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Danielle Grevers, Manager at Glengarry Parnell, 164 Parnell Road. Ph 358 1333

As effusive as a rocketing champagne cork and with laughter that gushes infectiously, Danielle Grevers is delighted to be ensconced in Parnell, having moved there from Mission Bay in early June. As much as she loved her gentle little spot by the sea, after two years it was time for transition, and up the rolling hill she came. 'Enjoying yourself?' I politely enquire. 'I love it!' she enthuses. 'It's so good here, I'm really happy, it's really busy, the customers are interesting and diverse.'

Did you hear that, oh be-suited Parnellites? She's serious. 'The people who come into the store are knowledgeable, so you end up having really good conversations with them; often they'll teach you something, which is how it should be. Whether they're dropping by for a \$10 Sauvignon or stocking up with a few cases of top end stuff, they're people who are interested in what they're drinking.' Danielle also likes the 'I'll take a punt' mentality: 'they trust us, so if we say try it, they'll buy it.' Too easy? 'Oh no,' she looks mock aghast, 'I wouldn't say that. It's still a challenge.'

Having been a manager for a couple of years, Danielle says it's great to have the admin side now largely second nature, so she can concentrate on what she came to us for in the first place: expanding her already impressive knowledge. 'Having done the 'patience and perseverance' side I can really enjoy the wine side of things.' So much so, despite her surprising reticence at pushing herself, Danielle has run a couple of very successful Wine Options nights, something she's keen to do more of. 'I had to really make myself do it, but they were loads of fun. Just standing up there in front of a room full of people was a good challenge, especially when one of them was a winemaker.' Cue metaphorical eye roll.

At the store, she says, she's surrounded by talent, from a 19-year-old gymnast to a much experienced Canadian and everything in between, 'and they all love it in Parnell,' she tells me, deflecting a compliment I had prepared about her rustling up a loyal bunch. Nope, she's just a bit too self-deprecating for that. And the overwhelming observation that she can conjure up after two months in John Key's home state? 'Everyone's so well dressed!' Dedicated followers of fashion, and committed wine enthusiasts. Our kind of people, then.

Jak Jakicevich

MANAGER'S PICK DANIELLE GREVERS

MONTES ALPHA

MONTES ALPHA SYRAH 2007 90542

was \$29.00 **\$24.90** case of 12 only \$24.40 a bottle

I know we've got lots of Pinot happening this month, but I don't believe in it all the time! This does it, though; it has an amazing blueberry/blackberry nose; it's huge, intense, with beautiful depth and colour, and great weight. Different from NZ Syrah or Aussie Shiraz, which is maybe why I love it.

\$ Fearless Buys

A monthly selection of delicious, dependable reds and whites where the palate, not the price tag, packs a punch

Brookfields MAVERICK Hawke's Bay Rosé 2009

was \$19.90 now \$16.90 11316

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

A one-off from Peter Robertson

And the first cab off the rank as we thunder into the new wineletter is... a rosé? Is you lost your mind? \$450 monthly power bills and I still can't feel my feet and you suggest a summer wine? There have been some interesting stirrings at Brookfields of late, and this is another example; a bold style (hence the name), a Merlot-dominant and fleshy expression that, while I'm pro-blush for the suggested anti-pasti partnering, I reckon fresh hot-ham sarnies with smatterings of spicy mustard... come on, push the boat out Pinky.

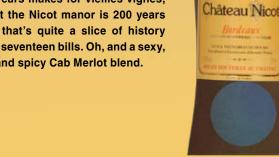


BROOKFIELDS

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Succulent, great value Bordeaux

Look, the French can play that whole 'my castle is older than your castle' until the bovines return, and they laugh right to the bottom of their Gallic gussets when we suggest 30 years makes for vieilles vignes, but when you see that the Nicot manor is 200 years old, well, we'll admit that's quite a slice of history you're getting for your seventeen bills. Oh, and a sexy, seductive, succulent and spicy Cab Merlot blend.



Spy Valley

SPY VALLEY

Marlborough Pinot Gris 2010

was \$23.50 now \$18.90 18333

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A consistently impressive Pinot Gris

Vintage 2010? Great March/April weather delivered a most excellent result quality-wise, apparently. Seems like only yesterday we were stomping among the pebbles. Next thing you know (old Jed's a millionaire) and you have the fruits of your labours in front of you. Tempis fugit, as them old Latin masters used to say. Fresh, vibrant, brimming with youth, a delicious and attractive wine with just the right amount of swagger. The spymasters have made authentic PG their own; the new vintage simply reaffirms their position.

Luis Pato Maria Gomes White Wine 2009

was \$19.90 now \$14.90





CASE OF 6 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Charming aromatic white from Portugal

This intensely aromatic gem is flush with flavour, a wine of inimitable class from the man with the baggiest pants since Augustus Darnell. Made from the Maria Gomes variety, mostly, so our idea that this sexily subtle offering was a tribute to the slightly plump but wittily charming septuagenarian from the local trattoria is ultimately misguided. Helluva great wine though, Luis.



Lake Chalice FLIGHT 42 Marlborough Unoaked Chardonnay 2009

was \$19.90 now \$15.90

You can have two for only \$30

Chocks away and show us your ailerons... is that a lap belt or a lap dance, sir, the chucken or the fush... actually this fleshy stonefruit flyer goes best with oysters and is another significant addition to the Lake Chalice Chardonnay expressions. Despite its less than distracting pricepoint, just make sure your landing gear's down, laddie, before you send her heavenwards.

