

A PROBLEM SHERRY'ED IS A PROBLEM HALVED

Sherry hails from the most south-west corner of Spain on the coast by the town of Jerez. Little known to many kiwi homes, 80% of sherry is actually made to be bone dry. Long gone are the days of Grandma's Bristol Cream. Sherry is a wonderful apéritif and is very food-friendly.

Delgado Zuleta **Fino** Sherry - Jerez, Andalusia, ES

Delgado Zuleta is the oldest, still active, producer of Sherry and have been doing so since 1744. Made in the same way as Manzanilla, Fino is aged inland, away from the salty breeze of the coast. Aged for approximately six years in the solera system of large 600 litre white American oak barrels.

Bodegas Hidalgo 'La Gitana en Rama' **Manzanilla** Sherry - Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Andalusia, ES

Manzanilla sherries are very dry and clean tasting. Lightly fortified to 15% and barrel-aged for eight years where a thick coating of flor grows on top to preserve the wine from oxidation. This one is named after its popularity in a particular Spanish bar run by 'La Gitana,' the Gypsy Woman and en Rama refers to minimal filtration.

Lustau 'Los Arcos' **Amontillado** Sherry - Jerez, Andalusia, ES

Things start getting a bit more serious with Amontillado where the wine starts off as a fino before being fortified to around 18%. Here the flor dies off and the sherry slowly oxidizes, gaining a darker hue and richer, nutty aromas. This one has spent four years under flor and four years exposed to oxygen.

Gonzalez Byass 'Apostoles' VORS 30yr **Palo Cortado** Sherry - Jerez, Andalusia, ES

The rarest of sherries, this Palo Cortado represents a cross between an Amontillado and a fuller Olorosso. This wine is immediately fortified to 18% and aged in barrel for 12 years before being uniquely blended with 12% Pedro Ximenez sweet sherry which has also been aged for 12 years. This blend is then put into the Apostoles solera where it ages for a further 18 years.

\$25

served as 4 x 30mls

LET'S GET FIZZICAL

***Sparkling wines** are a natural force of nature. Centuries ago the art of capturing bubble in the bottle was mastered by French monks. Today there are many ways of harnessing the organically produced carbon dioxide, each resulting in a different style of wine to suit every occasion.*

Bird in Hand **Sparkling Pinot Noir Rose**, 2022 - Adelaide Hills, South Australia, *Pinot Noir is harvested in the cool of the night, to retain freshness and flavour. The grapes are only left on skins for a short moment, just long enough to impart a splash of pink, leaving the wine fruity and delicate.*

Black Estate 'Damsteep' **Pét Nat**, 2023 - Waipara, North Canterbury, NZ *Short for "Pétillant Naturel", Pet-Nat is perhaps the simplest and most ancient method of making sparkling wine. Two-thirds Riesling, one-third Pinot Noir from the same organic & biodynamic Omihi vineyard, blended and bottled while still fermenting in April 2023. No additives, unfinned and unfiltered.*

Gustave Lorentz **Crémant d'Alsace** Brut Blanc, NV - Alsace, FR *"Crémant" is the French term for traditional-method sparkling wines made outside of Champagne. Crémant has been made in Alsace since 1902, recognised as an AOC in 1976, and has strict rules on method. Auxerrois, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, plus a little Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris are picked early and fermented in tank before secondary fermentation and 2 years on lees.*

Nautilus Estate Marlborough **Méthode Traditionnelle** Brut, NV - Marlborough, NZ *Produced since 1989, Nautilus follows the Champagne méthode with precision and respect. 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay are blended from various vintages and aged for four years on lees for richness and toasty character.*

OH, NATUREL!

Pét Nat, short for ‘Pétillant Naturel’ is a naturally sparkling wine made through the ancient winemaking technique ‘méthode ancestrale,’ where the wine is bottled while still fermenting to capture the natural effervescence produced by the remaining sugars and indigenous yeasts. This process results in a fresh, young, funky sparkling wine with refreshing and often rustic characters.

