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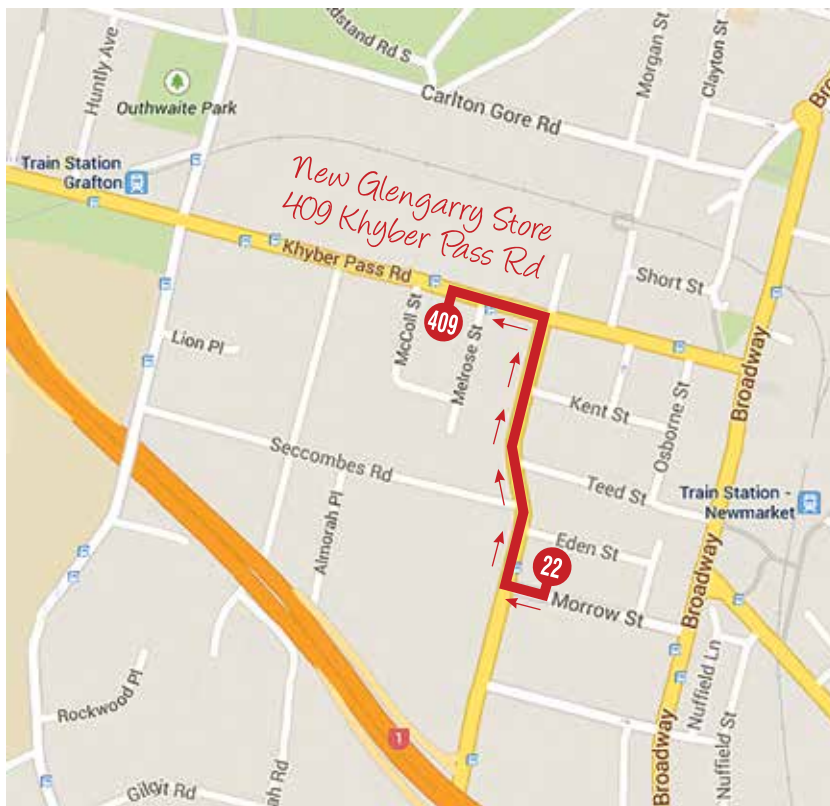
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## We've moved!

Yes indeed we have; our Newmarket centre of operations has moved around a corner, down a straight and... well, just cast your eyes over the map above and you'll see what I mean. After more years than I can count on all digits, Glengarry has moved out of 22 Morrow St and up Khyber Pass Road to number 409.

Why, you ask? Because our old lease was up, and besides the fact that change is always a good thing after a sustained period of time, there were advantages to be had: Opening this site gave us another large format store in Auckland with enough space to present our extensive range of top-quality wines, beers and spirits (plus assorted gifts and accessories). Extensive free parking, easy access on and off the motorway and plenty of space for designated fine wine, spirit and malt zones, a 12-tap craft beer station and a gift area also played a part in our decision-making.

Experienced Glengarry Newmarket manager Jaime Henry has moved to Glengarry Khyber Pass to head up the friendly and knowledgeable team that are on call to attend to all your vinous needs. Can't make it in store? You can shop for wine online and select Click and Collect from Khyber Pass. We'll have your order ready for you to collect, or we can deliver it to you, with wine delivered nationally from all Glengarry stores. We look forward to seeing you.

Jak Jakicevich



## XYZIN

OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2013 30015

**\$14.99** CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Brilliant Californian Zinfandel, deeply red with a hint of blue, the aromatics vivid raspberry, crushed cherry and red currant, beckoning invitingly to a rich, bright, lively palate. A kiss of spice and a juicy sign-off leave you reaching for another glass.



TE AWA GOES DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

# LEFT FIELD

LEFT FIELD MARLBOROUGH  
FLYING SQUIDMILL SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

**\$14.99**

19070

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

With its quirky label and cracking flavour profile this is no run-of-the-mill Sauvignon; selected fruit parcels off top Marlborough sites combined with skilful winemaking see to that. Tropical fruit characters, herbal notes and a thirst quenching vibrancy send the squidmill flying into high orbit.



Left Field is part of the Te Awa Collection, a trio of entities fashioned by the able and experienced winemaking team of Richard Painter and Ant Mackenzie, its pulse emanating from the heart of Hawkes Bay's globally regarded Gimblett Gravels. While stablemates Te Awa and Kidnapper Cliffs are single estate varietals and blends made exclusively from Gimblett Gravels and Kidnapper vineyards respectively, the distinctively rebranded Left Field wines explore the possibilities beyond those boundaries, accessing fruit from a variety of locations.

The winemakers literally went to the left side of the vineyard in their search for inspiration, and while these are not edgy explorations of obscure varietals, they are nonetheless finely executed expressions made by expert winemakers, approachable, consumer-oriented and much more than a mere branding exercise. Painter and Mackenzie source their fruit from selected premium regional vineyards to craft wines that are sophisticated without being stand-offish.

In the hunt for a visual reflection of an approach based more around fun and enjoyment than esoteric profundity, designer Aaron Pollock was commissioned to create an identity for the Left Field wines unrestrained by convention. The result is a series of whimsical illustrated labels that could well have emerged from the right brain of Lewis Carroll, an unashamedly quirky wrapper for a selection of serious wines that will satisfy wine buffs and wallet-watchers alike.

LEFT FIELD HAWKES BAY  
LIZARD FISH CHARDONNAY 2014

**\$14.99**

19062

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

Dollar-for-dollar, this outdoes many of the higher-priced Chards out there. Matured in oak for six months and put through 100% malolactic, it glows in the glass with a knowing Hawkes Bay swagger, its stonefruit and citrus characters infused with an assured elegance augmented by silky textures and a gentle vanillin oak presence.