Ti Point

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$22.90 now \$16.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Made by Tracy Haslam

The claret genius ensures her white fruits come from the white fruit capital, knowing her Te Arai terroir is red-land. And if you want to make top-flight Sauvignon, who you gonna call? This vibrant and tropical storm in a stem could only be from Marlborough, and our Tracy harnesses its power and adds some flesh of her own.



Crossroads

Hawke's Bay Merlot 2008

was \$22.90 now \$16.90 12406

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Excellent value Hawke's Bay red

The Crossroaders have been around since 1990, which often gets forgotten, I reckon. That's twenty years, lad, which is a lifetime in our fledgling yet fetching industry. 'Luscious and structured' is their style (just generally, looking at the shots of the workers), and this is a fulsome, silk road trip of succulence and richness that through some modern miracle has come out vastly underpriced.



MOUNT EDWARD

You need to be a little careful, particularly around royalty, that you don't take the winery name as a directive; it's a hill, soldier, and best you don't forget that. Smack bang in the centre of Gibbston Valley, a location that comes as no surprise when you understand that Alan Brady, one of the first to turn the sod in the valley and announce, 'hello, Pinot heaven,' or something similar, was the founder of Mount Eddie. He subsequently recruited the voluble Duncan Forsyth, a man who, with 13 years of Central vintages under his (tigerskin) belt, had the sort of experience Al was looking for.

With so many wineries set up seemingly at whim, it's gratifying that Mount Ted was founded with a strict philosophy, and even more reassuring that they've stuck with it. That would be? A traditional approach to winemaking. A commitment to reflecting site and soil and season, a commitment further tested and augmented in recent years with the inclusion of some Cromwell vineyards into the mix. Wines that are not fruit-bombs but indeed reveal their glories over time, in layers and with grace. Wines of character and intrigue, presence, power yet finesse.

These characteristics, of course, cannot be pulled out of a magic box and applied liberally with U-Hu. 'What you see with our wines is a reflection of vintage,' says Duncan. 'We're not trying to blend to maintain consistency of flavour; we try and blend to maintain consistency of style. If you want the same house style, but looking at wine as it changes vintage to vintage, then come to us.'

Well, here we all are then, at the Casa Del Eduardo, keen to sample the wares. And, hell, we've even got an invite.



Mount Edward Central Otago Pinot Noir 2008

was \$47.00 now \$38.90 12520

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$38.40 A BOTTLE

'This is our House style, so it's all about elegance and finesse and delicacy. It's meant to be a pretty, fine wine with complexity,' says Duncan. 'Shows clear typicity as well as varietal definition,' say the notes, meaning it's a very Pinot-like Pinot that's very clearly Central Otago-derived. Fruit from Lowburn, Bannockburn and Gibbston all come together to make a wine with a texture of indescribable loveliness and flavours and characters of plum, spice, wild herbs and wilder game.



Mount Edward Central Otago Riesling 2008

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was \$25.00 now \$19.90 12521

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Now and again, when we taste a Riesling as mind-discombobulating as this, we look at each other furtively over our Riedel Riesling receptacles and wonder, when will the world realise that this is one of the greatest styles of wine ever? Mount Edward's expression is exquisite; a thread of mineral driving from front to back, startlingly fresh acid and a rich, apple-based, cinnamon-spiced concentration of flavours. I'd rather have a case of this than Naomi's diamonds.

Mount Edward

Central Otago Chardonnay 2008

was \$25.00 now \$19.90





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Great to see someone maintaining momentum on the white varieties in a region with a Pinot pandemic that has everyone stampeding to the cloners saying, 'more Dijon 25, please.' Pushy fruit delivers with precision, spicy oak slides underneath and the texture turns the key in the satisfaction door. And locks it.



Mount Edward MUIRKIRK Central Otago Pinot Noir 2009

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was \$69.00 now \$64.90 12527

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$64.40 A BOTTLE

A serious, single vineyard wine from that legendary stretch of real estate known as Felton Road in the Bannockburn sub-region. It has a toastiness, or perhaps a noticeable oak presence, but then there's a noticeable 'everything' presence – plums and brambly cherries, dark, dank earth, controlled exuberance – all concentrated, deeper, richer than your standard Pinot Noir. Clearly a Mount Edward wine.

MOUNT EDWARD WINEMAKERS DINNER WITH WINEMAKER DUNCAN FORSYTH

AUCKLAND: GLENGARRY VICTORIA PARK 7PM TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER WELLINGTON: VIVO, 19 EDWARD STREET 6:30PM THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER





DRAPPIER

Sparkling

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



was \$72.90 now \$43.90

Champagne at an everyday price

Rated among the best NV champagnes, Robert Parker gave Drappier's Carte d'Or top marks, and Decanter listed it in the top ten of the 100 Champagnes they tasted. The base wine is dominated by Pinot Noir, blended with a smallish component of Pinot Meunier and rounded off with 15% Chardonnay. Pale gold, with a profusion of tiny bubbles, the complex bouquet displays aromas of stonefruit, spice and baked bread. Wonderfully fresh and balanced, it exudes class.