Known Unknown ‘Roses’ **Syrah Pet Nat** 2022 - Bridge Pa, Hawke’s Bay, NZ

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Bryterlater ‘Swell’ **Pétillant Naturel**, 2021 - North Canterbury, NZ

Waipara winemaker James Graves-Opie has a focus on modern, naturally produced wines. 100% Waipara Sauvignon Blanc, made using the traditional Italian ‘Col Fondo’ method where the wine is fermented in barrel, with lees stirring and malolactic, and bottled when the new vintage grapes are coming in with juice

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Testalonga ‘I am the Ninja’ **Pétillant Naturel**, 2021 - Swartland SA

One of the world pioneers of natural wine, Craig Hawkins of the Bandits Kloof region of Swartland dry-farms a 60-year old vineyard, with low-yielding bush vines on decomposed sandstone soil. Hand-harvested Chenin Blanc is fermented in stainless steel tanks and bottled cloudy before secondary fermentation for 10 months.

BLACK SHEEP

*Crisp, refreshing and a little bit different, a selection of **lesser known white varieties** originating from all ends of the world, grown right here in NZ where they show a slightly different profile from their indigenous homes, due to the unique climate and soils of New Zealand wine regions.*

Astrolabe 'Wreckin' **Chenin Blanc**, 2021 - Marlborough, NZ

Like its fellow Loire grape sauvignon blanc, chenin blanc flourishes in our climate. Previously used to add acid to bulk wine, a few passionate winemakers are chasing a serious, elegant style of Chenin. Planted on a steep hillside overlooking the Fairhall Valley, partially barrel fermented with wild yeast for complexity, with the remainder in stainless steel to preserve the fruit flavours.

Mount Edward **Grüner Veltliner**, 2017 - Gibbston, Central Otago, NZ

A rather uncommon varietal outside of Austria and the Czech Republic, we are yet to see much grown here in New Zealand despite its fantastic ability to adapt to different environments. Often a little salty or savoury in flavour, the pure acidity and lifted fruit characters from the Central Otago terroir compliment this.

Terrace Edge **Albarino**, 2022 - North Canterbury, NZ

Hailing from Galacia, along the northwest coast of Spain, Albarino is now settling into the New Zealand maritime climate. This local Albarino is organic, meticulously hand-picked and fermented in old French oak barrels for added texture and complexity.

Sam Harrop 'Bridge Pa' **Fiano**, 2021 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

One of Italy's finest grapes, Fiano is gaining a bit of a following in New World countries. Slowly but surely it is popping up in Australia, New Zealand and Argentina, often in small amounts by passionate producers who honour traditional styles of winemaking by resting the wine on lees.

A POCKET FULL OF POSIES

Aromatic white wines are almost as much fun on the nose as they are to taste. Delicate and perfumed they can leave you dreaming of holidays and summers passed. Grown in many regions of the world they are most famously appreciated in Alsace where their four main aromatic varieties are known as noble grapes.

Prophet's Rock **Pinot Gris**, 2021 - Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

Heavily influenced by winemaker Paul's time in Alsace, this is an example of new world grapes meeting old world wine-making to show off texture and complexity as well as bright fruit characters.

Ataahua **Gewürtztraminer**, 2019 - North Canterbury, NZ

Grown in the clay loam soils of the Waipara Valley floor, which hold onto nutrients but still drain freely, ideal for this powerful but delicate aromatic variety. The grapes were hand-harvested and then foot-stomped in the traditional manner, soaking on skins for two days before pressing to maximise texture. Weighty and perfumed with an oily texture and gentle spice.

Kerpen 'Wehlener Sonnenuhr' **Riesling** Kabinett, 2019 - Mosel, DE

Sonnenuhr, meaning sundial, is named after the steep slopes of the Mosel as they often directed to the South, ideal for the setting of sundials. A classic example of a German Kabinett, the wine is of low alcohol with bright fruit characteristics and sweetness complemented by high acidity.

Pegasus Bay **Muscat**, 2018 - North Canterbury, NZ

Production of this traditional French variety, Muscat Petit Grains, is small at Pegasus Bay as there are only a few rows in the vineyard. Delicately handled to preserve soft aromatics, the grapes are gently pressed and only the free-run juice is used. The wine is then fermented in tank to retain varietal purity and left to develop for four months until the ideal balance is achieved.

