



Nicolas Potel Cuvée Gerard Potel Bourgogne 2006

was \$40.00 now **\$36.00** 42448

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE

Nicolas Potel has established himself as one of the leading Burgundian negociants. This is dedicated to the memory of his father, Gerard Potel, who managed the esteemed Domaine Pousse d'Or. Classically styled, the bouquet has alluring strawberry and cherry aromas with nuances of mushroom. It has well defined, forward fruit flavours with traces of spice deftly coiled around a velvety core.



Gros Frère et Soeur Hautes Côtes de Nuits Bourgogne 2006

was \$48.00 now **\$39.00** 43140

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.50 A BOTTLE

There are several Domaines managed by members of the famous Gros family; Gros Frere et Soeur is run by Bernard Gros, son of the legendary Jean Gros. Bernard owns land in the famous Grand Cru Vosne-Romanée vineyard, amongst others, and thus has access to some of Burgundy's best Pinot Noir. This 2006 wine from the Côtes de Nuits is lightly fined but not filtered. It has lovely aromas of fresh redcurrant, cherry and toasty oak, while the silky palate has supple tannins supporting the fruit.



Nicolas Potel Chambolle-Musigny Vieilles Vignes 2006

was \$86.00 now **\$75.00** 42469

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$74.50 A BOTTLE

The Chambolle-Musigny appellation is one of the smallest in the Côtes de Nuits, but it includes two exceptional Grand Crus plus a dozen or more Premier Crus. The well connected Nicolas Potel works closely with growers to access superior fruit for his blends. This is an exceptional Burgundy for the price. With its profoundly fragrant bouquet of berry, cherry and spice, the silky palate is elegant and concentrated, finishing on an enigmatic, delicate note.



Domaine Séguinot-Bordet Petit Chablis 2007

was \$32.00 now **\$24.00** 40467

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.50 A BOTTLE

The Petit Chablis AC is the smallest of the four Chablis Appellations. Domaine Séguinot-Bordet dates from 1590 and is currently controlled by Jean Francois Bordet. He has a contemporary approach to wine-making, practising cool fermentation and lees ageing to maximise mouthfeel. The wine has a nose of floral and apple notes, along with mineral and mealy nuances. The palate is well balanced and has a lively presence, a touch of smooth richness and a fine, crisp finish.



Domaine Laroche Saint Martin Chablis 2007

was \$46.00 now **\$36.00** 48546

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE

Michel Laroche, whose family has been making Chablis since 1850, passionately believes that great Chablis can only be made from the finest Chardonnay. The company owns 63 hectares of meticulously managed vineyards. The Saint Martin was cool fermented to retain freshness and put through 100% malolactic to add greater dimension. The fine, distinguished nose shows pipfruit and mineral notes. A most harmonious wine, with a fruity character and a long, fresh finish.



a taste of *Italy*

SANGIOVESE

Sangiovese (pronounced san-jo-vay-zay) is Italy's most commonly-planted red grape variety. Most authorities believe it originated in Tuscany and was known in its original wild form to the Etruscans.

The name Sangiovese is derived from the Latin 'sanguis Jovis' or 'blood of Jove,' and like that mythological Roman God, Sangiovese has a changeable personality. As with Pinot Noir, the variety is genetically prone to mutation, and there are a least fourteen Sangiovese clones.

Sangiovese grows well in a variety of soils; it generally has relatively thin skins, matures slowly and ripens late in the season, and thus prefers a hot, dry climate like Tuscany's.

It does not have assertive aromatics; the bouquet is suggestive of strawberry, blueberry, violet, plum and some faintly floral characters. Sangiovese produces a broad range of wines that includes novella, rosato, frizzante and sweet passito styles. It is famously the main component of Chianti blends. These wines can be light, medium-weighted and display diverse flavours of morello cherry, plum, violet, tomato, earthy nuances and spicy, tarry oak influence.