Brut Réserve **NV**

was \$89.00 now \$74.90 41522

Free magnum with every case of 12

Charles Heidsieck's origins lie as far back as 1785. That company gave rise to three different Heidsieck champagne houses, but it was the energetic, extroverted Charles-Camille Heidsieck (made famous in the song 'Champagne Charlie') who founded Charles Heidsieck in 1851. The Brut Reserve is a pale straw wine with a fine bead and a vinous nose of brazil nut and toffee. The fleshy palate is boldly structured, with generous tropical fruit flavours complemented by a smooth mousse and a crisp, spicy finish. Exquisite.



CHAMPAGNE Moët & Chandon Rosé Impérial NV

was \$112.00 now \$69.90 47206

Fresh and elegant, a superb aperitif

Moët & Chandon produce some the most popular and fashionable Champagnes in the world, including this seductive rosé. An immediately appealing, copperhued wine, dominated by a Pinot Noir component that provides depth and a bouquet of strawberry with a dash of spice. The palate is packed with soft summer fruit flavours supported by peach and cinnamon nuances. It is a fresh, fruity, elegantly-styled wine that is equally good with food or as an aperitif.

SPAIN Freixenet CORDON NEGRO Brut NV

was \$20.50 now \$13.90 85010

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

World's biggest-selling sparkler

Freixenet regularly leads the pack in blind tastings of méthodes, and it's also often rated the best value. The Cordon Negro has a fine bouquet of pip and tropical fruit underscored by toasty nuances. Elegantly styled, it has a soft, smooth texture balanced by citrus notes that deliver a crisp, clean finish.



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



Saint-Meyland has most of the pedigree of its high-bred Champagne cousins without the price tag. Made largely from hand harvested Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, it is aged for eighteen months to provide toasty characters. It has vanilla and floral aromas, a soft, round middle palate and a long, balanced finish. Brilliant value.

NEW ZEALAND No.1 Family Estate CUVÉE NUMBER 8



was \$32.00 now \$24.90 12210

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

From winemaker Daniel Le Brun

Daniel le Brun was born near Épernay, in the heart of Champagne, to a winemaking family, so it is hardly surprising that his Marlborough winery is dedicated solely to the production of méthode traditionnelle wines. A blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, the No.8 Cuvée has won numerous accolades. It is a bone-dry wine with aromas and flavours of green apple and mineral, with subtle yeasty notes.



CHAMPAGNE Veuve Clicquot

Brut **NV**

was \$99.00 now \$69.90 49810



Veuve Clicquot's non-vintage is one of champagne's great success stories, and it deservedly enjoys a worldwide reputation for its consistency. It is a full, flavoursome wine with a gutsy Pinot Noir flavour and a wonderfully mellow, yet robust, finish. The wine is characterised by its richness, but is at the same time beautifully fresh tasting and elegantly structured.





Since the pub quiz seems to be the after-work entertainment du jour, here's one for you all: who said, 'there is no better country on the face of the earth for growing Burgundy grapes than Central Otago?' Romeo, that Alfa male, Mr Bragato to you, pioneer of NZ's wine industry, spouting forth sans spigot back in 1895.

While he merely spake, Alan Brady, then Mr Gibbston and now Mr Ed, went ahead and planted, producing the first commercial Pinot Noir from the region in 1987 (cue the theme from Miami Vice). Cue, also, a tidal wave of great regional, sub-regional and individual vineyard expressions, of small plots and big bucks, of steep slopes, unforgiving climatic conditions and summers that make Hawaii seem tepid at times.

Welcome to Central Otago where, some 115 years since Romeo bellowed on the balcony, the world now makes similar proclamations. The delight is, of course, we now have the wines to back up the bold claims. We've pulled a cross-section of dollars, styles and winemaking philosophies. If you've thought it's all been a lot of hype, we politely suggest you'll be convinced otherwise. And if you're already a Central fan, well, what holds you back, Gareth? Clippety clop, lad.

Devils Staircase

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2009





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

If this were any more approachable you'd find it patting the couch cushion and inviting you in for a cuppa. Anyone who thinks good wine must equal hard work - Cabernet drinkers unite - needs to do a couple of rounds with this fruit fiesta. Instant gratification.



CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

'One more time, Bruce: tahi, rua, toru... whaaaa out, boy, how many fingers you got?!' A wine that's as easy to follow as the ole 1,2,3, and far more rewarding. Starts with a berry burst, finishes fat with flavour. Um, gimme rima...

Mt Difficulty roaring meg

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2009





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Red and black berries rather than the usual cherry suspects, framed just so and dished up to delight with a confident weight and texture. Something alluring awaits should you cellar it, but Meg is certainly delivering all she should and more. Right. This. Very. Minute.

Waipara Hills southern cross

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.90 now \$24.90





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Always appealing when there's a touch of the old savoury in there to augment the fruit; salves one's conscience about balanced diets and all that. This one seduces with plums and chocolate, too, and some sexily subtle French oak characters. The big glasses, then, Rupert.



Grasshopper Rock EARNSCLEUGH Pinot Noir 2008



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Admire the focus: single vineyard wine, and the only wine in their portfolio, the hoppers' Pinot Noir is a celebration of concentration, a rarity in this multi-ranged world we inhabit. Profoundly complex, layered and deeply moving, like a sinewy South Island stream.

Rockburn

CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2008







CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

How could there possibly be any stock left of this absolutely stunning, multi-award winning, profoundly moving Pinot expression? And can we get a head check on the bean counter who dropped sixteen slides off the price? Your funeral, my party...