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LA PRIMAVERA

*In Vivaldi's Four Seasons, La Primavera represents springtime, as do these crisp, refreshing, **dry white varietals from across Europe**. This selection shows precision, texture and versatility which reflect the transitional nature of the Spring season as we move into the warmer months.*

Dal Cero 'Corte Giacobbe' **Soave Classico**, 2022 - Soave DOC, IT

In 1934, Augusto Del Cero planted vineyards surrounding the ancient castle Corte Giacobbe on the slopes of two extinct volcanoes, Calvarina and Crocetta, overlooking the Soave region. The wine Soave, meaning "smooth" in Italian, is lent a vibrant minerality by the rich, stony soils. The grapes are picked and chilled for a cryomaceration, protecting the crispness, before being pressed to stainless steel tank for fermentation.

Nivarius Tempranillo Blanco, 2022 - Rioja, ES

The only winery in the region to focus solely on white wines, Nivarius has become a benchmark for Rioja wines. The project has sought out specific vineyard sites, often at altitudes of 800m or more, where white varieties indigenous to the region can ripen slowly to encourage texture and complexity. Late picked, fermented cold for 4 months in stainless steel on lees.

Pazo Cilleiro **Albariño**, 2021 - Rías Baixas, ES

Fruit for this Albariño has been selected from small vineyards around the winery in the Salnés Valley, the heart of Rías Baixas denomination. These vines range between 20 and 25 years old. Harvest was done by hand and took place later than usual, but exceptional quality of grapes were achieved with outstanding yields. This classic style of Albariño has been fermented in tank and rested for a minimum of two months before release.

Dr. Loosen 'Red Slate' **Dry Riesling**, 2020 - Mosel, DE

After many years making wine around the world, Dr. Ernst Loosen took over his family's Mosel winery in 1988 with the goal of reinvigorating the region with a focus on becoming the world's highest-quality Riesling, making the most of the cool climate, steep slopes and barren, stony slate soils which reflect light onto the grapes. Red Slate soils are unique on the Mosel, and produce dry rieslings with a softer, rounder structure.

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CHARDONNAY TO Z

*The versatility of the **Chardonnay** grape makes it a perfect canvas for viticulturists and winemakers choose from a wide range of Chardonnay styles from dry, fruit-driven and unoaked, to luscious examples with complexity, elegance, and oak influence. During the 1990s, plantings of this internationally fashionable variety exceeded those of every other grape, today top-quality Chardonnay can be found in every New Zealand wine region.*

Kumeu River 'Estate' **Chardonnay**, 2022 - Kumeu, Auckland, NZ

An internationally significant example of the "white Burgundy" style from the new world, showing tension and elegance. Grown in several blocks around Kumeu, hand-picked, pressed straight to barrel and fermented with wild yeasts. Aged for 11 months with regular lees stirring in Burgundy oak barriques (25 per cent new), with full, softening malolactic fermentation balancing the racy acidity.

Elephant Hill **Chardonnay**, 2021 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

Founded in 2003, Elephant Hill's stunning winery and coastal vineyards at Te Awanga have been producing some of New Zealand's leading Chardonnays. 2021 was a warm, dry vintage, hand-picked fruit from the "Sea" vineyard was fermented and lees-aged for a year in French oak casks (20 per cent new), then aged for a further five months on light yeast lees to add weight to balance the fine, elegant acidity.

Greystone **Chardonnay**, 2021 - North Canterbury, NZ

An outstanding vintage of this local favourite from one of NZ's outstanding emerging producers. Fruit from two neighbouring vineyards, the original 'Muddy Water' Mendoza vineyard on clay soils and the younger Greystone home vineyards on limestone, foot-stomped then whole bunch pressed respectively, and wild-fermented separately in large French oak barriques before 10 months maturation in barrel.

Dog Point **Chardonnay** 2020 - Marlborough, NZ

Dog Point is the long-standing personal project of Ivan Sutherland and James Healy - both of whom were key players in the development of Marlborough and New Zealand wine. 2/3 Mendoza clone is fruit is hand-picked from the Dog Point home vineyard, whole bunch pressed straight to barrel for 18 months. Low intervention winemaking, plenty of solids in the ferment, and indigenous wild primary and secondary fermentation contribute to a funky, seriously powerful Chardonnay.

TE ARAROA - THE LONG PATHWAY

*An epic trail of quintessential **New Zealand wines** spanning the length of our two main islands. Undeniably Kiwi, these wines are classic examples of how excellent grape growing and winemaking can be accomplished while extending kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the land) to the beautiful vineyards of Aotearoa.*

Greywacke **Sauvignon Blanc**, 2022 - Marlborough, NZ

Classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc from top-tier producer, Kevin Judd. A portion of the grapes are fermented in stainless steel to retain bright acid and youthful fruit while the other is left to spontaneously ferment in barrel, softening the wine before blending.

