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Jessica Leckie, Manager at Dida's Food Store Herne Bay, 54 Jervois Rd. Phone 361 6157

When I ask Jessica Leckie how long she's been managing the Dida's Food Store, she comes back quickly: 'January 18th, 2010.' So it was either memorable for being the worst day of her life or... 'I love it! It's so busy. It's just great.' Three strikes, then, all of 'em positive. And she's a positive bod herself, cheery, bright, enthusiastic and smart as she deals with the multifarious challenges managing the Food Store throws her way. 'Oh yes, it's challenging; the weekends especially are full-on and so are the people!' But when you've been the Sous Chef at the London Hilton and run teams of chefs, what's a few hundred people fronting for flat whites really going to do to your composure?

A chef by trade, Jess went to England to pursue training opportunities she couldn't realise here and, as she puts it, 'learned amazing things from people with unreal backgrounds.' Her recreational travel – eating and drinking through Europe's gastronomic capitals – really iced her OE cake and, having married in the UK, Jess and her beau headed to Brisbane, where she head-cheffed in a small restaurant for eighteen months before coming back here and thinking, hmm, what now?

'I wanted to move out of the kitchen, my heart just wasn't in it 100% and I don't think you can cook unless it is. Food needs love and attention; you can look at food that's being presented and straight away tell if it hasn't had that.' High standards and a soul; just what we needed. Jess was concerned that a lack of straight business skills might preclude her from the role of managing what is, essentially, a stand alone business, but I've always believed that some things can be taught – profit and loss, how to make the mouse stop blinking – and some can't: enthusiasm, heart, ambition. And her experience overseas has been pivotal in communicating our wide range of local and imported exotic produce.

'True! People love it when you can put a context around what they're buying, so you tell them how you see Parma ham just hanging up in the street in Europe.' It's gratifying that they are interested in the background of what they're buying? 'Oh, definitely. And having a few anecdotes seems to make it all come alive for them somehow. We're inundated with suppliers here showing off all sorts of amazing stuff. I'll also go for a wander down Ponsonby Road, just to see what's come in to certain places, what's new. And I read loads of foodie mags.' Of course.

'But, you know, while I love all the European glamour goods, we have to push our own great produce, too. We've come so far in New Zealand just in the eight years I've been away. The cheeses, especially, that we produce here now are amazing. After all,' she says sagely, finally pausing, 'if we don't, who will?'

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MANAGER'S PICK JESSICA LECKIE

PECORINO ROMANO DOC CERTIFIED ITALIAN CHEESE 55694

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This is such a wonderful cheese, and one of Italy's oldest. I wonder if maybe we don't know enough about it and how to use it? It's pleasingly sharp and quite firm, with a distinctive salty flavour. Grated over a fresh spring salad with a glass of good Piedmont red, it'd be outstanding.



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Wild South

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2009

was \$18.90 now **\$14.90** 11284

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Gold medal winner

What a stunning pear-like character this little giggler has, the subtle, distinctive fruit wrapped in viscous, begging to be smeared somewhere inappropriate. If you haven't caught on this is a very sexy sipper, from the entrancing burst of tropical fruits that assail your nose through to the just-described liquid ambrosia. While the gold medal it secured at the very Royal Easter Show will sway the uninitiated, the rest of you devotees of top notch, affordable PG will already be clearing some room in the Hilux. All the way, boy.



Spy Valley

MARLBOROUGH Merlot Malbec 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 18316

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Bargain price red blend

Look up, here's the breakdown: 72% Merlot, 23% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The characters are darkly berryish fruit, sly spice, dried herbs. A floral hint (a rose whispers behind its hand). 'Stout yet vibrant' would suggest some meat on its bones and a spring in its step, which you, too, will have at this lame and inconsequential price. No, it's Harriet's turn to be the bank, Barnaby.



Waipara Hills

WAIPARA Pinot Noir 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 10923

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Not, in this instance, a case of 'it's so good they named it twice' à la New York, New York, but because these chaps also make a Pinot Noir of Central Otago provenance. And we wouldn't want any confusion, would we now, otherwise it might start feeling like the Australian general election. This is a sassy-bitches expression, cheekily cherry-fruited and cherubic in its warmth, roundness and playfulness. Gambol gaily while draining eagerly, then, with adult supervision, of course.



Brookfields BERGMAN

HAWKE'S BAY Chardonnay 2009

was \$19.90 now **\$16.90** 11319

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Named for the Ingrid Bergman roses adjacent to the winery. Funny thing, to have a flower named after you; perhaps a tad old-fashioned, even. They cut out the middle man, now, don't they, and go straight for the fragrance: Britney's Beauty, Beyoncé's Heat, The Madonna Kebab... anyways, this wine has the dignity and presence of the Queen of Casablanca, firm, round, luscious, voluptuous and, unlike the rest, easily accessible to all. Live the dream.



Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Rosé 2010

was \$22.90 now **\$18.90** 10214

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Vibrantly fresh spring drinking

You'll often find that in order to get that crisp rosé freshness, texture becomes the sacrificial lamb, left to die on the altar of compromise while we rue the lack of palate weight. But this wee gem has all that vibrantly fresh fruit and, squeals of delight, a creamy depth that carries the myriad textures and flavours beautifully. Lap it up, pilgrims.



Squealing Pig

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$33.90 now **\$19.90** 13950

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

The Flowerday name has long been associated with excellent viticultural offerings, so it was little surprise to find that the Awatere vineyard responsible for the fruit for this punchy porcine creature belongs to them. That they also own the servo at Seddon where hot liquid of a very different nature pumps forth is just an interesting footnote. The wine? Ripe, weighty, stunning, curly. Oink.



Rua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008

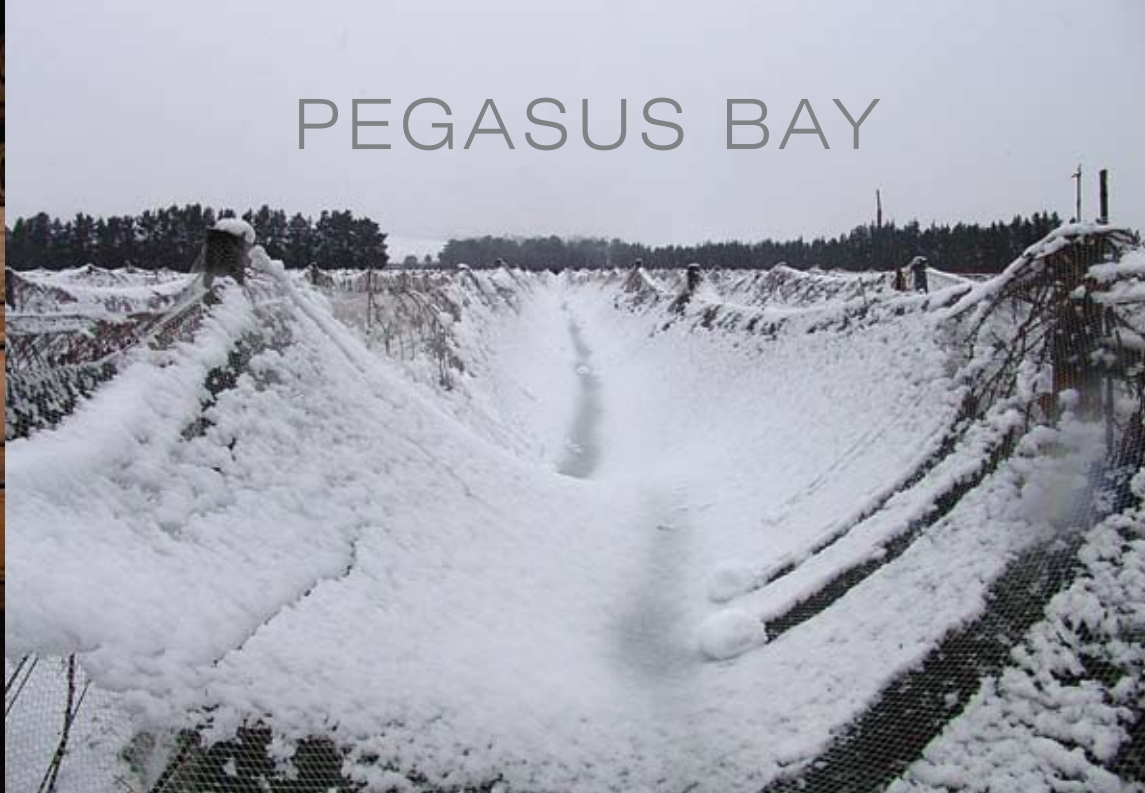
was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 10193

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Made by the team at Akarua

Akarua's little brother, a wine that garners a lot of attention and acclaim for a supposed second-tier offering. For those curmudgeons who still believe that unless you pay forty notes or more for local Pinot you get mouthwash, we say wash out your mouth, rinse a tumbler, and let the core of vibrant fruits drill their way right to your sceptical heart. Shame on you.