Mt Difficulty

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008



was \$45.90 now \$37.90 14945

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$37.40 A BOTTLE

Magnificent drop this, with its soaring, sweet-fruited flavours and its

solid, deep-seated structure, its beautiful balance and precision, the combination of which will send you into orbit. Is there room in your life for one more trip to the moon?

Kingsmill TIPPET'S DAM CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2007





was \$42.00 now \$38.90 14955

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$38.40 A BOTTLE

A single-vineyard offering from Bannockburn, this has the intense fragrance of a box of Christmas cherries just after they've arrived, squashed by the courier. Same jammy denseness, too; the irony is, the fruit is grown in what was once cherry country. The wheel turns.



Misha's Vineyard CENTRAL OTAGO THE HIGH NOTE Pinot Noir 2008

was \$47.00 now \$39.90 16601

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

A quip in here somewhere about (The) Sopranos, surely, but we'll sway away and look at the intensity and drive of the palate instead. The florals and chocolates are gorgeous, but don't misunderestimate this, as George W would say: a wine both sturdy and suave.

Amisfield

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2007

was \$50.00 now \$39.90 15411



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$39.40 A BOTTLE

90 points in Spectator, 5 Stars Winestate, ten dollars ten cents off... you do the math, as they say. This is an outstanding wine, beautifully shaped, delivering an arc of triumph from the first fruit flavours to the last, lingering line of tannin. A seamless and concentrated treat.

artineovous

'You're mad, boy!' the wise old folk said to the pioneers who thought the then untapped soil might just be a life support system for some stunning Pinot Noir. Seems obvious now, but this was back in the late 1980s when such a claim was about as sensible as saying the All Whites would make the World Cup playoffs. Laugh? We nearly bought one.

Martinborough was where this nation's Pinot tale began, pretty much, and while the style has been refined to something distinctive and the number of wineries mushroomed, it's still Martinborough, and its place in the pioneering pantheon of our wine story is cemented well and true.

And now the vines are ageing up (the winemakers too), it means that while the wines can be, have been, and indeed are outstanding, the best, unquestionably, is yet to come.



Russian Jack

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$21.90 now \$16.90 18949

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

So Russian Jack was Latvian, I mean, really, does it matter? What's important is that a canny and resourceful man has leant his name (unwittingly) to a wine that is perhaps less mysterious but infinitely more fragrant than the good chap himself.

Three Paddles

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$25.90 now \$19.90 15839



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Pinot can all get a bit queer and cultish, but the joy of this is it dispels that kneeling at the Burgundian altar clap-trap, delivering a superb experience of sage-brushed, concentrated berryfruit leveraged by spicy oak. The only nonsense is the price. Too tiny.

Pencarrow

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009



was \$26.50 now \$19.90 17052

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

Another wine that more than 'meets the market' as they say in The City, and this will confound the hedgies and ledgerers for, simply put, how does it deliver so much flavour, texture and excitement for such an inconsequential outlay?

The Edge

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$26.00 now \$21.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$21.40 A BOTTLE

Larry 'look, it's my fault, I started all this' McKenna has moved his good pioneering self southside a little to the alluvial Te Muna gravel terraces, his Escarpment label reflecting the topography, his Edge label reflecting the light at certain angles. Meaty, flavoursome, broad and deeply satisfying.



Nga Waka

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$44.90 now \$29.90 15849

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Nga Waka's Pinot vines are just about old enough to sit their Learner's Licence, and the concentration and character in this would be a direct consequence of that, we reckon. Bold, assertive style, with a headrush of colourful characters to pluck at your imagination.



Pinot is the big red for Nelson; they're just a bit too cool for claret, these cats, and while the region doesn't have the cache of the sexed-up spots like Central and Marty Bro, if you think of names like Neudorf, Greenhough and Rimu Grove, you'll be remembering that these artisan types make some very interesting and worthwhile expressions indeed.

Harnessing Pinot Noir's magic is occasionally difficult in the sunshine capital, but the offerings that await the patient and assiduous are superb, a level of physiological ripeness being possible here that keeps you coming back for more. Fruit is the focus; starbright, crystal-clear expressions with well-defined cherry and berry flavours are a reminder that the whole region is based on fruit - orchards still outnumber pubs and bars. Just. Nelson, take a bough!

Greenhough

NELSON Pinot Noir 2008

was \$28.90 now \$23.90 15060



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

While many of our 500 plus Pinot labels jostle each other in a bunch of uncertain character, licking their wounds of mediocrity, guys like Greenhough just fly right by in the outside lane. This is outrageously good - focused, fulsome, flavoursome and then some.

While Martinborough and Central Otago are continually showered with praise for their Pinots, Marlborough, just quietly, actually accounts for over 40% of the nation's plantings. So there. 'Ohh, but it's all blended into dodgy sparklings,' said Seymour Flesch of Clyde on his blog, but we politely inform you, Seymour, that a mere 8% of Marlby's Pinot total goes into the ole bubbles; the rest is directed down the still spillway, and we, for one and all, are grateful.

Not because their bubblies aren't superb, but because, well, take a look down the list here. These are some of the best winemakers in New Zealand, some of the most rewarding, interesting and drinkable expressions of Pinot Noir available, bearing prices within the reach of the common man.

It was always rumoured that Marlborough could become a great source of smart Pinot, and so it has unfolded. The seagull feather in the leather cap is that they seem to be able to deliver good volumes of great wines, thus keeping the price respectable rather than ridiculous. Check 'em out, taste the difference, and let us help you to the car with those cases madam. Marlborough, we knew you had it in you.

