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139 ponsonby rd
378 8252

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164 parnell rd
358 1333

newmarket
22 morrow st
524 5789

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528 5272

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250 dominion rd
623 0811

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379 8416

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523 1594

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467 new north rd
815 9207

westmere
164 garnet rd
360 4035

wellington

thorndon
232 thorndon quay
472 7051

kelburn
85 upland rd
475 7849

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paramount cinema building
27 courtenay place
385 9600

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54 jervois rd 376 2813

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Manager at Glengarry Ponsonby, Stephanie Connor, and assistant manager/window artist Andon Monk

They're alive with enthusiasm and energy, and it's only 10am on a dull, grey morning. You get the impression words such as 'dull' and 'grey' long left the lexicon of Ponsonby retail manager Stephanie Connor and her colleague Andon Monk. Their infectious zeal is no real surprise though; a quick scope of the storefront makes it clear that this is No Ordinary Retail Outlet. The windows are colourfully dressed and designed for impact, with one in particular housing a massive Western-themed piece of art. Who is the Titian in training? Andon.

'Everyone talks about the window,' Stephanie tells me. 'People stand there and watch Andon paint. They've even been coming in this morning and asking when he will be finished.'

Becoming a talking point on this stretch of visually arresting real estate is no mean feat, but the store itself, which has a very high customer count, seems to be a magnet. The cliché 'community flavour' is only a cliché here, because it's true. It is the sort of store where regular customers stop you in the street to chat.

'They're a very diverse bunch,' proffers Stephanie, 'and you can have some extremely interesting conversations. And we're always so busy.' There do seem to be at least a dozen people in the store at any one time, milling around, wanting to know about this or that wine, wanting to talk, buying something they haven't tried before.

Tickety-boo as it all seems to be, there are some plans in development, too. There is a large space above the store with stunning views of the city which has been earmarked for greater things, including use as a tasting room and home to a regular wine club. Until then, there is always a bottle open for customers to try, and, despite the busyness, it's clear that there is always time to talk.

I wouldn't call it 'old style' customer service – these two are too colourful for that – but it is the sort of enthusiastic service backed with a knowledge of wine that makes you feel delighted you put your head in the door in the first place.

Jak Jakicevich

MANAGER'S PICK STEPHANIE CONNOR



Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007 10917

\$24.90 CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Was \$29.90

I chose this because it's such good value. For \$24.90, you're getting a top-tier Pinot Noir when that money would normally only buy you a second label wine. And it has so much more character than the Pinots that are similarly priced. It's smooth, fruity and full of flavour. I love it.

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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

d'Arenberg The Stump Jump McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$13.90** 20750

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE
Delivering a welcome change from the big corporate wineries that so dominate the Australian industry, d'Arenberg reflects the personality of owner Chester d'Arenberg Osborn, a quirky, brilliant and innovative individual with a huge respect for tradition harnessed to a fierce drive for future betterment. The Stump Jump is a fantastic, flavoursome floozy that will come for everything you've got, except your overdraft. She's awash with ripe fruits, tingles with seductive spice and embraces your senses with a warm, savoury earthiness. Exciting, easy drinking at an exceptional price.

Arrogant Frog Ribet White Chardonnay Viognier 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$14.90** 43968

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.00 A BOTTLE
New World style, Old World finesse

The Guardian's Winery of the Year sits in the Herault Valley in the Languedoc, if you're setting your GPS for the heart of the sun(shine). New World style, Old World vineyards and otherworldly in its impact, the delicious, intense nose of biscuity chardonnay notes, almost à la Champagne, opens her up, replete with some florals and stonefruit from the Viognier. Richly textured yet firmly acidic, this is great wine, with loads of flavour, weight and warmth and a long finish.

Chateau Nicot Bordeaux 2005

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.00 A BOTTLE
Brilliantly priced Bordeaux from the outstanding 2005 vintage

With a breathtaking display of cleverness, we have managed to source more of this extremely smart Bordeaux from a cracking vintage. It has the superb aromatics that defined the 2005s. Even now, with four years under its expanding waistline, it's as fresh as a daisy chain. Softened by time, there is still tannic structure there, which comes through at the end to frame the fruit beautifully. And it looks the part, too, so would impress well when you swing by your next gathering.

Pencarrow

Martinborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$19.00 now **\$10.90** 17045

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$10.40 A BOTTLE
Palliser's precocious little brother

The second-tier label of the pioneering Palliser Estate, this is a scrumptious, upfront style of Chardonnay that's lush, rich and mouthfilling. There are no airs and graces here, dear me, no, but with a style and finesse well in excess of its price, you'd do well to gather a few under your wing, belt or any other appendage.

*Also instore, Pencarrow's Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Was \$19.00, now only \$10.90* 17049

Spy Valley

Marlborough Unoaked Chardonnay 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$15.90** 18371

Far from being an easy off-the-vine-and-onto-the-bottling-line kinda wine, 'oak-less' means that there is nowhere to hide. Not for the fruit, nor the winemaker. Any blemish or fault will immediately show up in the final wine. Not here, though; the pristine fruit is lashed to a lush crush of peaches and melons. Invigorating and satisfying.

Ti Point two

Matakana Merlot Cabernet Franc 2007

was \$21.90 now **\$15.90** 19031

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.90 A BOTTLE
Grown north of Matakana and a deep-fried scallop's throw from the thoroughly excellent Leigh fish 'n' chip shop, this is a silky smooth blend of Matron Merlot and the rather chipper underling Cabernet Franc, whose delicious softness and high fruit impact is unmissable if you know where to look. Small parcels of hand-picked ambrosia are gently smuggled through in older oak, so a gentle wooden imprint on bright, ripe fruit is the very appealing result.

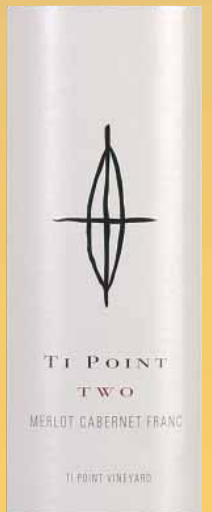
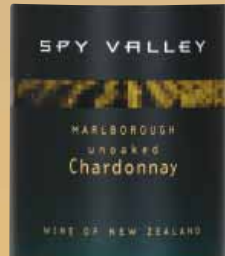
Akarua

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Enthusiastic and vibrant, with intense gooseberry and passionfruit aromas and an underlying flintiness. An excitingly broad palate with citrus leaning leanly on the fence of richness, the acidity provides a firm backbone rather than something that removes the roof of your mouth at twenty paces, as can be the case with untrammelled versions of Sauvignon Blanc. An excellent expression that proves no variety is beyond them at Akkers Central.



a taste of

Argentina

With 200,000 hectares under vine, Argentina is the fourth-largest producer in the world. Historically, its wine production was based on satisfying the voracious appetite of its own inhabitants, and until recent times it exported very little.