PEGASUS BAY

The Donaldson Family have long been involved in Canterbury wine-growing, with Ivan Donaldson planting a small vineyard in Halswell in 1976. Those early, tentative steps culminated in the establishment of Pegasus Bay when the family planted their first vineyard in Waipara in 1986.

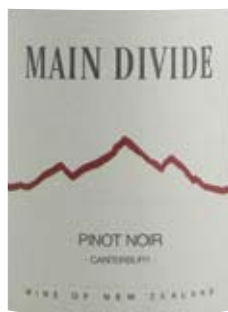
Pegasus Bay is a family business; there are surely few wineries in New Zealand that can claim to have seven members of the family actively involved in every aspect of the winery's operations. Ivan and Christine, along with their sons and their respective wives, manage the vineyard, the winemaking, the restaurant and the marketing.

With input from Ivan, the Pegasus wines are made by eldest son Matthew and his wife, Lynette. They have adopted a minimal intervention approach to the winemaking at all stages of production.

The Pegasus range is produced exclusively from estate-grown fruit, the wines particularly expressive of their unique terroir, while the wines under the Main Divide label use fruit sourced from Canterbury and other South Island growers. These are typically great value and food friendly.

Pegasus also produces a selection of reserve wines that are made in small quantities and only in the best years. The company's wine selections have won many accolades throughout the world, including an outstanding 5-star winery rating from Robert Parker.

Added to that, the opera-themed restaurant was named – for the third year running – Cuisine's Winery Restaurant of the Year. Pegasus Bay is the jewel in Waipara's crown, and one of New Zealand's stellar operators.



Main Divide

Pinot Noir 2008

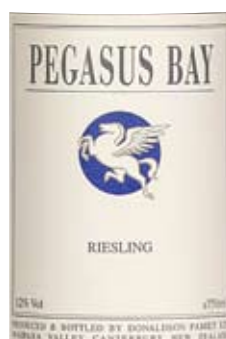
was \$29.00 now **\$22.90** 13608

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Harvested from selected South Island vineyards and fermented on indigenous yeasts. Following primary and malolactic fermentations, the wine was aged in French barriques for eighteen months. The bouquet suggests cherry, berry and plum, along with hints of mushroom and some unobtrusive oak. The persistent fruit flavours have a seductive, savoury character complemented by mellow tannins. A superbly drinking, great value Pinot.

- 13612 **Main Divide** Sauvignon Blanc 2009
- 13602 **Main Divide** Chardonnay 2008
- 13619 **Main Divide** Pinot Gris 2010
- 13603 **Main Divide** Riesling 2009
- 13601 **Main Divide** Merlot Cabernet 2008

- was \$22.90 now **\$17.90**
- was \$23.00 now **\$17.90**
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Pegasus Bay

Riesling 2008

was \$32.00 now **\$26.90** 16825

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

A beautiful wine, reflective of conditions that delivered some botrytized Riesling fruit. After a gentle pressing, the clear juice was cool fermented to retain varietal integrity and the exotic characters provided by the botrytis. The distinctive bouquet delivers dried apricot, grapefruit and honeyed notes, the palate exhibits ripe stonefruit flavours, along with a delicious, lime-accented finish.

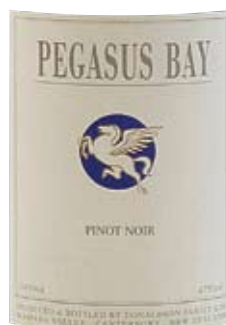
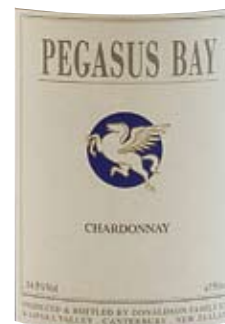
Pegasus Bay

Chardonnay 2008

was \$42.00 now **\$33.90** 16807

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$33.40 A BOTTLE

Fermented on indigenous yeasts, the Pegasus Chard was aged on lees and underwent partial malolactic fermentation. With a complex bouquet of stonefruit, lime and biscuity-toasty nuances, the palate opens on a teasingly soft note, gathering momentum through the middle to show rich fruit flavours complemented by a persistent, citrus-influenced finish.



Pegasus Bay

Pinot Noir 2007

was \$54.00 now **\$42.90** 16805

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$42.40 A BOTTLE

A beautifully crafted Pinot Noir, fermented on indigenous yeasts, pressed and transferred to French oak barriques where it underwent malolactic. After eighteen months of maturation the final blend was assembled. It is a rich wine with a wonderfully scented nose of cherry, blueberry and plum supported by earthy notes and oak nuances. All the component parts – ripe savoury fruit flavours, spicy notes and toasty oak – are gracefully integrated on the palate.

- 16803 **Pegasus Bay** Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2008
- 16820 **Pegasus Bay** Bel Canto Dry Riesling 2009

- was \$33.00 now **\$25.90**
- was \$38.00 now **\$32.90**



SPARKLING

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

FRANCE **Drappier**
Carte Blanche Brut NV

was \$72.90 now **\$44.90** 43500

Highly rated champagne house

Carte Blanche to drop the retail price by an inordinate degree, more like it. Not discounting the wine inside, so to speak, but nearly thirty notes removed? Madness. And in these financially and geologically unstable times, where life is an ethical wasteland and moral savages practice emotional cannibalism, a wine like this – with its two hundred year history and that thoroughly decent price-tag – will uplift the most downtrodden soul. Far from feeling indulgent it will simply feel decent, nay humanizing, an art for your apart-ness. Truly, get in and be moved.

YOU SAVE
38%



FRANCE **Moët & Chandon**
Brut Impérial NV

was \$89.00 now **\$59.90** 47211

World's biggest-selling champagne

Fifty-nine ninety? That's a bit silly, isn't it? Thirty bills casually disregarded in the name of I don't know what. Inducement? Seduction? Because we can? The point is, it doesn't matter; it's the Colossus of Champagnes at a wincingly-reduced price, fresh, frothing and fighting for your back seat. Mundanity or romance? Monte Carlo or Bangladesh? No pressure, your choice...



YOU SAVE
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FRANCE **Bollinger**
Special Cuvée NV

was \$122.00 now **\$89.90** 40820

Intense, powerful, one of the Greats

How do you possibly communicate nearly 200 years of top winemaking, viticultural control, individual influence and global impact? This house was founded the year Geronimo, the Apache legend, was born, his name being a good thing to shout as you excise yet another cork from Lily Bollinger's finest. Indeed, said excision is the best way to communicate all that is Bollinger, for all it is goes into the Non-Vintage: the personality, the craft, the grand crus grapes. Big and bold, it's a wine for our times, and, oh dear, it's time for a wine. Nurse?



FRANCE **Saint-Meyland**
Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$23.90 now **\$16.90** 43010

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Made just outside Champagne region

Pinot and Chardonnay dominant, The Saint possesses that yeasty toastiness from the second ferment that provides weight, class, distinction and complexity. Poached pears, a hint of mint, some baked apples and a dry finish. Pedigree without the preposterous price.

YOU SAVE
29%



NEW ZEALAND **Allan Scott**
Cecilia Marlborough Brut NV

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

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Creamy, voluptuous

Did you know that Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of music? Strike up your harp, Harry High-Pants and pluck your strings while we discuss matters at hand. This is a terrifyingly fine sparkling, and consistently good, a task not so easy when the wine is racing out the door faster than a Koran at the Dove Central Church. Charming, deliciously delicate, musical, even. Ta-da.



NEW ZEALAND **Daniel Le Brun**
Méthode Traditionnelle Brut NV

was \$31.00 now **\$25.90** 12145

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.40 A BOTTLE

Iconic NZ méthode

OK, one word: Household Name. This wine has seen off more fantastic soirées over the past couple of decades than David Hartnell, and yet it manages to walk that wonderfully fine line of commercial success and critical acclaim. The Neil Finn, then, of bubbly, without the recent addition of a Dali moustache.



NEW ZEALAND **Cloudy Bay**
Pelorus Sparkling Wine NV

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

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Fresh, aperitif-style sparkling wine

I see they just celebrated twenty-five years of Cloudiness, with a degustation dinner that would make you turn an environmental shade, if you weren't there. Nobis cosundrum, as the ole Latin lads would say, here's a chance to take a dip in the beautiful pool and remember why this winery has had such a huge impact: ultra high standards. For quarter of a century. Compromise? Banish-ed.



A TOUR of Italy

Italian wine has come a long way (on the truck, round the frightening one-lane hillside road, down to the wharf and, ohhhh, it's lunchtime... sorry chaps, wait another day, get it loaded on the boat...), by which we mean that the world's largest producer by volume is now putting quality ahead of quantity, and has cleaned up its legislative act so that there are at least some controls as to what's planted where, how much is harvested and what gets slapped on the label.

Like George Best, Italy is naturally gifted, but its huge consumption of ordinary product was sounding the death knells, at least internationally, if not in their own mind. Step in technological advances, a new breed of winemakers unafraid to flout tradition and a playful approach to some new varieties and, á la Chile, á la Spain, Italy has come careening out of the shadows on its Vespa saying, 'we have more brilliant terroir and hillsides and sunlight than anyone, and we're gonna use it.'