Lake Chalice

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now \$15.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$15.40 A BOTTLE

Well within living memory, we were told it would be 'simply impossible' to make 'drinkable Pinot Noir' for less than \$30. So we forked out obediently, and now we're shame-facedly slipping wines like this beneath our Burberry. Big on flavour, inordinately rewarding.





Torea

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$19.90 now \$16.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Did you know that cows can get Avian TB? Gospel, mes amies. Anyway, we have a be-wingéd symbol, in this case an oystercatcher (which is not the white linen thing in your pocket, Conrad), and we have a stunning, sensibly priced Pinot. Hmm, wonder if they Tweet?

Allan Scott

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2009

was \$26.00 now \$19.00 17352



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.50 A BOTTLE

The 2008 was a cracker, graceful and generous and weighed down with nothing but accolades. The 2009? Another distractingly decent delivery, the thick smearings of ultra-ripe fruit edged with lively acid, and nailed tight to some secure-in-itself oak foundations.

Opawa

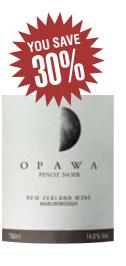
MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$29.90 now \$20.90



CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Forking the brand, as current vernacular would have it, Nautilus released the first wine with the half-moon label from the 2007 vintage, and this is another bright, shiny expression of their 'how ripe do you want it?' stony vineyards in Rapaura.





The Crossings

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$24.90 now \$14.90 14581

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$14.40 A BOTTLE

Awatere being more renowned for Sauvignon Blanc, it's great to see a cleverly conceived Pinot billowing forth under its own ensign, Benson. A blend of coastal and alpine sites, a seamless, scintillating expression of what the region can produce.

Momo

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$30.00 now \$23.90





CASE OF 12 ONLY \$23.40 A BOTTLE

This has, as the bard once said, chasms of spasmodic charm, an ebullience and vigour that, before you get dismissive with the 'fresh and fruity' epithets, is also solidly built and deftly, intricately detailed.



STONELEIGH



Stoneleigh RAPAURA SERIES MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$33.90 now \$27.90

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$27.40 A BOTTLE

A much-awarded wine from the much-vaunted series, this was exciting on first release and continues to excel. A complex, crafted blend of luscious fruit and subtle savoury bits, the most amazing thing is that Jamie the winemaker looks about 10. The Dorian Gray Award goes to...

Te Whare Ra

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Noir 2008

was \$36.00 now \$32.90 19167



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$32.40 A BOTTLE

Quite an eccentric bucket of fish, the old Te Whare Ra Ras. Brilliant, creative and intrinsically interesting, á la this finely knit, fulsome, slightly earthy Pinot from the family vineyard in Renwick. Ruggedly individual they might be, but this is seamless.



Brilliant Barcains

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



Taylors **ESTATE** Shiraz Malbec 2007

was \$22.00 now \$14.90



Rich and luscious Clare Valley red blend



Penfolds BIN 28 KALIMNA Shiraz **2007**

was \$37.90 now \$24.90





Wild South 2008

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris

was \$18.90 now \$9.90 11294



A very smart Pinot Gris at under \$10



Pete's Shed 2008

GRANITE BLOCK Sauvignon

was \$24.90 now \$10.90

Great value vintage clearout from the team at Yealands



Waipara Hills 2008

WAIPARA Gewürztraminer

was \$21.90 now \$14.90 10317



Perfect with Thai or Indian food, or as a pre-dinner drink



Rockburn

CENTRAL OTAGO Riesling 2008



was \$26.90 now \$12.90 12362

A dry style of Riesling that is excellent with food



Pete's Shed THE RIDGE

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir 2008



was \$33.50 now \$16.90 10021 Central Otago Pinot Noir

at a thoroughly mad price



Satellite MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2008

RRP \$18.90 now \$9.90 18334



A massively discounted wine from Spy Valley



Gunn Estate

SKEETFIELD Chardonnay 2007



was \$32.90 now \$18.90 18442



Three Paddles 2009 🍑

MARTINBOROUGH Chardonnay



was \$18.90 now \$9.90 15800

A steal at the original price, let alone for under \$10



Wild Earth 2008

CENTRAL OTAGO Pinot Noir



was \$44.00 now \$31.90 16025

Top wine, smart price



Margrain 2008

MARTINBOROUGH Pinot Gris

was \$31.00 now \$22.90 13681



An excellent food wine



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12356 ROCKBURN CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2010 RRP \$26.90 OUR PRICE \$22.90

17348 ALLAN SCOTT MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 RRP \$21.90 OUR PRICE \$19.90

12827 ESK VALLEY MERLOT MALBEC ROSÉ 2010 RRP \$25.50 OUR PRICE \$16.90









New winemaker, new generation of the Skeggs family helming SS Akarua and so a new-look label. The key image is still the New Zealand Alpine Daisy, redrafted to look 'more like a copper orb, radiating strength... yet hinting at the fragile beauty' which is the flower, of course, while referencing the enigmatic nature of, well, nature really. We like it.

 10210 CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT NOIR 2009
 \$35.90

 10211 RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2009
 \$55.00

 10212 CENTRAL OTAGO PINOT GRIS 2009
 \$26.90

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Cider, the alcoholic beverage made from the fermented juice of apples and/or pears, was introduced into New Zealand by European settlers in the 19th Century. Production and consumption seriously declined during the 20th Century, but in the last few years cider has regained worldwide popularity, particularly among younger drinkers.