Argentina does not have any indigenous grapes; vitis vinifera cuttings were brought into the country by Spanish priests, and winemaking well established in the Mendoza region by the 16th century. Today, Mendoza's wineries are responsible for about 75 % of the country's production and 95% of all exports.

Located in the foothills of the Andes, Mendoza has approximately 150,000 hectares of vineyards, more than the combined acreage of Australia and New Zealand. A distinctive aspect of Mendozan vineyards is their naturally healthy condition, courtesy of a dry, sunny climate that reduces disease.

A combination of overseas investment and flying winemakers has introduced modern technical know-how, while grape yields have been drastically reduced and significant temperature-controlled fermentation equipment introduced.

Malbec and Cabernet are the leading varieties for red wines, but there is also some Merlot, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, Syrah, Bonardo and Pinot Noir. Whites are produced from Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and, increasingly, Viognier. Things are changing fast in Argentina, and there is no doubt that it has the potential to become a major force in the fine wine markets of the world.

Kaiken

Ultra Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$38.50 now **\$26.90** 90558

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

One of Argentina's best-value wines

Wine Spectator Value Finder selected Kaiken Ultra as one of the best-value Argentine wines they had tasted. This is a blend of Cabernet and Malbec harvested from 50-year-old vines. Following fermentation and blending, 80% of the wine was matured in French oak barrels. It is a deep, rich colour, with berry and cherry aromas embellished by hints of coffee and spicy oak, and a heart of ripe, concentrated fruit and integrated oak. Deliciously long.



Cheval des Andes

2005

was \$138.00 now **\$125.00** 90070

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$120.00 A BOTTLE

Outstanding wine produced with the esteemed Château Cheval Blanc

Produced in conjunction with the illustrious Château Cheval Blanc (St-Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classé), this is a Bordeaux blend produced by Bordeaux-born Nicolas Audebert, working alongside Pierre Lurton of Château Cheval Blanc and using estate-grown fruit from Mendoza. The complex bouquet exhibits black cherry and violets melding with smoky oak. On the palate, it is remarkably focused and elegant, with a superb, velvety, finely-grained tannic texture. A class act on every level.



Chakana

Malbec 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 90152

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

90/100 and Best Buy -The Wine Enthusiast

Fruit-driven, 100% Malbec harvested from 35-year-old vines on the company's estate. It is a purple-fringed, ruby wine with plum, soft summer fruits and spice characters on the nose and palate. Fruity and velvety smooth, it's excellent value.



Chakana

Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 90150

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Vibrant, balanced Cabernet

As with their Malbec and Syrah, Chakana's 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon was produced to showcase the pure varietal characters. A vibrant, purple-trimmed wine showing an attractive bouquet of distinctive blackcurrant aromas, a glimmer of mint and spicy notes. Beautifully balanced, with a mellow, lingering finish.



Chakana

Syrah 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 90151

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Ready to drink

An early-drinking, stylish Syrah fermented in stainless steel tanks and partially matured in French and American oak. The peppery, berry nose hints at floral notes and mineral, while the palate is full of seductive, ripe, juicy fruit flavours embellished by spicy nuances and complemented by a mellow tannin structure.



Chakana

Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$27.00 now **\$19.90** 90155

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Elegant 100% Argentine Cabernet

Chakana's reserve wines are produced in relatively limited quantities. This was matured for twelve months in French and American oak and bottle-aged for six months prior to release. It is a rich, generously-flavoured and elegantly-structured wine, enhanced by smooth, supple tannins that provide a silky mouthfeel.



a taste of Chile

Winemaking was introduced into Chile by Spanish Conquistadores and missionaries in the mid-sixteenth century. Following independence from Spain, immigrant farmers from Europe introduced vine cuttings, notably Bordeaux varietals.

By the time powdery mildew and phylloxera devastated European vineyards in the late 19th century, Chile had accumulated its own collection of healthy vitis vinifera cuttings. Today it is, famously, the only country which remains free of phylloxera and powdery mildew, freeing growers from frequent spraying and expensive grafting on resistant rootstocks.

Chile's vineyards enjoy a temperate maritime climate with a long, dry ripening season. The vineyards are influenced by the country's two dominant forces, the Andes and the Pacific Ocean; the mountains provide irrigating water and the Pacific has a cooling influence. The main vinifera varieties grown include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and the interesting Carménère for reds, and for whites, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

In the last decade, vineyard yields have been lowered and modern winemaking practices introduced, in the process transforming Chilean wine so that after 500 years, the country has emerged as one of the most important players in world markets, and the flagship for the wines of South America.

Montes Classic Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$23.50 now **\$17.90** 90535

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
Spice-edged blackberry & plum

An 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot blend from Montes' Colchagua Valley vineyard, this was matured for six months in new and seasoned American oak. It is a deep, dark, glossy wine with a bouquet of spice-edged blackberry and plum. The full-bodied palate has persistent berryfruit flavours supported by chocolate nuances, mellow tannins and a fine finish. Minimally filtered, the wine will benefit from decanting.



Montes Alpha Syrah 2006

was \$39.50 now **\$29.90** 90575

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE
Intense and elegant Syrah

This is a very northern Rhône-like Syrah, a blend of 90% Syrah, with 7% Cabernet to add structure and 3% Viognier to provide lifted aromatics. The fruit was harvested from Montes' low-yielding La Finca vineyard in the Apalta Valley. It is an intense, almost opaque wine, with a lovely bouquet displaying white pepper, cherry, and plum aromas embellished by hints of chocolate, earthy notes and integrated oak. Elegantly structured and beautifully poised, with persistent fruit flavours and a suave mouthfeel.