LEFT FIELD EAST COAST  
SQUIDCRAB PINOT GRIS 2014

**\$14.99**

19061

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

Flaunting its East Coast origins, this sultry and rather excitable Gris parades an array of finely-tuned, spicy/crunchy apple and pear characters that permeate the senses with an appetising freshness. Soft, juicy notes dance lightly across the palate, while the screwcap seal keeps things vibrant and accessible.



LEFT FIELD HAWKES BAY  
HATCHLING DEER MERLOT 2013

**\$19.99**

19063

**CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

A splash of Malbec introduces a lush textural element to the silky-smooth Merlot proceedings. Matured for 18 months in oak, an orchestra of spice-edged berry, plum and violet aromas and flavours are accompanied by notes of understated oak and a long, flavoursome aftertaste. Downright delicious.



11960 LEFT FIELD HAWKES BAY ROSÉ 2014

\$14.99

19067 LEFT FIELD MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2013

\$14.99



# Chardonnay

## An Institution Reinvented

For some time now good old Chardonnay has enjoyed a somewhat questionable reputation as 'the devil you know' with the stereotypes running rampant: Australia: chewy, golden and living up an oak tree; America: overblown and lurking behind its own brand of oak; New Zealand: a tin of peaches and a jugload of cream. Weren't those the days.

But times and tastes change, and consequently a lot of producers have had to change too, or indeed lift their game, as discerning punters have moved further afield in search of new, and perhaps more refined taste sensations. And that's a good thing, right? In fact, Chardonnay has always been a versatile variety, and the canny French have, with centuries of fine-tuning under their belts, had a decided influence on things of late.

Styles are on the move, so here is a guide to assist you through these challenging times. We break things down into four sections – i.e. four general styles of wine – and if your favourite vino is not in the line-up, fear not; we've added some helpful icons to our website to help you locate the Chardonnay that is you.

The renaissance is underway, so jump aboard.



## OAK-LITE

### Lean, Mean and Minerally Inclined

These wines channel the French sensibility where subtlety reigns, less is more and the Chardonnays have been going to the gym. Think Chablis, or northern Burgundy, where it's rather cold, the acidity is pronounced and the grapes tap into some serious limestone and chalk influence. A little oak aging going on, but nothing too obvious, more to give texture and structure. Here, it's all about the fruit, with these expressions on the leaner, mineral, more lively end of the spectrum.



DOMAINE ROMANIN  
MÂCON-VILLAGES 2013

**\$17.99** 43745

**CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE**

We've had Romanin's Mâcon-Fuissé for some time, a blend of fruit from the villages Mâcon and Fuissé. This is sourced from Mâcon as a single expression. Not quite as lean as a Chablis, this is, nonetheless, most at home in this group, although at the broader end of the spectrum, with a touch more oak.



DOMAINE LAROCHE  
CHABLIS 2013

**\$29.99** 48479

**CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE**

No oak here, just pure essence of Chardonnay from pioneering screw cap producer Domaine Laroche. This is their village Chablis, version 2013.0. Bright, lively fruit pairs with piercing acidity in a precise and definitive Chablisean expression, replete with mineral-infused notes of citrus and chalk.



PHOTO: KEVIN JUDD



Craggy Range HAWKES BAY  
KIDNAPPER'S CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$21.99** 11225

**CASE OF 12 \$20.99 A BOTTLE**

The Craggys have long worn their Gallic influences proudly. While the Kidnapper's was fashioned to be more akin to a Chablis, the fruit was nurtured in Hawkes Bay, one of our warmer wine regions, so there is a fair amount of fruit ripeness that can only be attributable to New Zealand conditions. Lacking any serious oak influence though, it is deliciously lean, pure and precise.



## DEEP & MEANINGFUL

### Rich, Textural and Rather Trendy

New School; or perhaps more accurately, Old School reinterpreted, where Côte d'Or meets the New World. Striking a deft balance, these beauties are appropriately textural and rich without being overtly buttery and bold. Mineral and complex without the lean austerity, this is a style we Newbies are doing very well, and to much acclaim.



RIMU GROVE  
NELSON CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$36.99** 13693

**CASE OF 12 \$35.99 A BOTTLE**

Using carefully tended fruit from the irrepressible Patrick Stowe's hillside site in upper Moutere, this is Nelson Chardonnay at its best. A rich assortment of peach and nectarine characters grace the ripely resonating palate, nuanced with well judged oak and offset by a bright, lively acidity. Sweetly elegant, with a graceful mineral presence and a long, lingering finish.



## HOUGHTON MARGARET RIVER CHARDONNAY 2012

**\$15.99** 23702

### CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE

Intense aromatics of peach, lemon, cream, cashew and vanilla are to the fore. The mouthfilling palate of peach, citrus and melon characters extends spicy overtones and shows the influence of French oak, while the lime-edged finish is long and fine. Superstar Chardonnay region, exceptional value.



## LAKE CHALICE MARLBOROUGH THE RAPTOR CHARDONNAY 2014

**\$22.99** 13129

### CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE

We're delighted to have the Raptor newly back on our shelves after a small drought between releases. Full bodied and forward on the nose, the palate displays much restraint and finesse. A well-judged combination of warm stonefruit flavours, creamy elegance and balancing acidity.

## MILLTON GISBORNE OPOU CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$26.99** 14645 

### CASE OF 6 \$25.99 A BOTTLE

Organically and biodynamically farmed in what is arguably the variety's spiritual home in Kiwiland, this is a classic New Zealand Chardonnay, and the 2013 may just be their best yet. Opou is an old vineyard with a variety of soil types and clones in the mix. With only a small part seeing French oak, the resulting wine is a wash of honeyed apricots and nectarines. Silky textures and a lively acidity at the finish are the proverbial icing on the cake. Superb.