Cider can be made from any variety of apple (or pear), but it is essential that the fruit is harvested at optimum ripeness. The matured fruit is milled into small pieces and the resulting mash is pressed to extract the juice. The juice is fermented on natural or selected yeasts at low temperatures (4–16°C) to retain delicate aromas and flavours.

Following fermentation, the ciders from various tanks are blended, sometimes with other flavouring components, to produce individual styles that can range from still to sparkling and from sweet to dry.

Magners is the only Irish cider, the original and Ireland's favourite. Now owned by Bulmers, Britain's largest cider producer, Magners Cider is still produced in Ireland from the original recipe perfected by William Magner in 1935. Olt contains no artificial additives and is cold filtered.

MAGNERS

PEAR CIDER 568ML

SINGLE BOTTLE \$5.90 91837

91835 Magners Original Cider 330mL

91836 Magners Original Cider 568mL SINGLE BOTTLE \$5.90





Established in the heart of an apple orchard in Stoke, near Nelson, in the 1930s, Rochdale was the only New Zealand company still producing cider by 1970. The McCashin family purchased the company in 1980, and continue to improve and develop the Rochdale styles.

ROCHDALE

GINGER LIME CIDER 330ML

4-PACK \$16.90 12373

12371 Rochdale Traditional Cider 330mL

12372 Rochdale Pear Cider 330mL

4-PACK \$16.90 4-PACK \$16.90



Weka is produced by the Moa Brewing Company's Josh Scott. Also the winemaker at Allan Scott, Josh uses many of the same techniques to produce his cider. He utilises Sauvignon Blanc yeast, aging the cider in old Chardonnay barrels to provide structure, flavour and depth.



WEKA

APPLE CIDER 330ML

4-PACK \$9.90 91342

91343 Poppet Cider 375mL

4-PACK **\$29.90**

A boutique producer established by Sam Cooney, a vastly qualified winemaker who has worked in wineries in New Zealand, Australia and France. Sam models his cider on lighter, crisp French styles, producing small batches from specific apple varieties off Hawke's Bay orchards.

APPLE TREE

CIDER 500ML

SINGLE BOTTLE \$6.90 91670



Old Mout ciders are made by Nelson's award-winning fruit producers Redwood Cellar, owned by Justin and Scottie Chapman. All the fruit for the ciders are grown locally in the Nelson region and made to traditional recipes, with fruit wine added to some of the styles.

OLD MOUT

BOYSENCIDER 330ML

4-PACK \$15.50 18903



18901 Old Mout Cider 330mL

18902 Old Mout Feijoa Cider 330mL

18900 Old Mout Scrumpy 330mL

4-PACK **\$12.90** 4-PACK **\$15.50** 4-PACK \$15.50



a taste of

With Spring on its way, we bring you a superb selection of French whites



was \$21.90 now \$16.90 43987

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

From the makers of Arrogant Frog

Managed by Jean-Paul Mas, Les Domaines Paul Mas consists of several vineyards, totalling 150 hectares, in the Languedoc region. The fruit was harvested from low-yield, 25-year-old vines located in the Hérault sub-region. Boasting a bouquet of tropical fruit and lime backed by hints of hazelnut and toasty notes, the well balanced palate displays appealing pineapple flavours complemented by a mellow, creamy texture and a lingering, lime-influenced finish. Terrific value.



was \$22.00 now \$16.90 48554

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Kissed with South of France sunshine

The rather simple Vin de Pays classification does not do justice to the quality and class of this wine from Michel Laroche, who has been crafting awardwinning Chablis for some time; his understanding of the variety is very apparent. Ripe stonefruit notes are supported by a touch of grapefruit and meal. The emphasis on the well weighted palate is purity of fruit, balanced by a squeeze of citrus that gives length to the finish. Excellent quality, great value.





was \$31.00 now \$19.90 42413

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$19.40 A BOTTLE

From the home of Pinot Gris

Pierre Brecht is renowned for producing classically styled Alsace wines based on careful selection of fruit. A wonderfully fresh and lively wine, the bouquet expresses classic varietal aromas of honeyed pear and spice, along with hints of almond and citrus, while the palate has a weighty, viscous mouthfeel that beautifully complements the sweet, spicy fruit flavours, countered by a splash of citrus at the end.



Huber & Bléger Alsace Pinot Gris 2007

was \$36.00 now \$22.90

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

This is a family winery, jointly owned by Mark and Claude Huber and their cousin Franc Bléger, located in the famous winegrowing village of Saint-Hippolyte, where the family owns a 25-hectare vineyard. With a nose combining candied citrus peel and raisin aromas backed by a dollop of spice, the palate is delightfully elegant, the spicy fruit flavours wrapped round a silky texture and supported by a long, fresh finish. Artful, and beautifully made.

DOMAINE Bourillon Dorléans

Vouvray Sec 2008

was \$35.50 now \$29.90 40977

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE

Pairs very well with goat's cheese

Arguably the most renowned appellation in the Loire, the Vouvray region produces the finest Chenin Blanc wines in the world, highly prized for their quality and versatility. A great way to get acquainted with the wines of Vouvray is to start with this expression from one of the appellation's star performers. A stone-dry style with an outstanding, mineral-edged bouquet of ginger, acacia, pear and brioche, the abundant fruit flavours are deftly supported by nuances of spice and mineral notes.