There. Twenty years in two hundred words. Following, from across a few of the regions, are some of the serious top end and some everyday tasty stuff to tempt you to do what we all must: cook something simple and flavoursome and then pop an Italian to go with it. Ciao? Chow.

Piedmont

The encircling Alps shape Piedmont's topography, and thus its wines, to a marked degree. For those who seek out the brooding Barolos and Barbarescos, the 'little sweetie' Dolcetto wines, and the wonderful, low-key, highly exciting sparkling wines, the towns of Alba and Asti are the ones to set your GPS for.

The approach in Piedmont is more French-influenced, with a long tradition of judicious barrel use, and a much limited (and pronounceable) round of varieties compared with elsewhere. The reds here generate similar gasps from the press as Bordeaux, and often similarly celestial pricing, for good reason. Like a great claret, a good Barolo will keep, unfold and deliver boundless joy for decades.

Ever a beat ahead of the rest of the brigade, Piedmont has always been a pretty, modern girl, but it, too, has benefited from technological advances and an eye on the international market. Have a look, then, don't be shy, Guy...



**YOU SAVE
29%**

Gagliardo
Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 2008

was \$38.00 now **\$26.90** 62753

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

Soft, ripe, seductive red

Dolcetto means 'little sweetie' and so for those whose notion of Piedmont is all about brawny Barolo, here's the first myth laid to rest. With no wood coming anywhere near the fruit, it's all about fruit ripeness and sweetness, with a touch of earth and a drawing in of moderate, temperate even, tannin. Authenticity and a noted lack of pretension are the keys, with the grapey, fruity fragrance opening onto a wine that is soft, ripe and seductively pleasant in typical Dolcettian charm, not smarmy, fashion.



Gagliardo BATIE
Langhe Nebbiolo DOC 2006

was \$98.00 now **\$89.00** 62752

Along with the Monferrato Hills, the Langhe Hills account for 90% of Piedmontese production. Batie is 'Baptism' in Italian, the growers judging this wine as being good enough for that momentous event. Nebbiolo here is intense, spicy sweetness with a Bond-like smoothness, the oak controlled and supportive, allowing the fruit to shine.

Gagliardo SERRE **LIMITED STOCKS**
Barolo DOCG 2005

was \$160.00 now **\$145.00** 62751

Gianni Gagliardo married into the family vineyards of Paolo Colla and, from knowing nino about vino, Gianni now runs the whole shop. Stylistically he shifted gears from big old Barolo style to big new Barolo style, so this is plummy fruit and spice with oak in the back seat, rather than the reverse. Less monolithic, more beatific.



LIMITED STOCKS **Gagliardo** PREVE
Barolo DOCG 2003



was \$244.00 now **\$199.00** 62750

Yes, great Barolo can reach stratospheric price heights á la Bordeaux; you just have to know where to look. Two prime sites contribute hand-picked fruit that sits for thirty long months in oak before the Gaggles even take a peek. It'll peak around 2018; panic not, the slow evolution is already worth indulging in now. Buy a box, watch it grow.

62754 **GAGLIARDO** BARBERA D'ALBA DOC 2007 was \$38.00 now **\$26.90**

Piedmont

Prunotto FIULOT
Barbera d'Asti DOCG 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$21.90** 64314

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Floral, perfumed, sumptuous

New to NZ and thus to all of us, this is discreetly labelled, expertly executed. Typical of the variety, she's sweet fruit and spice, all things nice, all things good and not a skerrick of wood. Floral, hauntingly perfumed (is that an echo of Burgundy I sniff before me?) this is so charming it's disarming. Not meaty or weighty, yet it boasts incredible presence and persistence, finely-grained and perfectly judged tannic support, and a lovely, sumptuous finish.



Prunotto ROERO
Arneis DOCG 2009

YOU SAVE
29%

was \$38.00 now **\$26.90** 64335

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

Fragrant, nutty, richly textured white

Funny wee beast, is Arneis, and while Piedmont is its rightful home, the more savvy of you would've noticed a few local expressions slipping into the pages of the wineletter now and again. This, the blueprint, citrusy fragrant, slightly nutty, richly textured, inviting and rewarding. Like Chardonnay without the wood and the ubiquity. Great tangy finish, too, even if it went all over my striped pyjamas. Don't drink on the divan, Dean.



Fontanafredda
LAZZARITO
Barolo DOCG 2001

YOU SAVE
31%

was \$144.00 now **\$99.00** 62663

You know the Fontanafredda hunting lodge (1878ish) is still functional, so if you fancy some wild boar... which would be perfect with this intense, monumental wine, an expression that at nigh on a decade old is barely stretching its, um, hooves. There's a rose blossom character amongst the dank earth, then the fruit and spice surge forth, the tightening grip of tannin barely restraining the concentration of flavours.

Fontanafredda PAPAGENA
Barbera d'Alba DOC Superiore 2004

was \$48.00 now **\$34.90** 62647

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

So incestuous, those Italian winemakers, with Daniel Drucco, winemaker here at Freddo, coming all the way from... Prunotto. Buy a passport, Dan! See the world. A curvaceous, uplifting expression of the wily Barbera grape that's six years on from vintage yet scintillatingly fresh. It shows that wondrous varietal mix of spice and savoury, sweet fruit and well-defined tannin, a coffee toastiness and a request for some rare beef. And perhaps another bottle my good man.

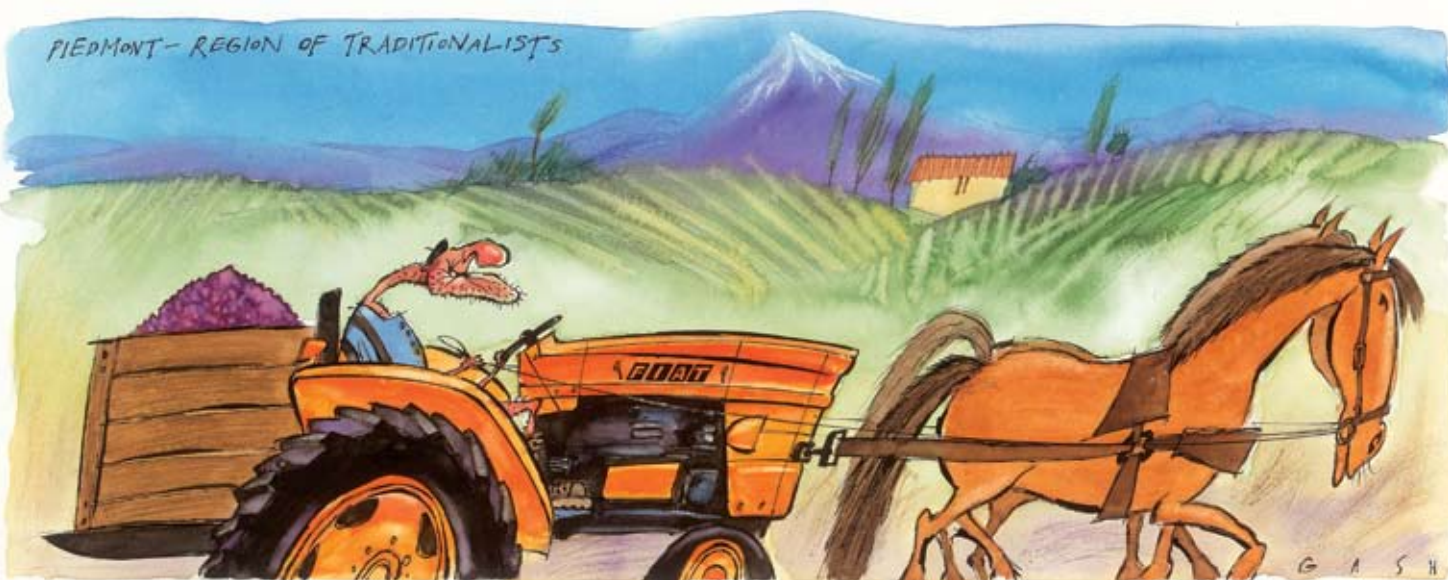


Prunotto OCCHETTI
Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC 2007

was \$53.00 now **\$39.90** 64336

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

Not orecchiette pasta, this is serious stuff from the Prune-ohs, indeed prune/black cherry in character, with some swerves to the violet side of town and a switchback of tannin just to remind you that you're messing with Barolo's birthplace here. Solid, not stolid, though, and as earthy as the jokes at the Dannevirke RSA.