## KUMEU RIVER ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2012

**\$27.99** 18209

### CASE OF 12 \$26.99 A BOTTLE

Michael Brajkovich is our Chardonnay maestro. Having said that, Kumeu is not the easiest part of the world to grow grapes in, and if the weather gods aren't playing ball it can be tough going. When they do though, the results are sublime. Thus, we have here a picture of precision, where fruit, oak, acid and weight are all beautifully in check.



## CRAGGY RANGE HAWKES BAY GIMBLETT GRAVELS CHARDONNAY 2014

**\$25.99** 11240

### CASE OF 12 \$24.99 A BOTTLE

After a very long wait, there is finally a Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay from Craggy Range on the market. At a recent top-level meeting at Craggy HQ the winemaking team rushed in unannounced – and one could say uninvited – with a glass of the final blend, so excited were they, and clearly unable to contain their glee. Obviously they couldn't wait to share it, and having tasted it, neither can we.



ANNIE AND JAMES MILLTON

## BAY OF FIRES TASMANIA CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$27.99** 24201

### CASE OF 6 \$26.99 A BOTTLE

Tasmania; who'd have thought? But yes, their cool climate activities are well-suited to a more restrained, mineral approach. Flavours of stonefruit and citrus interweave seamlessly across the juicy, smoothly delicate palate with creamy, toasty characters and a crisp, mineral acidity.

## VILLA MARIA HAWKES BAY KELTERN CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$29.99** 19538

### CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

The French term *terroir* is a handy descriptor for Villa Maria's Keltern Vineyard Chard; it's all about the vineyard site and its unique characteristics that transfer seamlessly to the glass. Delicate floral, flint and stonefruit aromas introduce a refined and understated palate with great length.



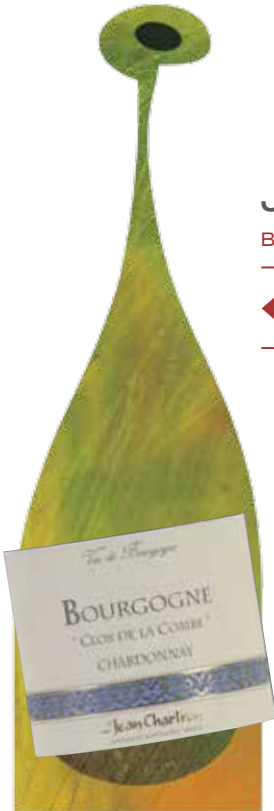


# Chardonnay



## PEACHES & CREAM *Soft 'n Fruity (gently does it, Mr Oak)*

If you're looking for the perfect function wine, then you've arrived at the right spot. Everything is present in these complete and exceptional Chardonnays. They don't push the boat out in terms of oak, minerality or toast; they do everything gently. And perfectly. Don't be fooled by their softly minimalist approach, these are great quality wines.



### JEAN CHARTRON BOURGOGNE CLOS DE LA COMBE 2012

**\$29.99** 41451

#### CASE OF 12 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

The epitome of what's currently hot in Chardonnay styling, Jean Chartron's Burgundies are the skilful expressions of a very talented winemaker. His top wines are highly sought after and hard to get hold of. This, his 'entry-level' white Burgundy, offers an opportunity to sample what he is capable of. 100% Chardonnay fruit, a fragrant bouquet and a mouthful of creamy peach and fresh nectarine notes swirl across a precise and pure palate that's smoothly textural and wonderfully long.

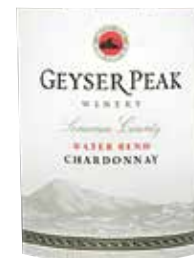


### KUMEU VILLAGE KUMEU CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$15.99** 18204

#### CASE OF 12 \$14.50 A BOTTLE

Tips its hat to Burgundy and its classification levels, the style that inspired Michael Brajkovich. There's an undeniable minerality, balance and winemaking prowess at work. While this is Kumeu River's first rung on the quality ladder, there is very little that's entry level about it.



### GEYSER PEAK SONOMA COUNTY WATER BEND CHARDONNAY 2012

**\$16.99** 30007

#### CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Things get pretty warm over Sonoma County way, yet this is anything but hot and overblown, showing a commendable degree of restraint and balance. Attractive aromatic notes of blossom, honeycomb, brioche, toast and apple grace a palate of subtle marmalade, ginger, pastry and brie characters.

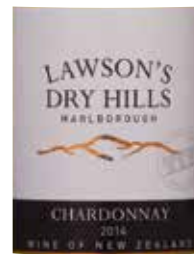


### VIDAL HAWKES BAY WHITE LABEL CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$12.99** 19481

#### CASE OF 6 \$11.99 A BOTTLE

Boasting fruit from the coastal area of Te Awanga and Ohiti Gravels, this is a classic cool climate Chardonnay. The vibrantly fruity palate of ripe stonefruit, grapefruit and citrus characters will pair very well with chicken or seafood and has to be one of the best value wines on the market.



### LAWSON'S DRY HILLS MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY 2014

**\$16.99** 13378

#### CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

Consistency and reliability: the hallmark of every bottle of Lawson's Dry Hills. This wine from their Chaytors Road vineyard has had all the works – malo, lees stirring, all that technical stuff – and the result is a creamy and balanced mouthful of citrus and stonefruit gorgeousness.



### PAUL MAS ESTATE NICOLE CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$14.99** 43988

#### CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE

Arrogant Frog's Paul Mas also produces a range of family estate wines. Not a heavy, buttery style this, rather a lean and elegant wine with a touch of richness from the southern French sun. An uncomplicated, easy drinking style punctuated by lemon and tropical fruit on the nose and palate.