Kumeu River 'Estate' **Chardonnay**, 2022 - Kumeu, Auckland, NZ

A true pioneer and hugely influential, Michael Brajkovich has been making internationally significant examples of the "white Burgundy" style from the new world for over 40 years. Grown in several blocks around Kumeu, hand-picked, pressed straight to barrel and fermented with wild yeasts. Aged for 11 months with regular lees stirring in Burgundy oak barriques (25 per cent new), with full, softening malolactic fermentation balancing the racy acidity.

Quartz Reef **Pinot Noir**, 2021 - Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

One of only six fully certified biodynamic vineyards in NZ, Quartz Reef let their wines truly reflect the land they come from. Such care is put into the growth of the grapes that very little work is required in the winery. The wine is rested in oak, some old, less new and left to gently age over 15 months before being bottled without fining or filtration.

Boneline 'Iridium' **Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2018
North Canterbury, NZ

Grown in a natural amphitheatre that was created over hundreds of years by river terraces where the fruit bakes in the sun ripening to fullness. Made with minimal intervention the wine undergoes a slow, warm maceration period post-ferment releasing the last bit of colour, flavour and texture of the vintage.

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CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

*Camino de Santiago, known in English as the Way of St. James, is a famous pilgrimage that encompasses several routes across Europe ending in Spain. These **premium wines** echo not only the land from which they are produced, but the history, culture, and tradition of their own unique terrior telling stories much older than us.*

Cordero di Montezemolo, Langhe **Arneis** 2021, Piedmont, IT

The Cordero vineyard surrounds a big 150-year-old cedar tree, some say it's the mythical tree that protects the vineyard, others would say it's protected from heavy rainfall by the nearby Alps. This varietal, also known as 'the little rascal,' was almost extinct in the late 20th century due to its challenging cultivation. However, it has since thrived in the Piedmont region, where it grows in sandy soils rich in fossils, lending it a unique minerality and saline character.

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WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY

*A fascinating selection of **Biodynamic wines** showing four different varietals from four different producers who follow planting schedules based on astrological configurations and the moon cycle.*

Quartz Reef **Méthode Traditionnelle Rosé**, NV - Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

A biodynamic beauty produced from Pinot Noir vines that were first planted in 1998. A true Méthode Traditionnelle the wine goes through two fermentations, the first in tank and the second in bottle. The wine is then rested on lees for a minimum of 18 months for a toasty, biscuity richness.

Millton 'Te Arai' **Chenin Blanc**, 2021 - Gisborne, NZ

The inimitable James Millton was New Zealand's first certified biodynamic wine producer, and this wine has become a New Zealand and world benchmark for Chenin Blanc. Hand picking, very gentle pressing retaining fine sediments to provide nutrients for natural wild fermentation. A weighty, spicy expression of Chenin, with lively, spikey freshness.

Burn Cottage **Pinot Noir**, 2020- Cromwell, Central Otago, NZ

Burn Cottage were the first Biodynamic Vineyard of Central Otago when they started in 2002. So much attention goes into the land that the wine making its self tells its own tale with as little human intervention as possible. The vineyard is also home to many native New Zealand plants, Highland cattle, beehives and olive trees as part of an enclosed farm system.

Rippon 'Rippon' Mature Vine **Pinot Noir**, 2019 - Wanaka, Central Otago, NZ

Rippon's mature vine Pinot Noir is an expression of their older vines grown deep into schist beside the stunning lake Wanaka. Rippon have always followed organic practices and have been biodynamic since the early 2000's. Showing great appreciation for the land, they allow the wine to show the true terrior of their place.

HOW MANY DUDES YOU KNOW GROW LIKE THIS?

*A selection of **North Canterbury wines** that celebrate our exceptional local wine region. These wines not only express the story of the land but also that of the people who crafted it*

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Greystone **Chardonnay**, 2020 - North Canterbury, NZ

Greystone's vineyards are managed organically and regeneratively, to best look after the farm they call home. The aim is for their wines to capture the heart and soul of North Canterbury in every glass. This Chardonnay is a blend of two main vineyard blocks. One block is limestone dominant, while the other is clay. Grapes from each block were fermented separately in French oak barriques then barrel aged for 10 months in oak before bottling without fining.