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AT GLENGARRY
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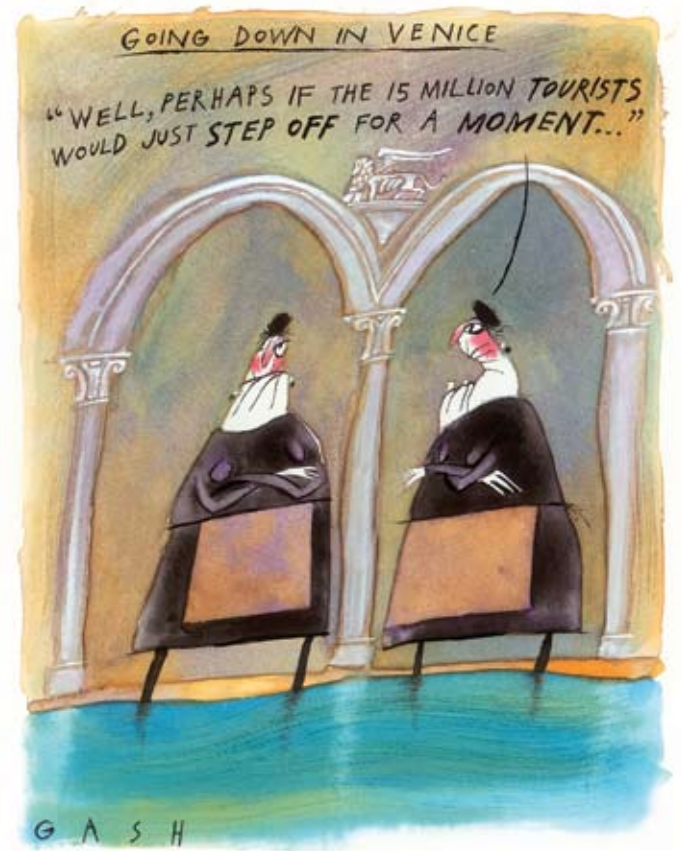
veneto

Veneto is a fiercely independent region up in the north-east, similar, in a way to the Basque area of Spain, only the Venetians tend to pack lunch rather than Semtex. Their own language, their own republic for a goodly long time, and proud protectors of a region overflowing with natural resources so abundant they make Hawke's Bay look like the Russian steppes.

Our concern are the hills that rise from the richly blessed Po Valley (Risotto Central), where internationally recognised regions like Soave and Valpolicella deliver uncomplicated, approachable wines. Ten percent of Italy's production is sourced from these very spots. Remember that it's ten percent of a helluva lot, and you'll realise that this is a very important region.

History cast a lot of these wines into the ordinary basket, but don't be fooled; great sites and careful viticultural management are producing some interesting expressions of the traditional grape varieties, and some non-traditional ones as well.

However, for maximum flavour and approachability and minimum outlay (especially when you've spent the day wearing down your Manolos being mesmerised by architecture), a swift Soave and a seafood starter, or plentiful pasta and a vibrant Valpol, will bring much enjoyment. For a heartbeat, you may even believe that it's only the sun, and not Venice itself, that's sinking. Not drowning, waving.



Alpha Zeta Corvina IGT 2008

was \$22.50 now **\$17.90** 62890

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Corvina being the grape largely responsible for Valpolicella, and considered to be the most premium of the permitted red varieties, this was always going to be simple but stylish. Unable to be called Valpolicella as some of the fruit comes from Trentino, this thoroughly modern offering carries the denomination IGT, rather than DOCG. Translation? Valpol in style, punchy fruit, an early evening conversation opener that goes brilliantly with those sorts of food that inevitably tumble crumbs down your tum. Like this gem, you're far too cool to care.

Alpha Zeta Soave DOC 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$17.90** 62895

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Zeta is only the sixth letter of the Greek alphabet, and, oops, mention the Greeks and the trans-Mediterranean rivalry will kick off, the feta will be flying, chariots at dawn... this is the perfect spring sipper, pale and zippy, fresh, fruit-driven, and gagging for lunch.



Alpha Zeta Valpolicella DOC 2009

was \$27.90 now **\$20.90** 62892

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Electrically bright in the glass, it's sweetly scented with delicious cherry fruit kazooming, careening, grabbing hold of your senses and giving them more than a wee shake. Cheery, breezy, like an unexpected conversation: not overly significant in itself, but somehow making your day a little more exciting and enjoyable.



Pasqua LE COLLEZIONI Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2009

was \$16.50 now **\$9.90** 62488

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$9.40 A BOTTLE

Montepulciano being the grape, Abruzzo in Central Italy near the dreamy Adriatic being the region and Pasqua the producers. 85 years in Veneto, Pasqua slot historically and stylistically into this little section of the north-east. Piercingly fresh fruit, waves of flavour and great structure, especially since it was fermented in stainless, not a shred of wood sacrificed for your pleasure.

Pasqua VILLA BORGHETTI Soave Classico DOC 2009

was \$16.90 now **\$12.90** 66084

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$12.40 A BOTTLE

The Villa Borghetti sounds like the sort of place black and white movie stars flocked to for their summer colour, but it is, in fact, a top-end range from the Gentlemen of Verona. This is a peach, citrus-drenched, with almond nuances and a canopy of tropical treats to shelter beneath while you search for your swizzle stick. Funny how it's never your own lap that it falls into. Try with risotto.



Pasqua Valpolicella DOC 2008

was \$20.50 now **\$14.90** 62481

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Much style for little outlay, that's our collective response to this. Swivel the top off while oregano and buffalo mozzarella, Bill, fill the air with sweet yet earthy scent, and then plunge your neckline toward the glass and take a good mouthful. Loads of fruit, well-defined and a tail of tiny tannin. Fifteen bucks? We should be so lucky, Kylie.

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Tuscany

Tuscany throngs with culinary tourists, and plenty get guided from our very own rocky shores to feast on cheese and wine and olive oil before turning to the more substantial offerings available. And why not? While Tuscany is blessed beyond measure with a climate that favours the plentiful production of all things good to eat and drink, in the last couple of decades, with the emergence of Super Tuscan reds and serious upgrades on the Chianti front, the vinos have improved out of sight.

So focus, now, and check out the brilliant selection that follows. From powerhouse global monoliths Antinori to the Castello mob (oops) who trace their roots back beyond the Middle Ages, these wines taste of the terroir and hint at the heady hillside heights that can be achieved through vigour, rigour and modern winemaking meeting centuries of local viticultural knowledge. Pizza and pasta wines these are not. Or at least, not only.



Ruffino LUMINA
Pinot Grigio IGT 2006

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 68108

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Groovy label: shows the quartered moon as alchemists saw it, which would suggest they'd had a sip of something more intoxicating than this delicious little mite. It's floral, exotic on the nose, with a palate that unfolds like a damask tablecloth; clean, crisp, elegant and with hints of something special. Mineral hinted, brushed with sage, dusted indeed with a magician's finesse.

Ruffino RISERVA DUCALE ORO
Chianti Classico DOCG 2004

was \$60.00 now **\$49.90** 68107

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$49.40 A BOTTLE

Aromas of violets, licorice, a hint of iodine, cascading earth fresh from dewy morning shovels, this is heady and stunningly fresh. Two years in oak show in the structure, rather than as vulgar and obvious toasty notes; indeed the myriad characters seem to fold in on themselves and then reveal their mysteries layer after glorious layer. It will reshape your views on Chianti.



68104 **RUFFINO** CHIANTI DOCG 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90**

LEONARDO - BRILLIANT, BUT ULTIMATELY IMPRACTICAL



Cecchi BONIZIO
Sangiovese 2008

was \$20.00 now **\$14.90** 62459

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Cherry & spice at a dazzling price

Some wag once offered that a glance at the label was worth a thousand agonised blind tastings. It came to mind as this label is the perfect mix of the new and the old, which is very Cecchi, and because you know this is Sangiovese without even trying. Violets lead to cherries touched with spice and earth. Absolutely exquisite with salamis and their mates. Authentic.



Cecchi

Orvieto Classico DOC 2008

was \$19.00 now **\$16.90** 62457

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Orvieto is one of the superior offerings of Tuscany, and this a shining example. Words like delicate or winsome are complimentary in this context: the aromas and flavours (pears, almonds, hints of citrus) should unfold, not explode. Don't overchill it, sup with subtle fish and recline. Divine.



Cecchi

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG 2006

was \$37.00 now **\$25.90** 62405

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$25.40 A BOTTLE

The italicised script on the Prussian Blue label suggests we should prepare to be impressed, and you will be, this being a Sangiovese-based wine of considerable charm and bearing. However, before the liberal imbibers head for the hills, it's also exquisitely approachable, sharing its fruit, florals, spice and sturdy structure with one and all. Egalitarian and engaging.