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Pasqua

Le Collezioni Sangiovese IGT 2007

was \$13.50 now **\$10.90** 62472

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE

The Sangiovese grapes were selected from vineyards located in the western tip of Sicily. To promote fresh fruit flavours the wine was fermented at controlled temperatures in stainless steel tanks and put through malolactic to add softness to the palate. It is an early drinking style with youthful purple flashes. The nose expresses classic varietal aromas of violet, black cherry and hints of herb swirling in the background. On the palate it shows a good depth of ripe tasting fruit enhanced by supple tannins and a long finish.



Bolla

Sangiovese di Romagna DOC 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$15.90** 62568

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

This is off vines from the Emilia-Romagna zone in the northern-central region of Italy. The fruit was hand harvested and fermented in stainless steel tanks. Following malolactic, the wine was lees aged to add complexity and texture. There are attractive morello cherry and tomato leaf aromas dusted by spice. The medium-bodied palate delivers spicy and savoury flavours complemented by a silky feel, soft tannins and a fresh, lingering finish. A versatile food wine that is great with pasta, barbecued meats and cheese.



Cecchi Bonizio

Sangiovese di Maremma IGT 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 62454

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Harvested from the Maremma region on the southern coast of Tuscany; the Cecchi family have had a long association with this region. The Bonizio is fermented and matured in tank; the nose exudes ripe cherry, violet and earthy aromas, while the vinous, slightly juicy palate is well proportioned, with the fine berry flavours supported by a supple tannin structure.



Bolla

Chianti DOCG 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$16.90** 62571

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Hand harvested from low-yielding hillside vineyards in the DOCG zone of Chianti, this unwooded wine is great value. The grapes were macerated and fermented in temperature controlled tanks to preserve the varietal characteristics of the Sangiovese. It is a cerise/ruby-coloured wine with a distinctive, spicy strawberry bouquet. The palate is nicely weighted and fresh, with well-defined fruit complemented by a svelte texture and a fine, longish finish.



Cecchi

Chianti DOCG 2007

was \$21.50 now **\$18.00** 62450

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$17.50 A BOTTLE

The Cecchi family's flagship Chianti. The 'G' in DOCG indicates that this wine is a step up from the more basic DOC wine, and must be submitted to an official tasting panel. The wine was aged in selected oak barrels and lightly filtered. It is a deep ruby red with rich aromas of cherry, plum and berries on the nose. The well integrated palate is characterised by violet nuances that linger on at the finish.



Rocca delle Macie

Chianti Classico 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$26.00** 67489

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$25.50 A BOTTLE

Rocca delle Macie has forged an enviable reputation throughout the world as one of the stars of Chianti. Hand harvested from low yielding vines in the heart of the Classico zone, the wine was aged in selected Slovenian and French oak barrels for up to ten months. The nose has varietal aromas of violet and berries combining with spicy oak. The velvety palate is dominated by ripe fruit flavours, well integrated with oak nuances. Excellent value.