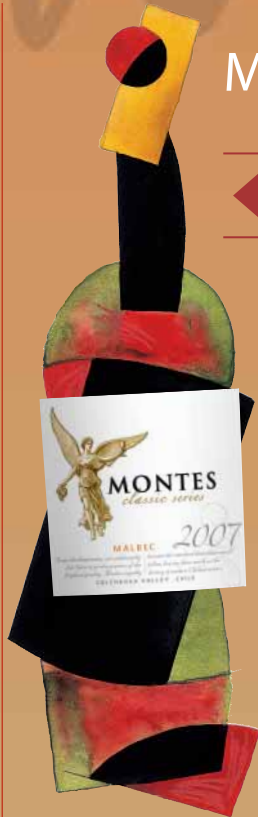


Montes Classic Series Malbec 2007

was \$23.50 now **\$17.90** 90525

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
Voluptuous and silky Malbec

Winemaker Aurelio Montes has crafted a delicious and extremely well-priced Malbec. Aged for six months in American oak, it is a dark purple colour, opening with lush damson plum and violet aromas that lead on to floral and spice notes. The palate possesses a rather voluptuous character, with ripe plum flavours, hints of raisin and a touch of tobacco. Full bodied and silky in texture, it has a lingering, savoury finish.



Montes Classic Series Merlot 2007

was \$23.50 now **\$17.90** 90530

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE
Smooth and harmonious Merlot

Matured for six months in American oak barrels, this is a healthy, glossy garnet colour with a glimmer of purple. The bouquet combines fresh, ripe raspberry and plum aromas with blackberry and understated oak. The addition of 15% Cabernet Sauvignon has provided a structure and depth that complements the lush Merlot fruit. Harmonious and balanced, it is a smooth, sophisticated wine with a long aftertaste.



Montes Purple Angel Carménère Petit Verdot 2005

was \$88.00 now **\$67.00** 90570

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$66.50 A BOTTLE
Outstanding gold-medal wine

Purple Angel is predominately Carménère with a touch of Petit Verdot. Half the Carménère was grown in the La Finca vineyard and half in the Archangel Estate, hence the name. Following primary and malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged in French barriques for eighteen months. It is an unfiltered wine with a deep, youthful colour and a concentrated bouquet of currant, chocolate and spicy oak. Layers of lush fruit and mocha notes are complemented by the spicy oak and enhanced by ripe tannins. Outstanding.





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Sauvignon Blanc

Lake Chalice
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008



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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Gold medal Sauvignon Blanc

Intense aromas of passionfruit and blackcurrant, exploding with varietal characters. The palate is well weighted and positioned to take all this flavoursome action, and while passionfruit, blackcurrant and gooseberry reign supreme, tight acidity keeps the invigoration factor high. In marketing-speak I think they call this over-delivering.

Jules Taylor
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008



was \$23.90 now **\$18.90** 10711

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE
Gold medal Sauvignon Blanc

Great aromatics - a definitive Marlborough nose, herbaceous and proud, waving its greenness wildly, all mown grass and tinned asparagus. Brilliantly made, it covers all the bases; the acid stops the herbaceous fruit running away with itself, yet rather than narrowing your options it broadens your horizons, being full, fat and friendly.

Chardonnay

Gunn Estate
Chardonnay 2008



was \$17.90 now **\$12.90** 18081

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE
Great vigour & depth of flavour

There's a joke about a Gunn wine having no 'barrel' work, but we'll avoid the paucity of imagination that would even entertain anything so inane. Full throttle Hawke's Bay stonefruit, from the fragrance to the palate. The texture is creamy with great depth of flavour, while the whole is an exercise in freshness and vigour. Outrageous price too.

Brookfields Bergman
Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2008



was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11270

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Iconic Hawke's Bay Chardonnay

The 100% barrel fermentation shows in the colour alone, a rich golden hue, while the peachy, toasty integrated aromatics have a touch of headiness that is just the right side of delirium. Superb texture, it fills the mouth and leaves no stone unturned. The warmth and richness are beguiling, and the fruit holds firm through to the long finish.

Pinot Noir

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

With so much Central Pinot Noir around, at times you wonder if self-immolating while holding a bottle might be the only way of getting anyone's attention. Resorting to more conventional methods, Akarua put the eye-catching content in the Rua bottle, grabbing you with bright berryfruit, intense flavours and delivering much satisfaction.

Martinborough Vineyard
Te Tera Pinot Noir 2008



was \$29.50 now **\$24.90** 13745

Gold medal Pinot Noir

Opens with that barn/byre thing marking it out as French influenced, and there's plenty of fruit swirling about to keep you joyous. There's good weight, and a nice play-off between sweet-touched fruit and acid/tannin which is more character than we all deserve at \$24.90, quite frankly.

Rockburn
Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008



was \$45.00 now **\$36.90** 12365

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.40 A BOTTLE
Consistently brilliant, with 6 gold medal vintages

Considering how difficult '07 was, 2008 must have felt heaven-sent. The fruit was picked very, very ripe from the three contributing sites, seeing judicious oak use, gaining an imprint, not a boot print. There is a floral tone to the deep rivers of fruit aromatics that holds great appeal, while the palate is wide, weighty (14.3%) and everlasting.

Syrah

Brookfields
Back Block Hawke's Bay Syrah 2006



was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11257

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Lovely expression of this emerging NZ variety

A beautiful, bright, carmine electricity to the colour. The aromatics are vigorously fresh, spicy, heady and dominated by dark fruits, and there's a touch of eucalypt or mint. The palate is meaty and fleshy, gently rounded with a firm tannic structure and a good finish offering plenty of interest, especially at this price. Still fighting fit for an '06.



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Pinot Gris

The Ned
Marlborough Pinot Gris 2008



was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 12242

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
'NZ's top Pinot Gris' -Canvas

Full-bodied style, sexily spicy and appealingly smooth. A little pink, just to remind us of the original skin-tone of the grapes, while the aromas are classic rose petals in a crystal bowl by the front door of the mansion. Bright, fruit-driven palate, weighty but still razor sharp. Does it stand out from the rest? Did Little Red Riding wear a hood?



Gisselbrecht
Alsace Pinot Gris 2007

was \$30.50 now **\$22.90** 46979

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

The best vintage yet of our top-selling PG

Indulgent, sensuous, honeyed-fruit nose with a hint of baked apple and a touch of Alsatian minerality. With a gentle, undulating palate of immense richness, it is soft, flowing, deeply complex and exquisitely poised. Beautifully made, and as much like the dilute PG guzzled in the CBD on a Friday night as a haddock is like the Eiffel Tower.