62458 **CECCHI** CHIANTI DOCG 2008

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

62432 **CECCHI** CHIANTI RAFFIA BASKET DOCG 2008

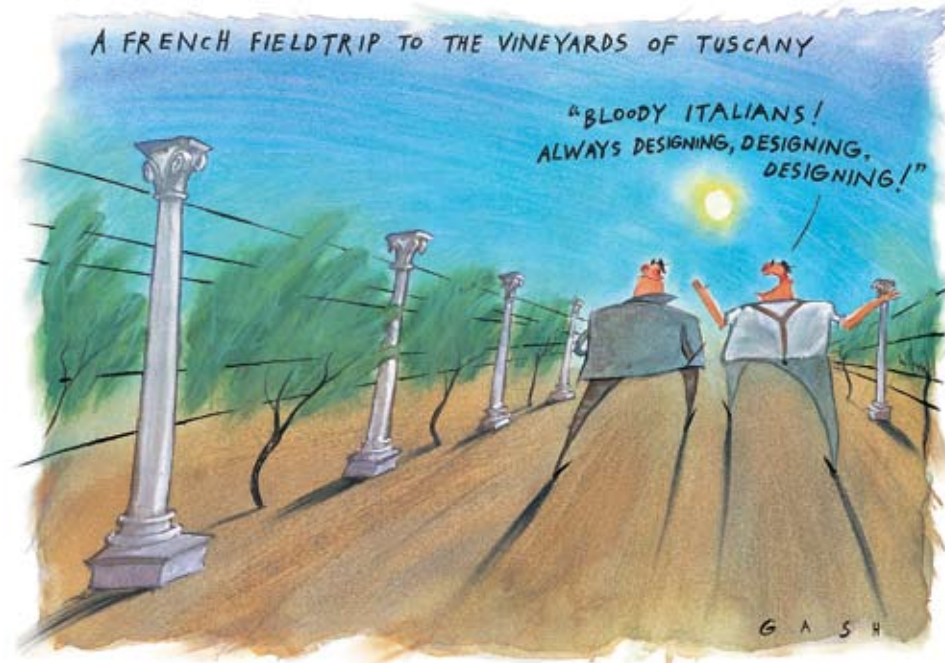
was \$25.00 now **\$19.90**

62427 **CECCHI** CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2008

was \$28.90 now **\$24.90**

A FRENCH FIELDTRIP TO THE VINEYARDS OF TUSCANY

"BLOODY ITALIANS!
ALWAYS DESIGNING, DESIGNING,
DESIGNING!"



TUSCANY

Antinori VERMENTINO
Bolgheri DOC 2009



was \$42.00 now **\$30.90** 60459

Exquisite Tuscan white

Pale, limpid, in the glass it's lemon-lit then opens out with oranges and peaches in a heady perfume that's utterly enchanting. You almost don't want to drink it because it smells so good. Okay, that's silly... Climbing into the palate you are assailed by the richness promised in the perfumery; unctuous but not cloying, with fresh citric acid and a mineral coolant in case it all gets more than tepid under your button-down.

Antinori

PÈPPOLI Chianti Classico DOCG 2007



was \$46.00 now **\$32.90** 60444

A pumping heart of frothing red with flashes of scarlet around its edges, like a matador's cape catching the light. The exquisite fruit-dominated nose plumbs the depths of perfumed perfection; the firm palate is drenched with bittersweet cherry and grainy, chalky tannins. Shows great weight, savoury character surges the fruit through to a very long and important finish.

Antinori PIAN DELLE VIGNE
Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2004

was \$123.00 now **\$89.00** 60458

Brunello shows the Sangiovese grape off in a darker, broodier, more muscular fashion than the Chianti region. You need a cup of tea and a lie down from the intense bouquet alone, notes of spice, dark fruit and wood sending you spiralling. Concentrated and initially fruit-focused, the tannins move in to stay and ensure a ride of comfort, class and optimum beauty. Wondrous.



Antinori MARCHESE ANTINORI
Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2005

YOU SAVE
36%

was \$61.00 now **\$39.00** 60453

Top quality, superbly-made Chianti

From some of the best estates in the Chianti Classico zone, and don't you know that means glaringly white villas with terracotta roofs and lunches on the terrace with minimal clothing? If you're green, this red may soothe your hedonistic yearnings. Freshly, winkingly charming, the red berryfruits cascade suggestively through warm layers of vanilla and chocolate, the firm, guiding hand of tannins providing the perfect finish... then you wake up in the rain in Ranui. Ahh, the transforming qualities of a great wine.

Antinori 375mL
TIGNANELLO Toscana IGT 2006



was \$96.00 now **\$69.90** 60478

The style and substantive nature of the Super Tuscans have been challenging Barolo's authoritarian claims for a couple of decades now. As intense, concentrated, long-lived as anything Piedmontese, this has a jejune air of the thoroughly modern, meaning we New World fans can lap it up, chequebook and stock permitting, course Dad.

Castello di Gabbiano
Chianti DOCG 2007

was \$23.00 now **\$16.90** 62799

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

12th-century castle, modern winery

Clock the label; it's madness, albeit a very clear and present way to inform us of the estate's past, all 800 years of it. Knights errant and all that aside, when they say that the wine is made in the traditional Chianti fashion, we're talking centuries, here. Much skin macerating goes on while the lads chat under the Tuscan sun, then a bit of woodwork, a stir here, a rack there and bang-lieotto: hillside violets, touched off by squishy cherries and a sprinkle of sweet spice. Sturdy, surging and demanding vociferously some excellent luncheon.



60475 ANTINORI TIGNANELLO 2006 750mL was \$161.00 now **\$135.00**
60477 ANTINORI TIGNANELLO 2006 1500mL was \$366.00 now **\$279.00**

62795 CASTELLO DI GABBIANO ALLEANZA 2006 was \$70.00 now **\$49.90**
62796 CASTELLO DI GABBIANO BELLEZZA 2006 was \$70.00 now **\$49.90**



GASH

italian SPARKLING

In similar fashion to the French, if you unpick the seams in the regional viticultural pockets across Italy, you'll find local sparklings being made. Asti is the most internationally recognised region for bubbles, along with Veneto, thus our focus. Forget Champagne, or even our own flavoursome methodes, Italian sparklings are made – and drunk – differently. Varieties and terroir make them as similar to our MCs as a butterfly is to a bucket. But these are generalisations as whopping as those being told by the Aoked Partee. These wines are about pleasure. Languid, lingering, lunchtime or early evening-derived pleasure. They're instant gratification ratification: the Pleasure Party. Now that gets our vote.



Medici Ermete REGGIANO LAMBRUSCO
Rosso Dolce Vino Frizzante DOC NV

was \$13.00 now **\$11.90** 64370

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$11.40 A BOTTLE

Delightful, slightly sweet red sparkler

The Medici family had a massive impact as patrons of Renaissance art and architecture in Florence in the 1500s, sort of the Bill Gates/Warren Buffets of their era, without the nerd factor. However, they had nothing to do with this wine. Now, sitting down on the mat, children, don't come over all queer at the word Lambrusco: this is a brilliant, shiny, aperitif style which is perfect with smoked salmon nibbles and savoury tarts.

Villa Jolanda
Prosecco NV

was \$20.50 now **\$17.90** 61730

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$17.40 A BOTTLE

Lightly frizzante, highly rewarding

In typical Prosecco fashion, this charms the pants off you while stealing your shoes, and somehow you forgive it and come back for more. Why? Irresistible and typical white peach patterns are drawn hazily in its aromatic sky, with some crushed grapefruit to touch of the slight puffs of sweetness perfectly. Lightly frizzante, highly rewarding, and brilliant for Bellinis, the WHO recommended drink of 2010 (something to do with peaches and Vitamin C, 'parently). Bottoms up, but don't bottom out.



62538 **SANTA MARGHERITA** PROSECCO DI VALDOBBIADENE was \$29.00 now **\$24.90**



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salento

If you were told to lift yourself up by your bootstraps, Salento is where you'd come; the peninsula forms Italy's boot heel, to use a strictly academic and geographical term. While the region of our concern may not quite carry the cachet of Piedmont, and isn't the tourist trap Tuscany trips out on, being flat out like a lizard drinking, vines thrive like there's no tomorrow, and over 15% of Italy's wine call the boot heel home. It's hot as a cauldron, so robust red varieties prosper, hence our fab collection of vinos whose provenance is Primitivo and the bush-trained Negramaro. Gamey, rich and chocolatey, these are an exciting addition to the Italian canon.



Pasqua LAPACCIO
Primitivo Salento IGT 2008

was \$22.50 now **\$16.90** 62483

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Oz Clarke was serious when he said these 'strapping reds' can be some of Italy's best wines. The climatic conditions of Salento are ideal for seriously solid offerings such as this. Maraschino cherries and black-blooded plums flood the perfume and the palate, the latter showing great depth and focus, and a talent for making a T-Bone terrific.

Menhir Salento N. ZERO
Negramaro Salento IGT 2008

was \$25.00 now **\$18.90** 65986

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Almost black in the glass, you don't expect this much intensity at less than twenty lira, Vera. The intense nose is almost port-like, dark fruits soaked in alcohol being the best descriptor. The Negramaro variety holds much sway on the peninsula, and you can see why.



Menhir Salento QUOTA 29
Primitivo Salento IGT 2008

was \$25.00 now **\$18.90** 65985

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Deep, dark and scary as Ronald Hugh Morrieson's 'special' cupboard, this smells of ripe, ripe fruits and the hot earth in which they struggled. Rainy and intense with chalky but not obtrusive tannin, it's a little reminiscent of a broody Barossan, without the need for cutlery to carve open its heart and enjoy it.