### BROOKFIELDS HAWKES BAY BERGMAN CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$17.99** 12633

#### CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE

What a superb vintage 2013 was in the Bay. Match that with a longtime classic, Brookfields' Bergman and yes, ladies and gentlemen, we have a winner. Consistently superb yet enticingly affordable, it is without question one of our best (and best value) Chardonnays – rich, elegant, creamy, versatile.



# FAT CATS

*Big, Bold and Butterscotch*

Old School. You'd think these would be easy to find, but no, not so these days. There are those of you, however, who have a deep and abiding affection for this style of Chardonnay; and why shouldn't you. We've tracked down some big, bold expressions with plenty of toasty oak, a smattering of butterscotch and a climactic finish. Just for you.



**NGA WAKA** MARTINBOROUGH  
HOME BLOCK CHARDONNAY 2014

◀ **\$29.99** 17585

### CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE

A classic NZ Chardonnay returns after a prolonged absence. A single vineyard expression, it's hand harvested off Nga Waka's original Home Block vines planted back in 1988 on their own root stock. With all the stops thoroughly pulled out, the wine is rich and complex, buttery and textural, with great aging potential (up to 10 years) for those who can go the distance.



**MATAWHERO** GISBORNE  
CHURCH HOUSE  
BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY 2012

◀ **\$21.99** 10656

### CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE

More aligned with the Rockburn than the Lime-works, this beauty is out of Kiwi Chard Central, Gisborne. Fragrant roasted peach and green melon characters dominate the palatal landscape, with a good dollop of butterscotch and oak adding final complexity to the bold and creamy proceedings.



**MAN O' WAR** WAIHEKE ISLAND  
VALHALLA HARDONNAY 2013

◀ **\$34.99** 12496

### CASE OF 6 \$33.99 A BOTTLE

A heavenly, golden-hued wine blended exclusively from the finest barrels of Chardonnay Man O' War had available in 2013. Distinctive stonefruit aromas and flavours are embellished by tangerine nuances, with the mealy characters enhanced by bold oak. Exceptional, and consummately Waiheke Island.



**COOPERS CREEK** HAWKES BAY  
THE LIMELWORKS CHARDONNAY 2014

◀ **\$19.99** 13700

### CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

We reckon this vintage will follow in the footsteps of its 2013 sibling and nail some serious awards. Aromas of peach and citrus, nuanced by toasty American oak, herald intense peach and apricot flavours elegantly clad in buttery textures. A twist of lime at the end signs things off beautifully.



**ROCKBURN**  
CENTRAL OTAGO CHARDONNAY 2011

◀ **\$21.99** 11590

### CASE OF 12 \$19.99 A BOTTLE

With a few more years of aging under its belt than the rest, this fits here. Just. Sitting at the leaner end of the Fat Cat Crew, it's nonetheless rich, bold and buttery. Sadly, this is the last of the Rockburn Chardonnays; the vines have come out to make way for other varietals, so grab it while you can.



**BRANCOTT ESTATE**  
MARLBOROUGH O CHARDONNAY 2013

◀ **\$19.99** 15161

### CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE

Sourced from Montana's oldest sites in the back of Marlborough's Wairau Valley, the O Chardonnay has been a New Zealand stalwart for, well, ever, really. We tasted this with high hopes that it would still be flying the same bold flag we previously knew and loved. And it is! Some things shouldn't change. This is one of them.





# MORE Summer Whites



**MT DIFFICULTY** CENTRAL OTAGO  
ROARING MEG RIESLING 2014

◀ **\$17.99** 14939

Mt Difficulty have, with unerring aim, hit the Riesling nail right on the head; a luminous pale yellow wine, stop-fermented to retain a touch of natural residual sugar and deliver a delightfully delish mouthfeel. It charms the palate with pure, ripe flavours of peach and citrus enlivened by a spicy, mineral-edged finish.

**JULES TAYLOR**  
MARBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

**\$19.99** 11582 ▶

**CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

By now something of a national institution with a legion of fans, JT's benchmark Sauvignon never fails to deliver. Vivid aromatics of passionfruit and tropical citrus introduce an elegant palate of mineral-tinged melons, limes and pineapples, nuanced by herbaceous notes, a sublimely textural mouthfeel and a sighingly long finish.



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2014

◀ **\$22.99** 13490

**CASE OF 12 \$21.99 A BOTTLE**

This pale beauty floats its seamless scents of pear and lychee across the nose with an added touch of orange blossom thrown in for good measure. The slightly off-dry palate extends a hand of bright stonefruit flavours in greeting, while a tingling hint of ginger and swirl of citrus wait at the edges to introduce themselves.



**DUSKY SOUNDS**  
WAIPARA VALLEY RIESLING 2014

**\$9.99** 19362

**CASE OF 6 \$8.99 A BOTTLE**

The hidden gem that is Riesling is now, it seems, our go-to wine. This will show you why it should be, with its honeyed richness to go with the florals and citrus, and a delightful weight and balance. Of course, that flight under the radar is good news for all you punters: check the price.



**TOREA**  
MARBOROUGH PINOT GRIS 2014

**\$14.99** 17771

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

The sort of wine to have in the fridge for when friends drop by; i.e. sweet price, but they'll never know it. Single vineyard from the Wairau Valley, it's an off-dry style with enticing tropical fruit and crunchy apple characters backed by spicy notes. Great by itself, or with seafood or Asian cuisine.



**GROWERS MARK** MARLBOROUGH  
RIVERBANK SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013

**\$16.99** 10828

**CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE**

Light in the glass, a nose of sweet passionfruit and the herbaceous characters associated with a good Sauvignon. The palate delivers copious ripe fruit, notes of passionfruit and white currant backed with subtle herb and pepper nuances. The firm acidity is balanced by a weighty fruit presence.