Methodes

Saint-Meyland
French Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV



was \$19.90 now **\$15.90** 43010

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE
Fantastic value French sparkling

Hailing from just outside the revered region itself, a mere sliver of geography means that this is sparkling wine rather than champagne. Fermented in the bottle and aged on its lees, it possesses all the benchmarks of greatness, with Pinot dominating the structure and Chardonnay delivering the deliciously soft and creamy middle.

Allan Scott Blanc de Blancs
Marlborough Brut NV

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 17421

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Clean, crisp méthode, 100% Chardonnay

While oceans of good méthode traditionnelle continue to tsunami forth from Marlborough, you never quite know what's going on in the other room... There you find Allan, tweaking the traditional a little and producing an excellent all-Chardonnay sparkler at a price that doesn't exclude us workers. It's precise and finely chiselled, yet carries good weight from two years on lees.



Cloudy Bay
Pelorus Sparkling Wine NV



was \$39.90 now **\$29.90** 12122

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Made in conjunction with Veuve Clicquot

The Chardonnay-dominated and widely-rated Pelorus is a dead cert, a consistently excellent sparkling wine from this country's most famous international brand. Challenge what you like, but the wine won't lie: regal, authoritative, approachable, fruit-forward, it's also peerless, faultless and, at a tenner off, unbeatable value.

Champagne

Drappier
Carte Blanche Brut NV



was \$59.00 now **\$43.90** 43500

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.90 A BOTTLE

Two centuries of expertise

While Drappier has a great tradition - encrusted oil paintings of great Uncle Albert staring down on the cool flagged hallways and all that - this is a thoroughly modern wine, zippy, vivacious, approachable and charming. Apples dominate the flavours, baked in a strudel-like fashion, while yeast lends weight and complexity. The price alone is enough to get you salivating.

Veuve Clicquot
Brut NV



was \$99.00 now **\$69.90** 49810

This superb champagne is a Glengarry favourite

While this house has the most wondrous history going back to the resilient Madame Clicquot and beyond, it is also a thoroughly modern champagne. Sipped by starlets and nosed by the new elite, it has a freshness, vigour, elegance and vivacity that perfectly reflect the fast times and giddy lifestyle that we all get a taste for now and then.

Pol Roger
Brut Réserve NV



was \$99.90 now **\$74.90** 48210

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$74.40 A BOTTLE

★★★★★ & Gold medal champagne

Rather pleasing to be able to report that in the midst of a supposed downturn, plenty of you are keeping your spirits spiralling upwards with a glass of the good stuff. Pol is consistently one of our biggest sellers, and it can only be because it delivers so much class, finesse and style for its dollar. Doom and gloom be banished, we say.



SPARKLING

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



Taittinger Brut Réserve NV

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

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$74.40 A BOTTLE
Rich, full-bodied champagne

Taittinger can trace their origins back to 1734, which by quick calculation make them the third-oldest Champagne House, no lame claim in an area and industry where tradition carries such great weight. There's a weight to the House wine, too, a firmness of purpose that supports the myriad exotic flavours that fizz across the palate. Carried by a delicate, consistent mousse, you get peaches and white fruit sweetened by vanilla and tarted by citrus. Elegant and creamily rich, the hints of marzipan and almond nod at maturity and round out the whole display perfectly.

Piper Heidsieck Cuvée Brut NV

was \$69.90 now **\$54.90** 48118

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$54.40 A BOTTLE
Extravagantly, audaciously perfect

In the Good Old Days you used to be able to use the word 'gaiety' without a hundred schoolboys sniggering behind their hands, but the word fits Piper perfectly. It does have a gaiety about it, a frivolous radiance that's very appealing in this conformist century. Piper bursts with charm, spraying citrus, apples and yeast in a marvellous mousse across your palate, while the complexity and layers of flavour on the finish remind you that this is remarkably well-made Champagne.



Brut de Charvis Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 43013

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE
Very smart méthode made just outside the Champagne region

Simply put, this is sparkling wine made in Burgundy. The vines are so achingly close to the Champagne region itself, though, that they probably do the leaning over the fence thing and have a good gossip; you know, 'Oh that First Growth Chardonnay, it's so dry and pompous,' and so forth. Anyway, a wonderfully fresh nose; its vigorous aromas of apricots supported by bready characters are further elevated by the crisp citrus perfume. The intense palate of stonefruit and peaches finishes full and flavoursome. Is there someone twitching behind a net curtain?



Martini Asti Spumante DOCG NV

was \$19.50 now **\$14.90** 64632

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
Slightly sweeter in style, the ideal aperitif

Spuma means foam in Italian, while ante means now. You can just see all those winemakers huddled round the tank screaming 'foam now!' at anyone who'll listen. Well, I can anyway. Asti is near Turin where they're all academics, so maybe they write dissertations on why this is the world's most popular sparkling. They've worked out that this slightly off-dry charmer is only 138 calories per 100ml serve, though why you'd only ever have 100ml of this nifty nectar is beyond me.



Bolla Torralta Prosecco di Conegliano DOC NV

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 62566

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE
World's fastest-growing sparkler

Not the mass-produced, bland bubbles that blondes with bling slog over a few lobster tails of a lunchtime in Venice. The grapes are handpicked, the wine carefully handmade. The key is freshness and vigour, its breath-of-fresh-air appley flavours and citric acidity making it a wonderful first glass, be that lunch, early evening or whatever.



Arcadia Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$26.00 now **\$20.90** 11152

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE
Made by the team at Amisfield

Serious sparkling by Amisfield in Central Otago, who recently lured Clare Mulholland (Gibbston Valley, Martinborough Vineyards) to their stable. It's impressive that a sub-\$21 sparkly can spend three years on lees, and it certainly benefits in the creaminess and complexity department from such handling. Crafted, clever yet very approachable, Arcadia is a seductive alternative to the usual offerings.



Quartz Reef Méthode Traditionnelle NV

was \$34.00 now **\$25.90** 17230

Top Central Otago Méthode

Neal Martin, writing in Robert Parker's Wine Advocate trumpeted, 'I doubt you will find a better non-vintage New Zealand sparkler.' Our own Michael Cooper says it is 'getting increasingly champagne-like' with every release. Sophisticated, vivacious and complex, this is fresh, crisp and elegant, with great balance of flavours and textures. At this price? Unmissable.