a taste of
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RIOJA

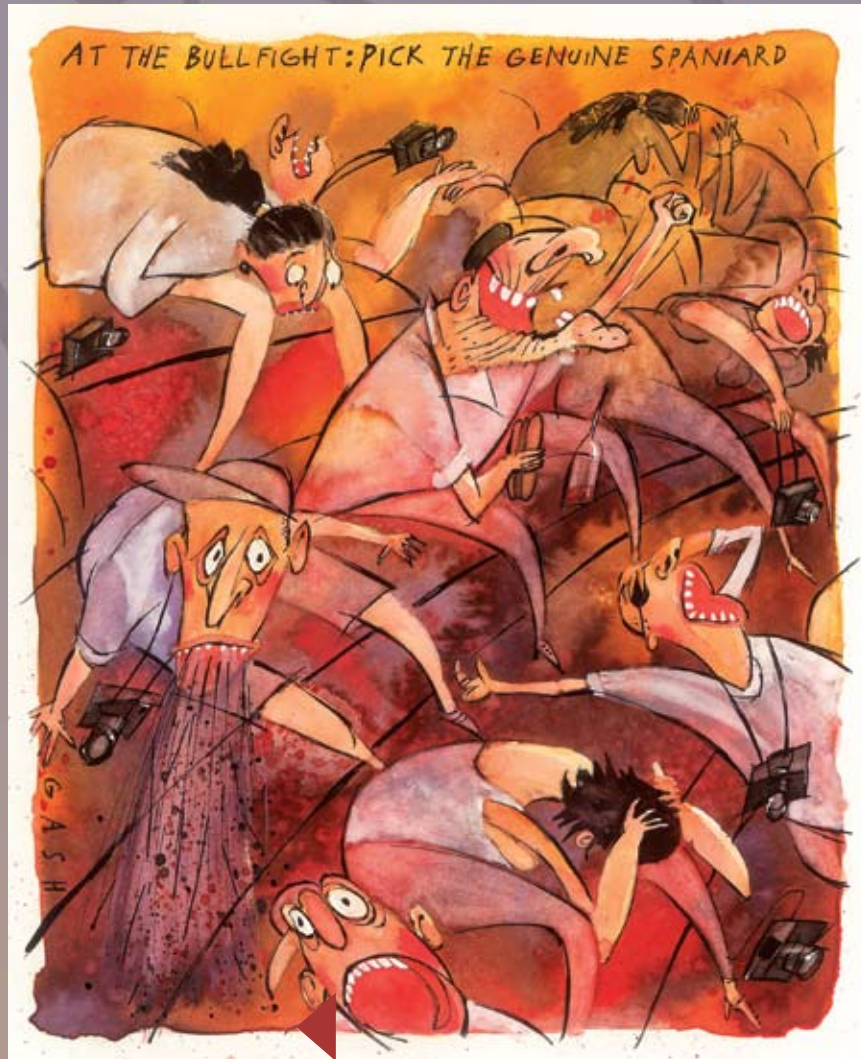
Produced in the northeast of the country in the narrow, landlocked valley of the River Ebro, Rioja is unquestionably Spain's most famous red wine. With Spain's only DOCa classification, the highest in the country, Rioja's prime ingredients are the indigenous varieties Tempranillo and Garnacha.

Tempranillo ripens two weeks earlier than Garnacha; it produces deeply coloured, richly flavoured wines with Pinot Noir-like strawberry characteristics. Tempranillo wines can be light bodied, so it is usually blended with Garnacha to add body.

Many Riojas are blends of wines grown in its three geologically and climatically diverse sub-regions; the cooler Alta and Alavesa, dominated by Tempranillo, and the warmer, Garnacha-leaning Baja.

The common denominator is the unmistakable influence of sweet vanilla oak, a legacy of French vigneron who arrived in Rioja in the 19th century. They introduced their winemaking techniques together with the oak barrique maturation that has become the hallmark of the Rioja style.

Recent years have seen the emergence of a new wave of winemakers who have embraced modern technology to produce modern, well made and smartly-priced wines that are uniquely Spanish in character.



Palacios Remondo
La Vendimia Rioja 2007

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 88060

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A blend of Garnacha and Tempranillo aged in oak for just four months, and thus classified as a 'Joven' or young wine. Medium-bodied, with enticing berry, cherry, spice and smoky aromas, the palate is graceful, with mouthfilling fruit flavours supported by a swathe of vanillin oak. It has a fresh, fruity character and a long finish that makes it an outstanding transitional red, perfect for the change of season and a wide array of foods.



Palacios Remondo
La Montesa Rioja 2005

was \$36.90 now **\$28.00** 88061

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$27.50 A BOTTLE

La Montesa is named after the hillside vineyard in the north-eastern Rioja which, like all Palacios Remondo properties, is organically managed. Bottled unfiltered and unfinned to preserve the character of the vineyard, the elegant nose has profound aromas of raspberry, blackberry, spice and pepper. This is a serious wine, with layers of berryfruit, nutmeg, plum and coffee enhanced by some judicious oak and a firm structure.