**BROOKFIELDS** HAWKES BAY  
OHITI SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014

**\$17.99** 13408

**CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE**

From one of the Bay's vinous pioneers and elder statesmen, Peter Robertson. Ohiti vineyard fruit, partially oak fermented and lees stirred. Nose and palate are packed with ripe tropical fruit characters enriched by honey tones and kicked into orbit by the fresh, vibrant finish.



**MT DIFFICULTY** BANNOCKBURN  
LONG GULLY CHENIN BLANC 2014

**\$25.99** 14947

**CASE OF 12 \$24.99 A BOTTLE**

Responsible for the great wines of Vouvray, Chenin Blanc is widely used in these parts as a blender, but is more than capable of producing outstanding single varietals like this single vineyard gem: juicy, aromatic, with touches of herb, the stonefruit, pear and floral notes balanced by a crisp citrus finish.



# MORE Summer Reds



**SOHO** WAIHEKE ISLAND  
WESTWOOD ROSÉ 2014

**\$21.99** 11292

**CASE OF 12 \$20.99 A BOTTLE**

Fashioned by the award-winning James Rowan, this fresh and vibrant, Merlot-dominant blend has a deft touch of Malbec and Syrah to round things out. An exemplary Waiheke rosé packed with juicy, soft summer fruit characters balanced by a mouthwatering, tangy minerality. Ticks all the right boxes.

**RABBIT RANCH**  
CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2013

**\$24.99** 11167

**CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE**

From the talented team at Chard Farm, Rabbit Ranch is deliberately made in a light and easy, approachable style; not one for the cellar, it is nonetheless surprisingly complex. A seductive fruity character evolves through the mid-palate, swathed in delicate strawberry and raspberry aromas and soft tannins.

**TE MATA** HAWKES BAY  
AWATEA CABERNETS/MERLOT 2013

**\$29.99** 19101

**CASE OF 12 \$28.99 A BOTTLE**

The Awatea 2013 is something of a classic, its captivating aromatic notes of coffee, chocolate, vanilla and toast entwined with the fruit. Hints of bayleaf and mint keep the aromas fresh and lively, while unfolding ripe berry flavours and a rich mouthfeel seal the deal. Intense, concentrated, elegant and powerful.



**DE BORTOLI**  
FAMILY SELECTION MERLOT 2010

**\$9.99** 20922

**CASE OF 12 \$8.99 A BOTTLE**

This third generation Australian family wine outfit with Italian origins source their fruit from across Victoria and NSW. Careful viticulture leads to richly ripe fruit, and there's a lovely edge to the opulent berries and plums, a tingling spiciness that offsets the creamy vanillin oak. Outstanding value.

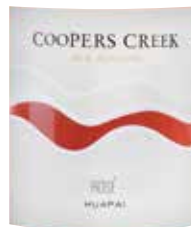


**KATE RADBURND**  
VINE VELVET PINOT NOIR 2013

**\$14.99** 12607

**CASE OF 12 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

There is general agreement that Kate Radburnd is one clever winemaker. Using Martinborough fruit, the Vine Velvet Pinot is approachable and stylish. The soft, sweet summer fruit entry is balanced by some grainy tannins, while the lovely silky, savoury lines of flavour leap to a bright, bounding finish.



**COOPERS CREEK**  
HUAPAI ROSÉ 2014

**\$14.99** 13777

**CASE OF 6 \$12.50 A BOTTLE**

The vibrant purple-tinged pink hues are courtesy of the presence of Malbec, and wines made from it tend to have a delightful wild berry character to them. This is quite full-bodied for a rosé, with a discernable richness and weight to the palate. Soft and round, it finishes with a sweet fruit lift.



**CHÂTEAU HAUT-MAGINET**  
BORDEAUX 2012

**\$16.99** 41131

**CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE**

Estate grown and château bottled, this is proof that decent Bordeaux needn't cost a fortune. Merlot dominant with perfumed berry aromas supported by hints of mint and spice, the fleshy, medium-bodied palate displays excellent depth of fruit and satisfyingly supple tannins.



**MATAWHERO**  
GISBORNE MERLOT 2013

**\$19.99** 10094

**CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

Good value, this, at the price. It is an unashamedly fruit driven style with enticing aromatics of blackberry, mulberry and plum supported by toasty oak. The full bodied palate has a good concentration of fruit flavours supported by well integrated oak and a firm tannin structure.

# MORE Summer Sparklers

## TOSTI A Sparkling Alternative

As is so frequently the case with things Italian, we're dealing here with a long family history and even deeper roots. First established as a vineyard in 1820 by the Bosca family on land they'd farmed since the 1500s, Tosti is located within Italy's Piedmont region, in Canelli, and is managed today by seventh-generation family member Giovanni Bosca.

The family agenda is all about quality, but this is no small operation, and they source their fruit from their own vast holding of 9000-plus hectares. Tosti's Prosecco wines are gently sparkling, with a delicate bouquet of apple, pear and citrus. The crisp, off-dry palate boasts fresh, fruity flavours complemented by a balancing swirl of mineral. Think 'the ideal aperitif' and you've got it. Comes in a handy range of sizes.

**TOSTI**  
PROSECCO DOC **375ML**

**\$4.99** 62812

PROSECCO DOC **750ML**

**\$14.99** CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE 62813

PROSECCO DOC **1.5LITRE**

**\$26.99** 62811



**SAINT-MEYLAND**  
MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE NV

**\$16.99** 43010

**CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE**

Long one of our top-selling méthodes, France's Saint-Meyland is fermented in bottle for eighteen months à la champagne, the resultant rich yeastiness and toastiness declaring it a slick charmer with irresistibly authentic credentials. If you want the French trappings without the \$ outlay, here it is.