Brilliant Bargains

By the bottle or by the case, we have the month's bargain buys



Torea Oystercatcher
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 12294



This gold medal Sauvignon is outstanding value at under \$15



Kim Crawford
Briant Chardonnay 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$14.90** 11677



Reduced to clear, 4-star Cuisine wine from KC's famous Gisborne vineyard



Te Awa
Hawke's Bay Merlot 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$15.00** 19070



Vintage clearance from notable single estate winery



Lake Chalice
Pinot Noir 2006

was \$24.90 now **\$16.90** 13559



Last of the 2006 vintage from smart Marlborough producer



Palliser Estate
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$14.90** 16754



Super deal from top Martinborough winery



Nga Waka
Three Paddles Riesling 2008

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 15827



Buy 6 of this gold medal wine & we'll give you the 7th FREE

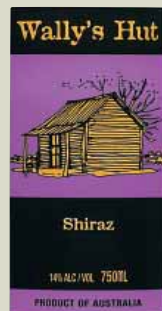


Pasqua Lapaccio
Primitivo Salento 2006

was \$22.50 now **\$14.00** 66023



Italy's ancient Primitivo variety, the last of the 2006 vintage



Wally's Hut
Shiraz 2007/2008

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 28432



Sub-\$10 genius from Australia's inimitable Wally



Twin Islands
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$19.50 now **\$14.90** 19300



Fresh and zingy Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

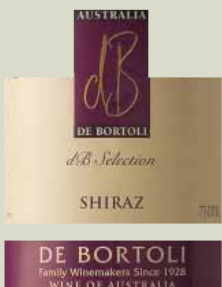


Sacred Hill
Wine Thief Syrah 2005

was \$29.90 now **\$19.90** 18358



End of vintage clearance from Hawke's Bay maestros Sacred Hill

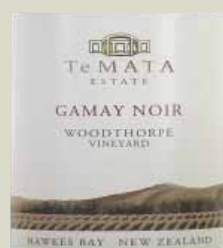


De Bortoli
dB Selection Shiraz

now **\$8.90** 20923



Shiraz for under \$9 from award winning Australian producer



Te Mata Woodthorpe
Gamay Noir 2008

was \$22.00 now **\$13.90** 19126



Quality red wine from iconic New Zealand brand

Pinot Noir



The Edge

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$26.00 now **\$22.00** 12544

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE
Escarpment's second-tier label

A great number of you had the pleasure of talking to Escarpment winemaker Larry McKenna in person last month, so you'll know all about this, one from a range of four tiers of Pinot Noir he produces. Just in case you were tying your bootlace at a crucial moment, a reminder that at a regular \$26, it's compelling value; at \$22, criminal charges are pending. She's a supple, flavoursome expression with no shortage of full-frontal fruit, shaded by circumspect tannin, that finishes elegant yet strongly. Buy in, don't sell out.

Urlar

Wairarapa Pinot Noir 2007

was \$36.50 now **\$29.90** 15300

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE
Organically & biodynamically produced Pinot Noir

From Gladstone in the Wairarapa, a region defining itself separately from the Martinborough moniker. Urlar's head winemaker is Guy McMaster, previously assistant winemaker at Escarpment. Urlar is Gaelic for 'the earth' and there is a subtle, charming French dankness amongst the heady aromatics of black-berry bushes and swirling, intense berry/cherry fruit. Great energy on the palate too, and a gentle grip that suggests cellaring will reward handsomely.



Domain Road

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2007

was \$37.90 now **\$34.00** 14329

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.50 A BOTTLE
★★★★★ *Cuisine*

With a single estate block of 6.5ha at Bannockburn, and growing Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc as well as Pinot, you can hardly damn Domain Road for their massive carbon footprint and rapacious use of land. To contradict the burly Mitre 10 chap, small is good in this case, with the generous, opulent Pinot benefiting from much hand-rearing and overseeing through the appropriate processes. High fruit tones integrate with char and spice from the oak, the complex flavours already integrating beautifully into a seamless whole. Weighty and impressive.



Russian Jack

Martinborough Pinot Noir 2008

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Amazing value. Little brother of Burnt Spur

So I really like the label. So I have hidden shallows. Do judge the book by the cover or, in this case, the insides by the outsides. The spiky stencil and chequerboard label is a perfect blend of frivolity meets high style, and the innards are pitched in similar fashion. It's a refreshing break to not have to think quite so hard about a Pinot, to simply enjoy the fruit. Punches above its weight? It'll flatten you.



Spy Valley

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

was \$33.00 now **\$25.90** 18369

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$25.40 A BOTTLE

Darkly shaded in the glass, this has an embarrassment of riches on the palate; after the heady aromatic delights, there is a core of red fruits with a mushrooming firmness parading up the centre aisle. The faint earthiness integrates nicely and drags this back away from the fruit bomb end of the continuum, the tannin component merely an indicator of youth. Excellent.



Blind River

Marlborough Pinot Noir 2007

was \$33.00 now **\$26.90** 15822

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE
'Carefully crafted, clearly has Burgundy in its sights' - Jane MacQuitty, UK Times

An Awatere Valley winery where much production goes to the UK. The reviews from the UK broadsheets are uniformly exuberant, something rare for those reserved Albion dwellers. I inhaled roasted/baked plums, prunes and cherries, while the palate added a most appealing savoury character. Absolutely mouthfilling, with layer upon layer of exotic, exquisite flavours and a very long finish.