CHABLIS

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$29.40 A BOTTLE Clean, fresh Chardonnay from Chablis

Renowned for centuries for its Chardonnay wines, Chablis is located in the relatively cool northern region of Burgundy. The combination of climate and famed Kimmeridge limestone soils produces crisp, elegant wines underscored by flintiness. The Laroche is a classically-styled Chablis, whole bunch pressed, cool fermented and lees aged for up to six months. It has a bouquet of mineral-tinged granny smith apple. A polished wine, the pure fruit flavours complemented

by a smooth texture and a fine, crisp finish.



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St Hallett

Wirra Wirra CATAPAULT
McLaren Vale Shiraz Viognier 2008

was \$26.90 now \$20.90 28791

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$20.40 A BOTTLE

Smooth, voluptuous flavours

Sourced from selected McLaren Vale vineyards and matured for a total of eighteen months in French and American oak. A dark red wine with youthful flicks of purple and an engagingly perfumed bouquet showing plum, blackberry and liquorice embellished by a floral lift from the Viognier. It is a wonderfully smooth wine, with voluptuous berry and plum flavours overlaid with crushed black pepper and complemented by a firm tannin structure.

Geoff Merrill THE PRODIGAL SON McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Viognier 2004

was \$25.90 now \$18.90 22140

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Fine red blend from master winemaker

Master winemaker Geoff Merrill has delivered another superbly crafted wine that is both moderately priced and extremely food friendly. Using fruit harvested from well established McLaren Vale vineyards, it has an outstanding bouquet of berry and violet uplifted by the Viognier component. The velvety smooth palate is richly flavoured, balanced and firmly structured.



St Hallet GAMEKEEPERS RESERVE
Barossa Shiraz Grenache 2008

was \$19.50 now \$16.90 27408

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Popular Australian brand

A fascinating blend from old Barossa Valley vines, each fruit parcel was vinified separately in stainless steel and, following malolactic, aged on lees for eight months. The nose displays ripe red fruit, with violet and cinnamon notes enlivened by rose petal-like nuances. It is a medium bodied wine with well defined cherry and raspberry flavours enhanced by a touch of smokiness and earthiness.

Taylors EIGHTY ACRES Clare Valley Shiraz Viognier 2008

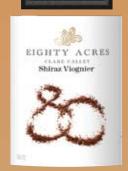
was \$21.00 now \$13.90 28075

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CASE OF 6 ONLY \$13.40 A BOTTLE

Carbon neutral winery

Eighty Acres wines are verified 100% Carbon Neutral under the international ISO 14044 standard. Intense aromas of plum prevail, along with apricot notes from the Viognier and underlying vanillin oak. The berry and plum flavours are supported by spicy nuances, a touch of oak and a satisfying finish.



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Penfolds

THOMAS HYLAND
SHIRAZ
DOTH ALSTRALIA

Penfolds THOMAS HYLAND South Australian Shiraz 2007

was \$25.90 now \$16.90 25467

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$16.40 A BOTTLE

Iconic Australian producer

Primarily a blend of of McLaren Vale and Barossa Valley fruit. It is a dark, dense wine with an aromatic nose of cassis, liquorice and pepper. The well balanced palate is packed with ripe plum flavours supported by toasty oak and complemented by a slick mouthfeel.



Wolf Blass GOLD LABEL
Barossa Shiraz 2008

was \$26.90 now \$18.90 28900



CASE OF 6 ONLY \$18.40 A BOTTLE

Famous for its consistent quality

The Gold Label wines have always impressed with their quality and consistency. The complex bouquet expresses blackberry and plum embellished by hints of nutmeg and cedary oak. A rich palate of ripe, spicy dark fruit flavours is complemented by silky tannins.



Hesketh USUAL SUSPECTS McLaren Vale Shiraz Viognier 2006

was \$27.90 now \$22.90 21087

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$22.40 A BOTTLE

McLaren Vale magic

A 96% Shiraz from McLaren Vale, co-fermented with 4% Viognier from Adelaide Hills. Following primary and malolactic fermentation, the wine was matured in seasoned French oak barrels. Displaying a spicy bouquet of plum and liquorice supported by hints of stone-fruit, blossom and oak, the palate has distinctive berryfruit flavours enhanced by a smooth texture and a long, savoury aftertaste.

a taste of

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



was \$37.90 now \$24.90 88111

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Makes a great pairing with seafood

The Lusco estate is in the Rias Biaxis DO, and all six hectares are planted in local wonder-white Albariño. This wine is so far from what we traditionally expect from traditional Spain that we all did a double take, and a second gulp, just to reassure ourselves we had the right flag flying. Zingily crisp, with radiant tropical fruit linked arm in arm with some herbaceous freshness, it has the flamboyance for late lunch, the charm for early evening, and the promise of open-toed foot-

Cepa 21 ніто Ribera del Duero **2007**

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Made by Emilio Moro

From the frontiersman Emilio Moro (Bar); while his approach is screechingly modern, the family have been vignerons in the region for 120 years. Give or take. This funky sounding red is a total trip, so new it's still in its wrapping. 'Hito' is a stone signpost, so a bad joke about the only direction of this Tinto Fino being up, up, up would be ludicrous. Heady berries and crumbling earth notes, firm, but fresh. Ahem.