Allende Rioja 2004

was \$55.00 now **\$49.00** 87800

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$48.50 A BOTTLE

Owned by the de Gregorio family, Finca Allende was established in 1995, but they have been buying grapes and making wine since 1986. This 100% Tempranillo was grown at the family's own 22-hectare estate near Briones in Rioja Alta. Produced in the de Gregorios' modern winery, it was aged in oak but bottled unfiltered. It is a rich wine with blackberry and cassis notes and hints of tobacco on the nose. Wonderfully smooth, it has a good dollop of ripe fruit, a smidgen of mocha and well integrated oak.



Marqués de Cáceres
Crianza 2005

was \$36.00 now **\$25.00** 87990

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.50 A BOTTLE

A blend of 85% Tempranillo with 15% Garnacha and Graciano, aged in oak barrels for 12 months and a further 14 months in bottle. The nose is a concentrated bouquet of morello cherries, blackberry and a hint of herb in the background mingling with sweet oak. The palate is lusciously ripe tasting and fruity, with upfront berryfruit and notes of nutmeg nicely integrated with oaky nuances. Well structured and balanced, it is silky in texture and long in flavour.



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

1 Akarua
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$18.90** 10196

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A classically styled Sauvignon with a lively bouquet of gooseberry underscored by grassy nuances. Wonderfully fresh, it's enhanced by a hint of mineral and a lingering, fruity finish.



2 Jean Chartron
Le Jaja de Jean Chardonnay 2006

was \$35.00 now **\$23.90** 41436

CASE OF 12 \$23.40 A BOTTLE

An elegant barrel fermented Chardonnay from Burgundy's Puligny-Montrachet appellation. Beautifully balanced, with ripe pipfruit aromas and flavours supported by understated oak.



3 Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels
Hawke's Bay Tempranillo 2007

was \$32.00 now **\$28.00** 19274

CASE OF 12 \$27.50 A BOTTLE

Tempranillo has flourished in Hawke's Bay, as this 2007 release demonstrates. Ripe, spice-edged plum aromas tumble through onto the superbly structured palate. Great drinking.



4 Alpha Domus
The Navigator 2004

was \$24.90 now **\$21.00** 15272

CASE OF 12 \$20.50 A BOTTLE

Awarded four stars by Decanter, this classy Bordeaux-styled red offers much more than its price would suggest. Seductively smooth, with layers of fruit supported by unobtrusive oak.



5 Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection
Waipara Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$24.00** 10319

CASE OF 12 \$23.50 A BOTTLE

A superb straw-coloured Sauvignon Blanc with abundant gooseberry and hints of herb on the nose. Artfully balanced, with the emphasis on fresh, upfront fruit flavours.



6 Akarua
Central Otago Pinot Gris 2008

was \$26.90 now **\$19.90** 10194

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Richly flavoured with a bouquet of distinct pear notes and a floral hint in the background. The alluring palate has tiers of honeyed tropical fruit balanced by a dash of citrus.



7 Whitestone
Waipara Pinot Gris 2008

was \$22.00 now **\$18.90** 11380

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A nicely weighted, off-dry style that is equally good on its own or paired with food. It develops through the mid-palate to display spicy nuances that complement the ripe fruit flavours.



8 Church Road
Reserve Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2007

was \$33.90 now **\$28.90** 15189

CASE OF 6 \$28.40 A BOTTLE

The winner of several trophies and one of New Zealand's most consistent Chardonnays. Barrel fermented and aged in French oak, nutty peach aromas and flavours prevail.



9 Montes Limited Selection
Cabernet Sauvignon Carménère 2007

was \$23.00 now **\$17.90** 90520

CASE OF 12 \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Grown in Chile's Colchagua Valley region, this is an intense wine with deep-seated flavours of black cherry, berry and plum supported by spicy oak nuances. Great value.



10 Julicher
Marlborough Pinot Noir 2005

was \$34.00 now **\$29.00** 10709

CASE OF 12 \$28.50 A BOTTLE

It's hard to say no to this seductive Pinot Noir; the sensuous, perfumed nose is packed with cherry, plum and spicy oak. Elegantly structured and velvety smooth.





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