CLOUDY BAY

AN INVITATION TO CLOUDY BAY

A rare opportunity to approve of tagging has landed upon us. Indeed, October through December, purchase any bottle of Cloudy Bay sporting a luggage tag, go to the website link on said tag, and you could be winging it to sunny Marlborough to share in Cloudy Bay's 25-year birthday celebrations. Nice.

- 12112 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 RRP \$37.00 NOW \$29.90
- 12126 CHARDONNAY 2007 RRP \$43.00 NOW \$32.90
- 12116 PINOT NOIR 2008 RRP \$54.00 NOW \$39.90
- 12142 TE KOKO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2007 RRP \$55.00 NOW \$44.90

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Hey Pumpkin Head! If you want the absolutely apropos vinous feasts for when you trick or treat this Halloween, you'd have to grab a Devil's Staircase vino wouldn't you? Apart from their being the finest Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris this side of Dante's Inferno, they will ensure you are themed out to the last stitch in your cape.

- 12357 CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2010 NOW \$16.90
- 12355 CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2009 NOW \$19.90

ALLAN SCOTT

NEW SINGLE VINEYARDS

We quiver with anticipation at the release of not one but five fine wines from the Scott Family this month. All single vineyard releases displaying the unique terroir and outstanding winemaking skills for which this winery has become renowned.

- 17356 THE MOORLANDS SAUVIGNON 2009 RRP \$26.50 NOW \$20.90
- 17357 THE WALLOPS CHARDONNAY 2009 RRP \$26.50 NOW \$20.90
- 17353 OMAKA PINOT GRIS 2009 RRP \$26.50 NOW \$20.90
- 17378 THE MOORLANDS RIESLING 2008 RRP \$26.50 NOW \$20.90
- 17377 THE HOUNDS PINOT NOIR 2008 RRP \$31.00 NOW \$26.90



Brilliant Bargains

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



Yealands MARLBOROUGH
Riesling 2008

was \$19.90 now **\$8.90** 10004



This has to be one of the buys of the year



Jaboulet SECRET DE FAMILLE
Cotes du Rhone 2007

was \$25.00 now **\$16.90** 45394



Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend from the Rhone Valley

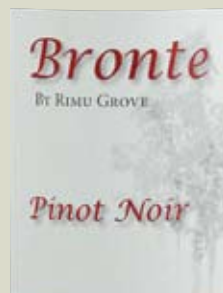


Palliser Estate
Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$29.00 now **\$15.90** 16754



Smart Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc for a steal



Rimu Grove BRONTE
Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.00 now **\$16.90** 10424



This is a smart Pinot Noir at a very smart price



Crusher Road 2009
MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay

was \$14.90 now **\$9.90** 13422



Quality-wise, should really be selling closer to twenty dollars than to ten



Waipara Hills
EQUINOX Pinot Gris 2007

was \$33.90 now **\$16.90** 10326



Blue-Gold medal at the Sydney International Wine Show



Allan Scott 2008
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris

was \$21.90 now **\$13.90** 17381



End of vintage clearance by the winery



Crowded House
Sauvignon Blanc 2008

RRP \$20.50 now **\$9.90** 14630



Made by the award-winning Catalina Sounds



Clifton Road 2008
HAWKES BAY Sauvignon Blanc

was \$13.90 now **\$9.90** 18007



100% New Zealand Sauvignon exclusive to Glengarry



Curio MARLBOROUGH
Gewurztraminer 2008

RRP \$24.90 now **\$14.90** 16079



If you liked Curio's Pinot, check out their great Gewurztraminer



Sandihurst NELSON
Chardonnay 2007

was \$22.90 now **\$14.90** 10802



Top winemaker, three years of aging and drinking very well



Southbank HAWKES BAY
Chardonnay 2007

RRP \$23.90 now **\$11.90** 18080



Fantastically priced New Zealand Chardonnay

PINOT NOIR



Lake Chalice

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$15.90** 13583

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Ripe fruit with a hint of earthiness

Lake Chalice has the knack of producing Pinot Noirs that are approachable upon release, but as they gain bottle age they develop a range of nuances. That is precisely what has occurred with the 2008; the wine still has a youthful appearance and classic aromas of cherry, plum and integrated spicy oak underscored by hints of mushroom. The palate displays sensuous layers of fruit, a hint of earthiness and subtle oak. Beautifully balanced and poised.

Opawa

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$21.90** 13469

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Made by Nautilus Estate

Opawa uses hand harvested fruit from Marlborough's Wairau Valley. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in a dedicated Pinot Noir production facility, the wine is a 50-50 blend of tank and barrel, minimally handled to retain fruit purity and aged in seasoned French barriques. It is an attractive, glossy, ruby-coloured wine with a fragrant nose of strawberry, plum, floral and spicy notes. The palate offers ripe, soft summer fruit flavours and an elegant tannin structure.



Auntsfield HAWK HILL

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$49.00 now **\$35.90** 19926

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$35.40 A BOTTLE

Warm heart, ripe fruit

Operated by the Cowley family, Auntsfield has the distinction of being established on the site where Marlborough's original winemaker, David Herd, planted the first vineyard in 1873. The Hawk Hill fruit was harvested from the best north-facing hillside blocks. Matured in French oak barriques, the wine is a deep crimson colour with a savoury-spicy bouquet of cherry, mocha and hints of wild sage. It has a warm heart and ripe fruit interwoven with spice and mellow tannins.



Russian Jack

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$21.90 now **\$16.90** 18949

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Produced by Burnt Spur

The fruit is sourced from Burnt Spur's well established vineyard located on the famed, free-draining Martinborough Terraces. The wine was fermented on indigenous yeasts and matured for ten months in French oak barriques. The alluring nose offers raspberry, cherry, mushroom and spice characters that are found on the palate as well. Fresh and fruity, quite exceptional value.



Pencarrow

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

RRP \$28.90 now **\$20.90** 17052

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

The little brother of Palliser Estate

Pencarrow is the second label of award-winning, boutique winery, Palliser Estate. Pencarrow's agenda is to provide high quality wines at an affordable price. Here, the dark berry fruits are enriched by a dusting of spice. The palate is dominated by ripe fruit flavours enhanced by a silky texture and supple tannins.



Martinborough Vineyard

TE TERA Pinot Noir 2009

was \$31.90 now **\$24.90** 13745

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Pioneering Pinot winery

Martinborough Vineyard is one of that region's pioneer wineries, established in 1980 with the objective of producing world-class Pinot Noir. Te Tera is a polished, approachable wine with distinctive cassis, cherry and spice aromas. Artfully balanced and focused, it boasts pervasive, ripe fruit flavours wrapped in a silky cloak.



Akarua

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009

was \$37.90 now **\$34.90** 10210

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$34.40 A BOTTLE

Influential Central Otago producer

Award-winning winemaker Matt Connell has delivered a stylish wine expressive of its Central Otago origins. It displays a lovely perfumed bouquet of violet and blueberry with a dab of spicy oak. The palate provides an abundance of sweet fruit characters and cherry flavours, seasoned by a supple coating of tannin that lingers delightfully. Drinking well now, but with the grace to suggest it will cellar well.





Esk Valley Winemaker, Gordon Russell

ESK VALLEY

Driving south on Highway 5 from Taupo to Napier, the first sign that you have reached Hawke's Bay wine country is the welcoming sight of vineyards lining the road along Eskdale and leading to Bay View. Here, tucked into the hillside is the Esk Valley winery, one of the leading establishments of the Hawke's Bay wine region.

The outward appearance of the winery is unimposing; built in the mid-1930s by Glenvale, the buildings would not win any architectural awards; but what comes out of them has gathered awards and accolades by the score. The winery and vineyards were purchased by Villa Maria in 1987, and though the winery was extensively modernised, the strong concrete building at its centre was retained. Today, it remains at the heart of the operation and is arguably the oldest working winery in the country.

Senior winemaker, Gordon Russell: 'Winemaking doesn't much more hands-on than hand-plunging the red ferments in the original 75-year-old concrete tanks. The cellar maybe historic, but the wines are modern.' Esk Valley's wines are made naturally, using selected growers and the company vineyards in Hawke's Bay and Marlborough. 'Our wines are made in the vineyard; as they get older, we're learning more about what they can deliver,' says Gordon.



Esk Valley

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

RRP \$25.50 now **\$15.90** 12833

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Esk Valley launched their first Marlborough Sauvignon last year with great success, and the follow-up captures the region's essence; fresh and vibrant, with tropical fruit, celery and mineral notes on the nose and palate.

Esk Valley

HAWKE'S BAY Chardonnay 2009

RRP \$25.50 now **\$15.90** 12819

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Stylish, well-priced Chardonnay distinguished by peach and rock melon aromas enhanced with hints of orange peel. The palate echoes the nose, and is complemented by a dusting of oak and a long, citrus-influenced finish.