Nicolas Potel

Cuvée Gerard Potel Bourgogne 2006

was \$40.00 now **\$29.90** 42448

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

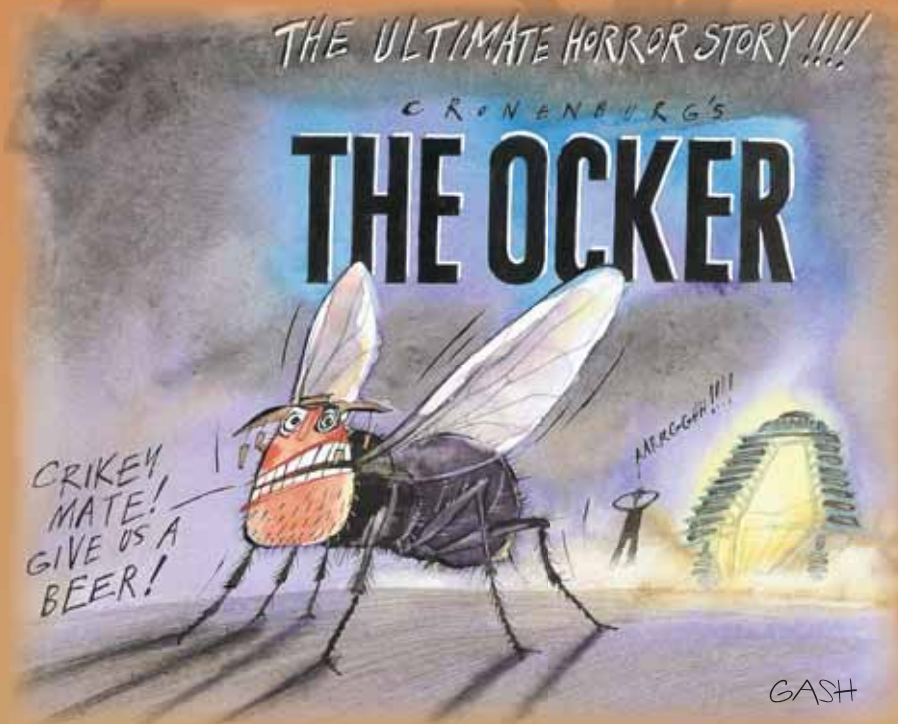
Reduced to clear for arrival of the 2007 vintage

This is drinking authoritatively yet seductively about now. The nose has an exquisite earthy component with subtle, reductive flavours, a touch of truffle and the cheeky charm of chipper cherries. Still finely tannic, the fruit augmented by graphite, this will delight anyone who likes to think a bit about their Burgundy. So beautifully scented that Carla Bruni has been known to dab it behind her ears.



a taste of Australia

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



Sticks

Shiraz Viognier 2007

was \$22.50 now **\$15.00** 21590

Rhône-styled, fragrant and forward

Located in the heart of the Yarra Valley, Sticks is a relatively new winery, with the first wine released in 2001. Sticks winemaker Bob Dolan aims to produce accessible wines that express varietal and regional character. The co-fermentation of Shiraz/Syrah with Viognier is a style popularised in the Rhône, the origin of both varieties. It has an intriguing bouquet, with the typical spicy plum aromas from the Shiraz given a musky, floral lift by the Viognier. There is an abundance of mulberry, plum and spice on the svelte, silky palate.



St Hallett Gamekeeper's Reserve

Barossa Shiraz Grenache 2007

was \$19.50 now **\$15.90** 27408

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE
Brilliant wine with a touch of Portugal's native Touriga Nacional

A terrific Barossa wine that's perfect for winter. Sourced from low-yielding Barossa Valley vineyards, the blend consists of 75% Shiraz, 20% Grenache and 5% Touriga Nacional (the variety traditionally used in the production of port). The nose displays spicy, peppery notes from the Shiraz, together with fresh berry and floral nuances from the Grenache and the Touriga. On the palate, the assertive ripe fruit is enlivened by an underlying spicy earthiness.



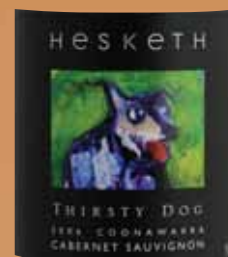
Hesketh Thirsty Dog

Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

was \$21.00 now **\$17.90** 21089

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.90 A BOTTLE
Classic Australian Cabernet

The Hesketh family produce wines only from classic varieties, and only from regions acclaimed for growing them. After fermentation the wine was matured in French and American oak and minimally filtered. The attractive bouquet of blackberry and cassis aromas is embellished by spicy oak, the fruit-filled palate enhanced with hints of tobacco and coffee, a whisper of oak and fine-grained tannins.



Chapel Hill

McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache 2005

was \$28.00 now **\$19.90** 21245

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
Excellent trophy-winning red blend

While not in agreement about all aspects of winemaking, winemakers in the Rhône Valley and McLaren Vale have long agreed that Shiraz and Grenache make exceptional blending partners. This is a complex wine with a fragrant, richly-textured bouquet of plum and spicy, peppery notes backed by moderate earthy nuances. The palate has great ripe fruit momentum and a long, fine finish.



Kaesler Stonehorse

Barossa Valley Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2007

was \$29.00 now **\$19.90** 22267

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE
90/100-Robert Parker

45% Grenache, 44% Shiraz and 11% Mourvèdre, after final blending the wine was matured for 12 months in seasoned oak barrels and then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. The aromatic bouquet of ripe berry and plum, overlaid with spicy notes and unobtrusive oak, complements the wonderfully rich, harmonious palate of berry, plum and savoury characters.



Geoff Merrill Jacko's Blend

McLaren Vale Shiraz 2005

was \$31.90 now **\$22.90** 22080

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Above all else, the wines of Geoff Merrill display consistency and drinkability. From the excellent 2005 McLaren Vale vintage, this deep crimson wine has an alluring bouquet charged with plum, blueberry, chocolate, pepper and vanillin oak. It is an elegantly structured, long flavoured wine with a rich vein of ripe fruit embellished by hints of mocha and spicy nuances. Superb with food.

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France

A monthly selection of affordable French wine from our extensive range

Southern Rhône Valley

The Southern Rhône has a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers, the rugged landscape providing a diverse range of micro-climates and terroirs that deliver a smorgasbord of wines. Whereas Syrah is king in the north, in the southern appellations it plays second fiddle to Grenache, Mourvèdre and Cinsault.

There are no official classifications such as 'Premier Cru' in the Rhône; the AOC (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée) designations start with the regional Côtes du Rhône, step up to Côtes du Rhône-Villages and then to individual AOC communes.

The majority of communes with their own AOC appellations are on the eastern side of the Rhône. The most famous, and usually most expensive, is Châteauneuf-du-Pape, but the stylistically individual, Grenache-dominated blends of Gigondas, Vacqueyras and Vinsobres offer excellent value.

The most distinctive wines are the fortified Muscats from the Beaumes-de-Venise appellation. On the west bank of the Rhône are the appellations of Tavel and Lirac. Lirac produces very reliable red, white and rosé wines, and Tavel is justly famous for its rosés. Collectively, the wines from these communes are the best and most consistent of the Southern Rhône.