Descendientes de J. Palacios PETALOS Bierzo 2008

was \$35.00 now \$28.90 88056

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$28.40 A BOTTLE

92/100 Jay Miller, Wine Advocate

Another day, another Alvaro Palacios-derived gem, scoring highly in the global press yet remaining with its sandals, and price, firmly in the unforgiving earth. Bierzo is tucked away in the north-east, but it didn't escape Al's sights, and he has revamped some key sites to make polished, powerful yet approachable reds like this one from the local Menciá grape. Highly fragrant, headily exotic, the fruit is starred with spice, the oak solid but supportive, not dominant. This is modern Spain; ignore at your peril.



We have previously featured their Baltos, made from the Menciá grape, which collected 90 points from Parker and Spectator, so get this into the Cordoba quick smart; at \$16.90 off, you'd be a fool to bustle your burro on by. Godello is the variety; with the viticulturists dropping fruit by hand, we get a low yielding, concentrated expression, all tropical fruit with nutty confluences and creamy lushness. It's not unlike a good Chardonnay, yet completely different and the more exciting for it.

Allende Rioja **2005**

was \$55.00 now \$36.90 87800

Godella

CASE OF 12 ONLY \$36.40 A BOTTLE

92/100 Jay Miller, Wine Advocate

'Aller' in French is 'to go', thus 'Allende' in Spanish is to go further, the name reflecting the drive of Mercedes (true!) and her brother Miguel, the visionaries of this modern Rioja Alta winery. This will spin your wheels, to continue the analogy, a Tempranillo expression of spice, plums and violet-sprinkled floral characters. There's a vanillin and mocha mingling with some dark cherries to finish, scents of the French oak (infidels!), all seamlessly wrapped and ready.





was \$64.00 now \$54.90 81019

CASE OF 6 ONLY \$54.40 A BOTTLE

Single vineyard Rioja

From the 'it's so new it hurts to look' approach of Allende to the 'someone needs to keep the flame' traditions of the old Marqués himself. We've always respected royalty, (should've seen us when Rachel dropped in for a Breezer), and this sort of solid, exquisitely rendered single vineyard Rioja commands respect. There are more cherries here than were once in Central Otago, and they surge like a crimson tide atop the oaken majesty below. Slow roasted wildebeest; that should do it.









GLENGARRY

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

Palacios Remondo LA VENDIMIA Rioja 2008

was \$24.90 now \$18.90

CASE OF 12 \$18.40 A BOTTLE

A wonderful, punchy, fruit-driven Rioja red with enticing blueberry, cherry and spice aromas and flavours. A silky texture and lingering finish enhance the fresh, fruity character.



Brookfields OHITI ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

was \$19.90 now \$16.90

CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

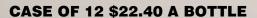
Winemaker Peter Robertson has produced a great value red packed with blackberry, plum and spicy oak aromas. The palate has rich fruit flavours supported by supple tannins.



Dog Point

MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$28.00 now \$22.90 18390



Lees ageing has provided a fine textural feel that enhances the vibrant tropical fruit aromas and flavours. Fresh and tasty, with lingering hints of lime and mineral.



Crossroads

HAWKE'S BAY Gewürztraminer 2007

was \$22.50 now \$14.90 12401

CASE OF 12 \$14.40 A BOTTLE

This off-dry Gewürztraminer displays a classic perfumed bouquet of spicy lychee, apple and floral notes that tumble through onto the palate. Fresh and lively, great with Asian foods.



Babich IRONGATE HAWKE'S BAY Chardonnay 2007

CASE OF 6 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

A wonderfully complex Chardonnay with tiers of stonefruit, grapefruit and hints of mineral and meal wrapped around a silky texture. Makes an excellent food wine. Superb value.



St Hallett FAITH BAROSSA Shiraz 2008

was \$32.90 now \$25.90 26022



100% fruit-driven Barossa Shiraz, with cherry, plum and spice flavours complemented by a supple tannin texture. Smooth, rich, generous, it finishes on a flavoursome note.



Allan Scott OMAKA

MARLBOROUGH Pinot Gris 2009

was \$26.50 now \$23.90

CASE OF 6 \$23.40 A BOTTLE

A just off-dry Pinot Gris with distinctive, spiceedged apple, pear and apricot aromas. A well weighted, neatly balanced and elegant wine with a fresh, succulent mouthfeel.



Rockburn Stolen KISS

CENTRAL OTAGO ROSÉ 2010

was \$21.90 now \$16.90



CASE OF 12 \$16.40 A BOTTLE

The aromas are evocative of spring-summer fruits, the strawberry and raspberry tones are embellished by a touch of spice. Fresh and beautifully balanced with a long, fruity finish.



Nicolas Potel GERARD POTEL Bourgogne Chardonnay 2007

was \$49.00 now \$26.90 42418

CASE OF 12 \$26.40 A BOTTLE

Burgundian Chardonnay with appealing peach, lime and toasty oak aromas and flavours. The palate is complemented by biscuity nuances, a hint of mineral and an elegant finish.



Babich winemakers' RESERVE MARLBOROUGH Sauvignon Blanc 2009

was \$28.90 now \$24.90 10639

CASE OF 6 \$24.40 A BOTTLE

Classically styled, gold medal Sauvignon Blanc awash with tropical fruit aromas backed by herb and mineral notes. Generously flavoured and weighty, beautifully balanced, fresh and zesty.



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