Esk Valley

HAWKE'S BAY Pinot Gris 2009

RRP \$25.50 now **\$16.90** 12826

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Fermented in seasoned oak and tank on indigenous and cultured yeasts, with honeyed pear, dried apricot and spicy characters on the nose and palate. Beautifully weighty and balanced, it finishes on a bold, crisp note.



Esk Valley

HAWKE'S BAY Rosé 2010

RRP \$25.50 now **\$16.90** 12827

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A fresh, fruity rosé with lovely raspberry and strawberry aromas on the nose backed by a hint of spice and mineral. The palate is dominated by ripe fruit flavours that develop through the middle and finish on a buoyantly crisp note



Esk Valley

HAWKE'S BAY Syrah 2008

RRP \$25.50 now **\$16.90** 12838

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The hand harvested fruit was fermented on indigenous and cultured yeasts, followed by malolactic and maturation for fifteen months in oak. An approachable, richly varietal red with classic pepper and spice aromas and flavours.

Esk Valley WINEMAKERS

HAWKE'S BAY Chardonnay 2008

was \$33.00 now **\$26.90** 12806

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$26.40 A BOTTLE

Blended from two vineyards and barrel fermented on indigenous yeasts, this is a full-bodied expression, with peach and lime aromas and flavours supported by mineral and mealy nuances. Long in flavour, a brilliant food wine.



Esk Valley WINEMAKERS

GIMBLETT GRAVELS Syrah 2007

was \$68.00 now **\$54.90** 12800

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$54.40 A BOTTLE

Gimblett Gravels fruit fermented on indigenous yeasts, aged in oak barriques and traditionally fined. Beautifully aromatic, with cassis, pepper and cinnamon, the richly-flavoured fruit complemented by a firm tannin structure.

12836 **Esk Valley** Hawke's Bay Chenin Blanc 2008

RRP \$25.50 now **\$16.90**

12825 **Esk Valley** Winemakers Merlot Cabernet Malbec 2007

was \$68.00 now **\$54.90**

a taste of **France**

RECENT ARRIVALS FROM BORDEAUX



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CHÂTEAU Roustaing
Réserve Vieilles Vignes Bordeaux 2006

was \$30.00 now **\$19.90** 42115

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Great quality for the price

Château Roustaing, in the Entre-Deux-Mers region of Bordeaux, is an ancient estate dating from the Middle Ages. Its unpretentious 'Bordeaux' classification belies the wine's quality and its undeniable value. Roustaing's vineyard consists of 27-year-old, low cropping vines. The wine is a dark garnet colour with ripe blackberry, and cherry aromas backed by a touch of lavender and herb. The full bodied palate has good depth of fruit supported by a ripe tannin texture.

CHÂTEAU Haut Mayne
Graves 2005

was \$29.00 now **\$22.90** 42026

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

From the heart of Sauternes

This 24-hectare property is located in the commune of Cérons in the heart of the Sauternes region, where it produces classy red wines as well as exceptional botrytized whites. A blend of Cabernet-dominated Merlot harvested from 20-year-old vines, the nose has appealing red fruit aromas embellished by hints of lavender, mineral and cedar. Full bodied and generously flavoured, it develops with every sip right through to the end.



CHÂTEAU Corconnac
Haut-Médoc 2007

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90** 41181

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Smooth and polished

Defined as a Cru Bourgeois, Corconnac may not bear an exalted classification, but it has been delivering top-rated wines for a very long time. Owners, the Pairault family, have invested heavily in both vineyard and winery. A 70/30 blend of handpicked Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, the nose of blackcurrant and plum is supported by hints of coffee and liquorice and the smoothly polished berryfruit on the palate enhanced by grainy tannins and a rich, silky feel.

CHÂTEAU Puy-Blanquet
St-Emilion Grand Cru 2007

was \$44.00 now **\$29.90** 44203

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Merlot-dominant blend

The St-Emilion AC is stylistically quite diverse, but it is the Merlot-based wines that have brought lasting fame to the region. Puy-Blanquet, a Grand Cru Classé Château, is a member of the J.P. Moueix winery stable. This blend of 65% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc comes off the Château's 25-hectare property. It is a fleshy, fruity style with an attractive bouquet of plum and berry supported by spicy nuances. The boldly-styled palate has bright fruit flavours and a lingering aftertaste.



**YOU SAVE
32%**

CHÂTEAU Listran
Médoc 2007

was \$34.00 now **\$22.90** 41267

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Beautifully ripened fruit

The most northern estate in the Médoc, Château Listran benefits from its proximity to the sea, allowing for late harvesting when the grapes have reached optimum condition. This is a blend of 55% Merlot, 25% Cabernet and 5% Petit Verdot that was matured for fourteen months in new and seasoned oak. The bouquet and palate are dominated by black cherry, blueberry and cedar aromas and flavours. It is a ripe tasting, medium-bodied red with a supple tannin structure and a nicely rounded mouthfeel.



**YOU SAVE
33%**

CHÂTEAU Loudenne
Médoc 2005

was \$55.00 now **\$36.90** 46175

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.40 A BOTTLE

Graceful, elegant Bordeaux

Keeping up with French wine classifications can drive one to drink; this wine is classed as a Cru Bourgeois Supérieur, which means that the estate must adhere to strict production rules and independent quality tastings. This is a Cabernet/Merlot blend that was traditionally vinted and matured in oak for twenty-four months. It displays dark berry and damson aromas backed by integrated smoky oak. The palate displays spicy fruit cake-like flavours wrapped around a core of graceful tannins and a mellow mouthfeel.



**YOU SAVE
33%**

a taste of Australia

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



Margan SHIRAZ SAIGNÉE
HUNTER VALLEY Rosé 2010

was \$21.50 now **\$18.90** 21811

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Ideal Spring drinking

As Juliet might have said to Romeo, 'What's in a name? That which we call a rosé would smell as sweet if it were called saignée.' William would have approved as apparently he was quite fond of wine, the water being too dangerous in Tudor times. Anyway, saignée is the French term for the red juice bled from red grapes to make rosé. Made from Shiraz, this delightful pinkish expression combines spice, pepper and strawberry on the nose, while the tantalisingly soft, fresh, fruity palate is perfect for this time of year.



Penfolds THOMAS HYLAND
SOUTH AUSTRALIA Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 25466

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Full bodied with ripe flavours

This 2008 Cabernet is a blend of fruit from selected South Australian vineyards. Following primary and malolactic fermentations a portion of the wine was left unoaked to retain freshness, with the balance matured in a combination of French and American oak. Blackberry and cassis aromas are backed by nuances of chocolate and oak, the palate dominated by ripe berryfruit flavours supported by integrated oak and dusty tannins. Full bodied, well structured.

Geoff Merrill

McLAREN VALE Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2006

was \$24.90 now **\$18.90** 22153

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Opulent red from master winemaker

Geoff Merrill is one of the great names of Australian wine, hugely respected by his peers and well admired throughout the world for the quality of his wines. This blend was harvested from old bush vines and matured for fourteen months in seasoned American oak. It is an opulent wine, with plum, black cherry and coffee notes on the nose and a dense, plummy, mouthfilling palate boasting a lingering finish.



Chapel Hill THE PARSON'S NOSE

McLAREN VALE Shiraz 2008

was \$24.90 now **\$19.90** 21248

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Superb South Australian winery

Chapel Hill produce a comprehensive range of wines, including the Foundation series, which features wines (like this one) displaying pure varietal and regional characters. This is a dark garnet wine with plum, blueberry and violet aromas backed with mocha and spicy oak. The palate is awash with ripe, spicy plum flavours, seamlessly integrated with oak nuances and complemented by a seductive, voluptuous mouthfeel.



Running with Bulls

BAROSSA Tempranillo 2009

RRP \$28.90 now **\$22.90** 25520

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

Gold medal & Trophy winner

One might be forgiven for thinking that this wine – labelled Running with Bulls and made from the Spanish Tempranillo grape – came straight out of Navarra, but it is in fact produced by the Yalumba winemaking team from fruit grown in the Barossa Valley. It's a lively red wine with cherry, mulberry and floral aromas on a background of herb and vanillin oak. It has an appealingly juicy palate, centred on a solid core of ripe fruit embellished by integrated oak, fine grained tannins and a savoury aftertaste.



Taltarni T SERIES

VICTORIA Shiraz 2008

was \$28.00 now **\$19.90** 27761

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Australian power, European elegance

Established in 1969, Taltarni was one of the founding wineries in Victoria's Pyrenees region, and the owners have a tradition of using French winemakers to produce hallmark wines with a distinctive Australian character underscored by European elegance and finesse. Made by Loïc Le Calvez, the T series Shiraz is a blend of 95% Shiraz and 5% Viognier. It has an aromatic nose of berry, plum and spice enlivened by floral notes. Generously flavoured, with a supple tannin texture.



a taste of

SPAIN

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



Marqués de Cáceres Rosado 2009

was \$20.00 now **\$16.90** 87989

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Beautifully made Spanish rosé

These princes of Rioja know their way around a dusty old vineyard or two. With Spain's natural climatic propensity (heat), it's a matter of trimming your viticultural sails rather than unfurling your spinnaker, so to speak, to catch every available ray. When you consider that the very same varietal that's harnessed here makes jammy, insoluble Rioja, you'd have to wonder how they do it. The freshness, vigour and crisp acidity are a wonderland; that they combine with some genuine presence and palate weight is too much for one heart to bear.