Château Mont-Redon Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2005

was \$78.50 now **\$59.00** 41408

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$58.50 A BOTTLE
Blended from up to 13 different varieties

Under cultivation for six centuries, Mont-Redon is considered to be one of the top producers in the appellation. The blend is dominated by Grenache and complemented by Syrah, Cinsault and Mourvèdre. It is a beautifully crafted wine with a lovely, complex nose of red berries. The sumptuous palate displays berry, plum, mocha and toasty notes, all seamlessly integrated into a well balanced and structured whole that finishes on an elegant, lingering note.



Domaine le Colombier Vieilles Vignes Vacqueyras 2006

was \$42.00 now **\$33.00** 45343

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$32.50 A BOTTLE
Old vines, top producer. New to NZ

This Domaine is owned by third-generation winemaker Jean-Louis Mourre. He learned his craft from his father, and while maintaining the traditions of past generations, he has introduced modern winemaking techniques into the mix. Produced from 50-year-old vines, the wine was fermented in stainless steel to capture the essence of the old vines. The nose has spicy blackberry/plum aromas with minty hints. It is a medium-weighted, fleshy wine with berry flavours and moderate tannins. An excellent food wine.



Domaine Jaume Altitude 420 Vinsobres 2006

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



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.50 A BOTTLE
Newest of the Southern Rhône appellations

This family-owned Domaine has 80 hectares of some of the best and oldest vineyards in and around the village of Vinsobres. The wine is a blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, matured in both new and seasoned barrels. It has a rich, aromatic nose of cherry, spice and liquorice. Poised and elegantly structured, it develops through the mid-palate and finishes on a long, flavoursome note.

Paul Jaboulet

Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise 375mL 2007

was \$38.50 now **\$28.00** 45364

Matches superbly with creamy aged goat's cheese

The commune of Beaumes-de-Venise is famous for its distinctively scented, sweet white wines. The ferment was arrested by the addition of neutral alcohol, retaining the aromatic characters and natural sugars. The enticing bouquet has aromas of honeyed quince, peach and peel. It has a wonderfully warm character, with the rich fruit flavours complemented by a touch of honey sweetness.



Domaine Nicolas Boiron Côtes du Rhône 2007

was \$35.00 now **\$28.00** 41306

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$27.50 A BOTTLE
Made by Nicolas at Domaine Bosquet des Papes

Nicolas Boiron's 2007 Côtes du Rhône is dominated by Grenache, complemented by Syrah and a small portion of Mourvèdre. It is a dark glossy colour suffused with violet flashes, with a bouquet of black cherry and spicy white pepper from the Syrah. On the palate it remains fresh and fruity, developing greater complexity with each sip.



Les Vins de Vienne

Les Pimpignoles Gigondas 2006

was \$80.00 now **\$64.00** 41323

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$63.50 A BOTTLE
Limited stocks available

A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre from the excellent 2006 vintage, sourced from selected vineyards by Les Vins de Vienne. Like the other wines from Vienne vineyards, this is very well-crafted. It has a rich, intense colour, matched by a complex nose with cassis and floral notes. The full bodied, persistent palate is well integrated and controlled, boding well for future development.



a taste of *Italy*

Bolla

Delle Venezie Pinot Grigio IGT 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$14.90** 62567

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Excellent food wine

Harvested from vineyards in north-eastern Italy, the fruit was slow cool-fermented to preserve varietal characters and provide freshness. To add complexity, texture and smoothness, the wine was aged on lees and given a partial malolactic. A pale yellow colour with copper highlights, the fragrant nose shows aromas of raisins, spice and blossom. On the palate the wine is quite assertive, with spicy fruit flavours balanced by a dash of citrus, giving the finish a fresh, vibrant aftertaste. Excellent, well-priced food wine.

Pasqua

V Valpolicella DOC 2007

was \$20.50 now **\$14.90** 66008

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Fragrant and juicy Italian varietal

An immensely drinkable red from Italy's renowned Valpolicella region. It was produced from the region's famous trio of native varieties, Corvina, Rondinella and Corvinone, off the hill vineyards of Valpantena north-east of Verona. To retain fresh characters, the wine was fermented in temperature-controlled vessels and lightly fined. Ruby red in colour, it has a fragrant bouquet of cherry, plum and floral nuances. The palate has a juicy fruit character and a tasty, lingering finish.

Cecchi Bonizio

Sangiovese IGT 2007

was \$23.50 now **\$14.90** 62454

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Shades of cherry and spice from southern Tuscany

The fruit is from the Maremma region of southern Tuscany, where the region's climate is moderated by its proximity to the sea, providing the bouquet with a distinctive aromatic quality. The wine was traditionally fermented and lightly fined, but not aged in oak. It is a deep purple-fringed colour, with a refined bouquet of cherry, spice and thyme. The palate is nicely weighted, with upfront fruit flavours held in focus by the grainy tannins that give the wine structure.



Pasqua

Le Collezioni Merlot IGT 2007

was \$16.50 now **\$12.90** 62474

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

This 100% Merlot grown in the Veneto and Friuli regions is a youthful, ruby-red wine with a fruity, plummy bouquet. The harmonious palate has ripe fruit flavours enhanced by a smooth texture and an easy finish. This exceptionally well-priced, medium-bodied red is ready to enjoy now, and is particularly well-matched to pasta dishes.

Bolla

Sangiovese di Romagna DOC 2007

was \$17.90 now **\$14.90** 62568

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Great value Sangiovese

The fruit was selected from vineyards in the Emilia-Romagna region in north-central Italy. The wine was regularly pumped over during fermentation, resulting in soft, sweet tannin extraction. It is a deep-coloured Sangiovese with berry and violet aromas and a hint of spice. On the palate, the spicy fruit is complemented by supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Bolla

Valpolicella DOC 2007

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 62558

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Bolla's 2007 Valpolicella was fermented in stainless steel tanks, put through full malolactic and aged in seasoned barrels to add complexity. It has an attractive bouquet of soft summer fruits and cherry, supported by hints of spice and almonds. It is a delightfully easy wine to enjoy, fresh and fruity, with cherry and berry flavours enhanced by a silky mouthfeel. A deft touch of well integrated oak provides complexity.

a taste of

SPAIN



Carchelo

Monastrell Syrah Cabernet 2007

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 81043

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE
Exuberant & versatile food wine

A judicious blend of 40% Monastrell, 40% Syrah and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon grown in the high inland hill country of the Jumilla DO. It is a dark, garnet-coloured wine with youthful purple highlights, and the bouquet has ripe blackberry and plum aromas embellished by spicy nuances from the Syrah component. Full bodied and richly flavoured, it has tobacco and game notes supporting the black cherry flavours. An eminently drinkable, exuberant and versatile food wine.