**ALLAN SCOTT**  
MARLBOROUGH CECILIA BRUT NV

**\$19.99** 17397

**CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

A fitting testament to the meticulous care the Scott family take with the production of their sparkling wines. The Chardonnay fruit provides the elegance, the Pinot Noir the depth. A silky and subtle sparkler with a smartly tart palate and creamy mouthfeel.



**AKARUA**  
CENTRAL OTAGO BRUT NV

**\$26.99** 10118

**CASE OF 6 \$25.99 A BOTTLE**

Central Otago's cool nights are well suited to the production of méthodes. Using Akarua's pristine Pinot Noir and Chardonnay fruit, winemaker Matt Connell has fashioned an elegant aperitif-style wine displaying complex characters and biscuity nuances. Creamy, textural, beautifully fresh.



**Nº1 FAMILY ESTATE**  
MARLBOROUGH Nº1 CUVÉE BRUT NV

**\$29.99** 12167

**CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE**

Born in Épernay, Daniel le Brun has 12 generations of family champagne-making skills to draw upon. He is a méthode specialist. This, the mainstay of his range, delivers a breathless balance between fruit and yeast, a mouthfilling richness spiced with citrus and a toasty, weighty palate.



**RUINART**  
CHAMPAGNE R DE RUINART BRUT NV

**\$79.99** 41515

**CASE OF 6 \$78.99 A BOTTLE**

A relatively small but respected champagne house, Ruinart's history goes back to the 17th century, and there is much hard-earned flair and finesse behind their expressions. The nose is delicately aromatic with floral and marzipan notes, the palate a triumph of elegant, lingering flavours and fresh, creamy textures.



# LoveBlock

ORGANICALLY MINDED

For Kim and Erica Crawford, Loveblock is all about evoking the essence of the terroir while keeping their 85-hectare holding in the Awatere Valley in prime health. Hence they steadfastly travel the eco-friendly route, with some of their wines certified organic, some in the process of conversion to organic and others sustainably grown and made. On our website, you'll find the Loveblock wines bearing icons that identify organic and sustainable wines. To see our full range of these forward-looking vinos (including the Loveblock selection) go to [www.glengarrywines.co.nz/ecofriendly](http://www.glengarrywines.co.nz/ecofriendly)

## LOVEBLOCK

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| 13124 | MARLBOROUGH RIESLING 2012     | <b>\$21.99</b> |
| 13149 | MARLBOROUGH MOSCATO BRUT 2014 | <b>\$21.99</b> |
| 10860 | CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2011 | <b>\$34.99</b> |



WAIPARA HILLS

# Equinox

ART FOR THE PALATE

In a relatively short period, Waipara Hills, via their top-end range of Equinox wines, have secured their place on the quality wine map with an impressively accomplished line up. This month, buy any bottle of Equinox and go in the draw to win a limited edition Melissa Sharplin Print valued at \$1,000.00

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| 13282 | EQUINOX SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013 | <b>\$24.99</b> |
| 13283 | EQUINOX PINOT GRIS 2013      | <b>\$24.99</b> |
| 13284 | EQUINOX RIESLING 2013        | <b>\$24.99</b> |
| 13286 | EQUINOX PINOT NOIR 2012      | <b>\$24.99</b> |

# COME TO THE Light Side LUKE!

Let's get technical: these wines cannot be referred to as 'low alcohol' wines. Current New Zealand labelling standards require low alcohol wines to contain less than 1.15% of the stuff. But hey, these babies are still on the lighter side of things, and they're great wines to boot! While there are a number of ways to reduce alcohol in wines, some are more successful than others at maintaining acceptable levels of balance and structure. Fortunately NZ's benign climatic conditions (plenty of light, without the direct sunshine) are well-suited to the most successful method, which involves more work at the front end, i.e. in the vineyard.

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| 15022 | BRANCOTT ESTATE FLIGHT PINOT GRIS 2014  | <b>\$16.99</b> |
| 19634 | VILLA MARIA PRIVATE BIN LIGHT ROSÉ 2014 | <b>\$12.99</b> |
| 12867 | THE DOCTORS' SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013       | <b>\$15.99</b> |





# A TASTE OF France

## LOUIS SIPP

This historic family domaine manages to combine relatively large scale activities (for Alsace) with attention to detail to produce a scintillating and consistently excellent range of top quality, eco-friendly wines that range from absolutely brilliant entry-level right up to the heady heights of Grand Cru. Their expressions are intrinsically Alsatian in character, a combination of fastidiously nurtured fruit, wonderful terroir and winemaking smarts developed over a century of dedicated family endeavour.

Nowadays the largest wine domaine in Ribeauvillé, LS was established during WW1 by Louis and Louise Sipp and is currently managed by great-grandson Etienne, who was responsible for converting the operation to organics and lifting the expressions of terroir to even greater heights. The company combines traditional methods with modern equipment, the grapes all hand harvested and the wines produced from local wild yeasts. The resulting expressions display great finesse and a true affinity for their Ribeauvillé terroir.



ETIENNE SIPP



### LOUIS SIPP ALSACE PINOT GRIS 2013

◀ **\$24.99** 46959  

**CASE OF 12 \$23.99 A BOTTLE**

Etienne Sipp heads up this esteemed family property, his considerable charm somehow permeating the wines themselves. Travelling the same organic route as Alsatian benchmark producers Jostmeyer, the Sipp wines are a little richer and more generous in nature, with a voluptuous velvety texture at their core



### CHÂTEAU CAP SAINT-MARTIN BORDEAUX CUVÉE PRESTIGE 2011

**\$17.99** 44101

**CASE OF 12 \$16.99 A BOTTLE**

One of Bordeaux' Petits Châteaux, the Cap Saint-Martin is a well-priced, Merlot-dominant blend from an excellent vintage. Ripe berry and plum notes are embellished by well integrated oak, supple tannins and a lingering, flavour-filled finish.