Real Tesoro Manzanilla Fina Sherry

was \$30.00 now **\$24.90** 89850

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Makes an ideal aperitif

Remember that Seinfeld episode where Kramer made a man-za-niere to help men with enlarged upper chest issues? No, and rightly so. This is waaaayyy down the other end of the good taste continuum; a balanced, surprisingly crisp style that has the nuttiness you'd expect from top-flight sherry but doesn't indulge in sweet talk. Sherries of this nature are increasingly popular amongst the chattering classes... seriously, it can actually stand a little chilling. Served as an aperitif at a soiree, Ray, it's breathtaking, frankly.

Protos Rosado 2009

was \$28.90 now **\$18.90** 88079

**YOU SAVE
35%**

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Ideal, easy drinking wine for Spring

With a name like Protos, they're hardly going to make shy, gazelle-like wines that sit in a corner batting their lashes. Even for a type of wine known for its stylistic and snappy gait rather than its inordinate weight, the Protos' punch is well and truly packed, with bright ripe fruits and slickness of texture the order of the day. The days for this sort of wine are upon us, people, make hay, or at the very least, put your blanket down where the hay is made.



Valdespino INOCENTE Single Vineyard Fino Dry Sherry

was \$47.00 now **\$32.90** 89825

**YOU SAVE
30%**

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$32.40 A BOTTLE

Sensational when paired with tapas

By George, when they say 'dry' they mean it; this is cheek-puckering product from one of the oldest family sherry companies still extant, if you will, and certainly one of the very few single vineyard expressions we see in Keys-ville. It's meant to be smart in all senses; think of southern Spain's relentless heat, think tangy tapas like sardines, or salted shrimp and you'll realise that your old stalwart, erm, beer, just doesn't get you there anymore. Make this the summer you re-haze your horizons.



**YOU SAVE
29%**

Viña Alimirante Pionero Mundi Rías Baixas Albariño 2008

was \$28.00 now **\$19.90** 87881

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Crisp, nutty white with citrus tones

A name that's longer than that ridiculous marathon tennis match earlier in the year, and while it's all strawberries and cream at Wimbledon, this would be quite a whizzing way to while away an event of that ilk, its crrrrispness as sharp as the crease in Isner's shorts. As with the above rosé styles, this frisky white shows a different side to Spanish winemaking than the one we're used to, and its mineral meets nuts meets citrus charm ensures we're the better for it. Um, ace (215 of them in the match, in fact).



Pazo Barrantes Rías Baixas Albariño 2008

was \$49.00 now **\$36.00** 81024

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$35.50 A BOTTLE

Superb Spanish white

Nearly forty notes for a Spanish white? Next thing you know Australia will have a female Prime Minister. Oh. Moving swiftly along, the Albariño grape produces wines such as this way up in the north-west of Spain, where Bay of Biscay breezes make things feel more windswept and invigorating than anything you'd call the Iberian Peninsula. Almost Viognier-like with its creamy peaches and dried apricot notes, the palate weight and texture delivered by the handpicked fruit alone, with no oak to clutter its exquisite delivery.



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the GLENGARRY Top 10

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

1 Les Vins de Vienne CRANILLES Côtes du Rhône 2008

was \$38.00 now **\$24.90** 41339

CASE OF 12 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

The 2008 Les Cranilles is a blend of equal parts Syrah and Grenache. Lush, concentrated blackberry, cherry, licorice and vanilla aromas shadow the full-bodied, silky-textured palate.



YOU SAVE
34%

2 Fairhall Downs MARLBOROUGH Chardonnay 2008

was \$29.90 now **\$19.90** 12286

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard, barrel fermented Chardonnay with a bouquet of tangerine, tropical fruit and understated oak. An elegant wine, the generous fruit flavours enhanced by a fresh citrus finish.



YOU SAVE
33%

3 Palacios Remondo LA MONTESA Rioja 2007

was \$36.90 now **\$26.90** 88061

CASE OF 12 \$26.40 A BOTTLE

A great value Rioja Crianza dominated by ripe berryfruit and cherry aromas and flavours with nuances of cinnamon and vanilla. Smooth and balanced with lingering savoury flavours.



4 Moncellier MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2010

was \$29.00 now **\$22.90** 16042

CASE OF 6 \$22.40 A BOTTLE

This is predominately a blend of Wairau Valley Sauvignon with a small portion of Awatere Valley fruit. Well weighted, with passionfruit and mineral notes on the nose and palate.



5 Wither Hills MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$33.00 now **\$23.90** 19966

CASE OF 6 \$23.40 A BOTTLE

A distinctively Marlborough Pinot, with fresh strawberry and spice aromas and an elegantly supple palate of cherry and plum flavours that is complemented by a round, silky texture.



6 Lawsons Dry Hills MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2010

was \$28.00 now **\$20.90** 13387

CASE OF 12 \$20.40 A BOTTLE

An off-dry, elegant Pinot Gris with a complex bouquet of pipfruit embellished with touches of spice and white chocolate. The concentrated palate displays a nice touch of oak.



7 25 Steps CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2007

was \$38.00 now **\$29.90** 11340

CASE OF 6 \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Deliciously alluring, deep ruby wine, the lovely summer fruit aromas supported by some spicy nuances. The well weighted palate is generously flavoured and finishes on a lingering note.

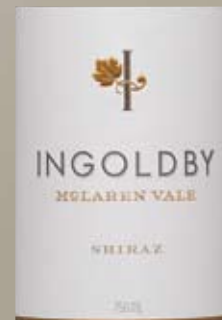


8 Ingoldby McLAREN VALE Shiraz 2009

was \$24.00 now **\$18.90** 20152

CASE OF 6 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A terrific, smartly-priced Shiraz packed with ripe, spicy plum and berry aromas and flavours supported by subtle oak. It's rich, silky-smooth and beautifully structured.



9 Nga Waka MARTINBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$25.90 now **\$19.90** 15834

CASE OF 12 \$19.40 A BOTTLE

A weighty Sauvignon with intense capsicum and passionfruit aromas backed by mineral notes. A wonderfully persistent, fresh, zesty wine that was made to be enjoyed with seafood.

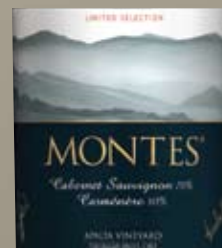


10 Montes Cabernet Carménère 2008

was \$22.00 now **\$16.90** 90521

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Wines of this quality and at this price are rare. A big, boldly structured red with lots of spicy blackberry, plum and oak-derived flavours that persist right on through to the very last sip.



CRAGGY RANGE

NEW SINGLE VINEYARD RELEASES

GIANTS WINERY



ADRIAN BAKER

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Much excitement greets any new release from Craggy Range, and a chance to connect with their single-minded, single-site strategy causes more shaking of the digits than most. So dedicated are the Rangers to digging deep into each unique site to bring out its characteristics, they have cool climate and warm climate-specific winemakers, Matt Stafford being familiar with the Hawke's Bay heat traps while Adrian Baker handles the cooler climate fruit and the unique demands it makes on a vintner's skills. Have a look at these outstanding expressions; even better, have a glass or two, and get an understanding of where New Zealand winemaking is heading.

- 11339 **AVERY VINEYARD** MARLBOROUGH
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 WAS \$21.90 NOW **\$16.90**
- 11236 **TE MUNA ROAD VINEYARD** MARTINBOROUGH
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009 WAS \$25.00 NOW **\$19.90**
- 11225 **KIDNAPPERS VINEYARD** HAWKES BAY
CHARDONNAY 2009 WAS \$26.00 NOW **\$19.90**
- 11353 **OTAGO STATION VINEYARD** WAITAKI VALLEY
RIESLING 2009 WAS \$38.90 NOW **\$27.90**
- 11329 **FLETCHER FAMILY VINEYARD** MARLBOROUGH
NOBLE RIESLING 2008 375mL WAS \$32.00 NOW **\$25.90**

- 11355 **GIMBLETT GRAVELS VINEYARD** HAWKES BAY
TE KAHU 2008 WAS \$27.90 NOW **\$21.90**
- 11219 **GIMBLETT GRAVELS VINEYARD** HAWKES BAY
SYRAH 2008 WAS \$32.00 NOW **\$25.90**
- 11223 **TE MUNA ROAD VINEYARD** MARTINBOROUGH
PINOT NOIR 2009 WAS \$44.00 NOW **\$34.90**
- 11229 **CALVERT VINEYARD** BANNOCKBURN
PINOT NOIR 2009 WAS \$68.00 NOW **\$53.90**