Telmo Rodriguez

Gaba do Xil Godello 2007

was \$29.00 now **\$22.90** 81160

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE
One of Spain's leading winemakers

While producing wines at the family winery in Rioja, Telmo Rodriguez is also making them in ten different regions under his own name. Made from the obscure but outstanding Godello variety, this pale straw wine has an aromatic bouquet of apricot, tropical fruits and wild flowers, and the fruit flavours are complemented by a viscous texture. It is well weighted and finishes on a clean, lingering note.



Luzon

Jumilla 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$20.00** 86957

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.50 A BOTTLE
Organically-managed vineyard

A blend of 65% Monastrell and 35% Syrah harvested from the company's organically-managed vineyards. The low-yielding vineyards are located 600-700 metres above sea level and enjoy cool nights and warm days that provide the wine with both structure and balance. The fragrant nose displays concentrated aromas of black cherry, violets, spice and coffee, while the generously flavoured palate is dominated by pure berryfruit flavours complemented by a silky-smooth texture. Great value.



COPING IN A PICASSO WORLD

Solar Viejo

Cosecha 2007

was \$20.00 now **\$16.00** 88012



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$15.50 A BOTTLE

The intense bouquet of raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry is supported by hints of liquorice and nutmeg, the layers of ripe berryfruit and plum flavours complemented by subtle tannins. Beautifully poised, it has a juicy mouthfeel that enhances the fruit and a long and flavoursome aftertaste.

Marqués de Cáceres

Rosado 2007

was \$23.50 now **\$14.90** 87998

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE
Reduced to clear. The '08 on its way for summer

Although rosés are consigned mainly to summer drinking, they have a great deal to offer all year round. This delightfully fruity wine with its strawberry aromas and soft fruit flavours is a versatile all-rounder when it comes to food matching, and an excellent accompaniment to canapés, buffets, chicken, fish or vegetarian dishes.



Marqués de Cáceres

Crianza 2005

was \$36.00 now **\$28.00** 87990



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$27.50 A BOTTLE

Marqués de Cáceres has established a reputation for producing outstanding modern Riojas, and some of its most popular and consistent wines are the award-winning Crianzas. This 2005 blend of Tempranillo, Garnacha and Graciano has a luscious quality, with ripe fruit supported by spicy oak and enhanced by a silky texture.

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the GLENGARRY Top 10

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1 bottle of each wine
for only \$210.00

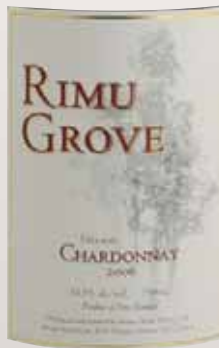
Each month, from the hundreds of wines submitted to us, the Glengarry Tasting Panel selects our top ten wines

1 Rimu Grove Nelson Chardonnay 2006

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 10420

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard, barrel fermented Chardonnay with mineral-edged pipfruit aromas backed by toasty oak. Moderately complex and generously flavoured, it finishes on an elegant citrus note.



2 Quinta De La Rosa Douro DOC Red Wine 2006

was \$32.00 now **\$25.90** 79007

CASE OF 6 \$25.40 A BOTTLE

A complex, well integrated Portuguese red with plum and berry nuances on the nose and palate. Full bodied and smartly structured, it's nicely rounded and finishes on a long savoury note.



3 Palacios Remondo La Montesa Rioja 2005

was \$36.90 now **\$24.90** 88061

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Organically-grown Garnacha and Tempranillo, with small portions of Mazuelo and Graciano. A silky, well balanced Rioja with pure berryfruit aromas and flavours. Super value.



4 Fairhall Downs Marlborough Chardonnay 2007

was \$29.90 now **\$24.90** 12298

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Barrel fermented Chardonnay with an enticing bouquet of stonefruit, lime and understated oak. The well integrated and balanced palate boasts a smooth texture and a fine finish.



5 Mud House Swan Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$27.00 now **\$19.90** 14686

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Classically styled and alive with passionfruit and herb-like aromas. The distinctive tropical fruit flavours are balanced by fresh citrus notes. Wonderfully zesty, this makes a terrific aperitif.



6 Rockburn Parkburn Central Otago Riesling 2007

was \$23.90 now **\$19.90** 12330

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A superb, off-dry Cromwell Riesling. The nose displays stonefruit, lime and mineral nuances which are echoed on the palate. It's elegantly styled, beautifully balanced and concentrated.



7 Cable Bay Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2008

was \$23.90 now **\$18.90** 12566

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Sourced from Wairau Valley vineyards, this is particularly expressive of its terroir. Tropical fruit combines with gooseberry and bell pepper aromas and flavours. An excellent food wine.



8 Waimea Classic Riesling 2008

was \$21.90 now **\$18.90** 14911

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

This is an opulent, off-dry Nelson Riesling with a slightly honeyed tropical fruit note backing the primary citrus aromas. Rich and intense, it has a spicy character and a fresh lime finish.



9 Mitolo Jester McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90** 21340

This dark and brooding McLaren Vale Cabernet displays a nose of spicy blackberry and plum notes. It has generous dark cherry flavours and a savoury mid-palate, enhanced by the supple tannins and smooth texture.



10 Craggy Range Te Kahu Gimblett Gravels Red Blend 2006

was \$25.00 now **\$21.90** 11212

CASE OF 12 \$21.00 A BOTTLE

A Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon blend from the Craggys' Gimblett Gravels vineyard. Dominated by plum and berry aromas and flavours, ably supported by notes of cedar and spice.



Witber Hills

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND

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Witber Hills

19962

Marlborough
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

now \$15.90

case price \$14.90/bottle

19969

Rarangi

Sauvignon Blanc 2008
was \$25.90

now \$19.90



Witber Hills

19963

Marlborough
Chardonnay 2007
was \$26.00

now \$19.90

19968

Marlborough
Pinot Gris 2008
was \$25.90

now \$19.90

19967

Marlborough
Pinot Noir 2007
was \$33.00

now \$28.90