### LAROCHE LANGUEDOC SYRAH GRENACHE 2013

**\$15.99** 48576

**CASE OF 6 \$14.99 A BOTTLE**

Laroche now add a touch of Grenache to their Syrah, and it works a treat. How good these two varieties can be together when coaxed by the sun under southern French skies. Intense, full bodied, rich and velvety, it's elegant to the end.



### LES VINS DE VIENNE CÔTES DU RHÔNE LES CRANILLES 2012

**\$19.99** 41329

**CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

The vineyard Les Cranilles dates back to Roman times, yet this is a thoroughly modern take that's brimming with Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre fruit and a sexy spiciness dusted with ancient earth. Great value.



### CHÂTEAU BEL AIR HAUT-MÉDOC 2010

**\$27.99** 41147

**CASE OF 12 \$26.99 A BOTTLE**

300 hectares of vineyards, owned by the Despagne family, whose Bordeaux roots go back 250+ years. Brilliant vintage, Merlot to the fore. With its smooth edges, generous flavours and luscious mid-palate, grabbing a case could be a very good idea.



### DOMAINE DE BELLENE BOURGOGNE MAISON DIEU 2012

**\$29.99** 42390

**CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE**

An incredible wine from the formidable Nicolas Potel and a wonderful introduction to the magic of Burgundy. An attractive nose of red berries and soft, earthy notes precedes a richly rounded and supple palate that delivers brilliantly.





# A TASTE OF SPAIN

Riojan Riches



# A TASTE OF ITALY

MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA  
RIOJA RESERVA 2008

**\$39.99** 81048

**CASE OF 12 \$38.99 A BOTTLE**

A new vintage comprised of fruit from the highly regarded Ygay estate, this is a wine of substance and style bearing classic Riojan notes of cherry, plum, smoke and vanillin oak. Full of finesse and character, it is robust, layered and complex, the acid keeping things bright while a chocolate and plummy richness delivers the required weight.



JACOPO BIONDI SANTI  
SASSOALLORO 2010

**\$44.99** 62839

**CASE OF 6 \$43.99 A BOTTLE**

Jacopo is a member of the famed Biondi-Santi family, creators of Brunello di Montalcino, one of Italy's most prestigious wines. This, Jacopo's elegant and velvety flagship wine, involves the same Sangiovese clone. Violets on the nose, gentle tannins and a long, languid finish are the order of the day. It's drinking superbly, but those patient ones who cellar it will be rewarded.



MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES  
RIOJA CRIANZA 2010

**\$19.99** 87995

**CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

This Crianza foots it with the best. Known as the house that changed Spanish winemaking, they do smart traditional as well. Smoothly concentrated, with intense aromas and touches of sweet oak.



PASQUA  
SALENTO IGT LAPACCIO PRIMITIVO 2013

**\$14.99** 66160

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

This comes from the Pasqua family's original home in Salento. Using the full bodied, richly flavoured fruit of Italy's indigenous red Primitivo grape, it is well crafted and moderately priced.



PALACIOS REMONDO  
RIOJA LA MONTESA 2011

**\$24.99** 88054

**CASE OF 12 \$21.50 A BOTTLE**

Esoteric rusticity, with hillside herbs, wild berries and an earthy sensuality. The ripe palate spreads its warmth with thick, chewy fruit entwined with splashes of exotic spice. Immensely popular.



CECCHI  
ORVIETO CLASSICO DOC 2013

**\$14.99** 62308

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

This crisp and aromatic white has proven highly popular over the summer months. Displaying a varietal fragrance and a structure and intensity that is quite delightful, it flies out the door.



LAN  
RIOJA RESERVA 2007

**\$27.99** 77201

**CASE OF 6 \$26.99 A BOTTLE**

Gallic flair finds itself at home in the heart of Rioja. Tempranillo based and from the impeccable 2007 vintage, this will reward those with the patience to cellar it. Give it plenty of air and time to breath.



ILLUMINATI  
MONTEPULCIANO DOC ILICO 2012

**\$16.99** 62803

**CASE OF 6 \$15.99 A BOTTLE**

100% Montepulciano, and a small but stately step up from Illuminati's top-selling Riparosso. More structured from extended time in oak, it's plump, juicy and charmingly rustic. Think big bowl of pasta.





# A TASTE OF Australia

CHAPEL HILL

## CHAPEL HILL *The Parson's Nose grows*

McLaren Vale's Chapel Hill winery has been turning out gobsmackingly good vinos for a long time. Much of their current success can be laid at the feet of their superbly talented Chief Winemaker, Michael Fragos, who has been shaking things up since 2004. The award bling around his neck is considerable.

Fragos and NZ-born winemaker Brynn Richards make a formidable team. Committed to a significant program of sustainable winemaking, the pair have adopted a restrained, minimal intervention approach, achieving commendable varietal purity and distinctive terroir identity.

The Parson's Nose Shiraz, long a highlight of their range and a show-stopping ambassador for McLaren Vale's vibrant and diverse character, has been joined by a new sibling, the Parson's Nose Cabernet Sauvignon. A welcome addition, then, to an impressive lineup of wines.



**HEWITSON** BAROSSA VALLEY  
MISS HARRY 2012

**\$20.99** 21764

**CASE OF 12 \$19.99 A BOTTLE**

A blend of old Barossa vines dating back to the 1800s, with mysterious, dark, earthy fruit notes, brightly fragranced with flaring floral flourishes. An elegant, sumptuous style with finely-etched tannins, nuances of spice and a long, tasty tail.



**TORBRECK** BAROSSA VALLEY  
WOODCUTTER'S SHIRAZ 2012

**\$29.99** 21017

**CASE OF 12 \$28.99 A BOTTLE**

Shining example of the new generation of Barossa Shiraz vineyards. Dense and opulent, it elegantly combines marvellous fruit purity with texture and complexity. A few years of cellar time would reap rewards. Great introduction to the Torbreck range.



**CHAPEL HILL**  
PARSON'S NOSE

MCLAREN VALE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

**\$17.99** 21267

**CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE**

Traditionally fermented and matured in seasoned French oak, the new kid is a deep and rich wine with a heady bouquet of blackcurrant, chocolate, violets and mocha, while the palate is brimming with warm, seductive berry and plum characters nestled within a satisfyingly mellow mouthfeel.

**CHAPEL HILL**  
PARSON'S NOSE

MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 2013

**\$17.99** 21229

**CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE**

Winemaker Michael Fragos has crafted (as he invariably does) a superbly made and brilliantly priced wine. A perfumed cloud of blueberries dusted with Indian spices envelops the richly flavoured palate of aniseed and plum, chocolate and liquorice, augmented by gently textured oak and finely focused tannins.



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**PENFOLDS** COONAWARRA  
BIN 128 SHIRAZ 2013

**\$29.99** 25402

A thoroughbred Coonawarra Shiraz with alluring floral-tinged characters of blackberry, spice and pepper, supporting toasty oak and supple tannins.



**PENFOLDS** BAROSSA VALLEY  
BIN 138 GSM 2013

**\$29.99** 25403

The fruit is sourced off old Barossa vines in this exuberant Rhône-style blend showcasing aromas and flavours of boysenberry, cassis and spice.



# The GLENGARRY TOP 10

EACH MONTH, FROM THE HUNDREDS OF WINES SUBMITTED TO US, THE GLENGARRY TASTING PANEL SELECTS OUR TOP TEN WINES

**1** Matawhero  
GISBORNE CHARDONNAY 2013

**\$19.99** 10653

**CASE OF 6 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

An excellent wine from Richard and Kirsten Searle, with the fruit off Gisborne's brilliant Teitjen vineyard. Rich and opulent stonefruit, melon and butterscotch characters wrapped in a round, luscious mouthfeel.

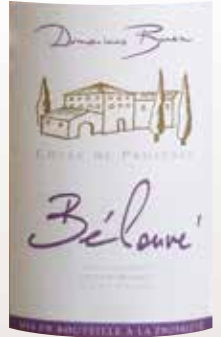


**2** Bunan BÉLOUVÉ  
CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2013

**\$20.99** 42748

**CASE OF 12 \$19.99 A BOTTLE**

Bélouvé was once the 18th-century home of an order of monks who made their own wine, the word itself Provençal for 'good grape'. And the rosé? Clean and lusciously ripe, with a precise Gallic charm.



**3** Mills Reef ESTATE  
GIMBLETT GRAVELS SYRAH 2012

**\$15.99** 14536

**CASE OF 12 \$14.99 A BOTTLE**

An abundance of white pepper, black berry fruits and dark cherry flavours and aromas are complemented by spicy oak. Medium bodied and fashioned for those who want it right now, it will reward cellaring.



**4** Coopers Creek RAZORBACK  
CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2012

**\$21.99** 11562

**CASE OF 6 \$20.99 A BOTTLE**

Florals, cherries, a touch of Black Doris and hints of Tamarillo ride atop an aromatic bed of subtle oak. Full bodied for a Pinot, with firm but fine tannins and a wealth of sweet fruit to tantalise the tastebuds.



**5** Peregrine  
CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2012

**\$39.99** 17129

**CASE OF 12 \$38.99 A BOTTLE**

Peregrine's acclaimed Pinot Noir is powerful and concentrated, underpinned with a silky femininity, the exquisite fruit with its charred cherry nuances a rich and opulent delight. Superb.



**6** Ara SINGLE ESTATE 2014  
MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC

**\$17.99** 12937

**CASE OF 6 \$16.99 A BOTTLE**

Wonderfully fresh, delivering consistent quality with every vintage. Ripe, aromatic, textural, it's a class act. Accolades include Pure Elite Gold at the Air NZs, Blue-Gold at the Sydney International Wine Comp.

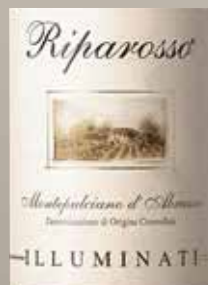


**7** Illuminati RIPAROSSO  
MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO DOC 2012

**\$14.99** 62800

**CASE OF 6 \$13.99 A BOTTLE**

Top vineyard sites yield expressive, savoury fruit with a little spice thrown in for good measure, the wine perfectly poised, with just the right amount of fruity, gentle tannins and lively acidity.



**8** Trinity Hill GIMBLETT GRAVELS  
HAWKES BAY SYRAH 2013

**\$29.99** 19283

**CASE OF 6 \$28.99 A BOTTLE**

Dried herbs, pepper and lashings of fruit with warm, spicy underpinnings. The layered palate is awash with flavour, bearing a delightful savoury component that binds everything together. Expertly executed.



**9** Jackson Estate HOMESTEAD  
MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2013

**\$19.99** 11544

**CASE OF 12 \$18.99 A BOTTLE**

Sensual floral and cherry notes glide through earthy touches that hint at French sensibilities. The smoky bacon notes seal the Gallic comparisons, with the oak component giving it a distinctly new world lift.

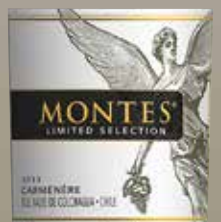


**10** Montes LIMITED SELECTION  
CHILE CARMENÈRE 2011

**\$16.99** 90614

**CASE OF 12 \$15.99 A BOTTLE**

This ancient Bordeaux variety does exceptionally well here, the Chilean heat delivering up ripe, spicy, earthy characters within a warm and generous palate of sensuous flavours and rich tannins.



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