Muddy Water **Pinot Noir**, 2018 - North Canterbury, NZ

John & Jane East planted their organic vineyard on the calcereous clay soils of the Omihi Hills in 1993. Today, it is the oldest organic vineyard on ungrafted roots in New Zealand. The limestone-washed clay soil is perfect for Pinot Noir, giving weight and structure, and wild fermentation and minimal intervention adding to complexity.

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ROSÉS AREN'T RED

Rosé is made from red grape varietals using one of three methods. The most common is the skin contact method where the grapes are removed from their skins after a very short time frame, usually between 12-24 hours, just long enough to impart a small amount of colour, phenolics and tannin.

Domaine Lafron-Veyrolles, **Bandol Rosé**, 2022 - Bandol, Provence, FR

Provence's Bandol AOC, considered the world's mecca for Roses, benefits from limestone and silicon soils and a warm Mediterranean climate, ideal for the late-ripening Mourvèdre to express terroir. Lafron-Veyrolles dates back to 1641, and has been in the same family ownership since the 18th century. Mostly Mourvèdre with a little Grenache and Cinsault, made using the 'saignée' method of taking in a portion of red wine juice after a 24-hour maceration and then fermenting it separately.

Peregrine Pinot Noir **Rosé**, 2022 - Pisa/Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

100% hand-picked, Certified Organic Pinot Noir from two vineyards across Lake Dunstan from each other, with fruit from Bendigo giving weight and structure, and Pisa providing freshness and pure, delicate red fruit characters. Whole bunches are gently pressed and left to soak for a matter of hours to extract colour and gentle tannins, before a long, cold fermentation to protect the fruit and acidity.

Greystone **Rosé**, 2023 - North Canterbury, NZ

On the limestone hills at Omihi, Greystone's certified organic, regeneratively farmed vineyards are becoming one of the outstanding emerging producers in NZ. Their first vintage of Rose, Pinot Noir is soaked overnight for colour then gently pressed to settle, before being blended with a small portion of Riesling for aromatics, before a long, cool fermentation over winter.

The Boneline 'Pink Noise' **Rosé**, 2022 - North Canterbury, NZ

The Tutton and Hill families planted their property on Rampaddock Road on the Waipara River south bank in 1989. "The Boneline" references the seams of limestone and the fossils exposed on the ancient terraces. This rose has become a local cult favourite, with Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot gently pressed over several hours, then vinified identically but separately before blending, chasing a rich, full style.

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TERROIR - TŪRANGAWAEWAE

*The French term Terroir, which in wine broadly represents the concept that a great wine 'tastes like where it came from,' has been embraced by many New Zealand winemakers as an anologism for Turangawaewae 'representing their place' - the unique set of conditions that make the wine unique to the specific place it was grown and made. This selection focuses on **Pinot Noir** from different regions around Aotearoa and how the soils under which these vines grow impact the grapes used to produce the wines.*

Sorrell 'Churton' Pinot Noir, 2022 - Marlborough, NZ

Cloudy Bay winemaker Daniel Sorrell's family label is focussed on "place" - representing individual vineyards and the dramatic differences they bring to wine. The Weaver family's Churton vineyard in the Waihopai Valley is one of the highest established vineyards in the region. It has deep layer of heavy clay-based loess over the alluvial gravels, allowing dry farming and helping provide ethereal lift, elegance, and textural depth.

Maude Pinot Noir, 2022 - Wanaka, Central Otago NZ

Much of the Central Otago wine region, including Maude's Vineyards, is comprised of schist based soils. These soils have been produced at high pressures in the earth's crust, they are comprised of flaky layers of rocks and minerals. With its high content of Silica, Quartz and Mica, schist based soils produce luminous, layered and complex wines that show lift, precision and finesse.

Forager Pinot Noir, 2020 - Waiau, North Canterbury, NZ

Isolated Hill near Waiau is the site that winemaker Dom Maxwell uses to not only produce the grapes that result in Forager Pinot Noir, but also the vineyard where this wine is fermented. This 0.7ha vineyard is planted over steep limestone slopes. These soils allow natural drawing of water for the roots of the vine and aids in allowing the uptake of natural nutrients and minerals into the grapevine.

Escarpment Pinot Noir, 2021 - Martinborough, NZ

Escarpment vineyards are planted on alluvial loam soils which have been formed over very deep gravels. This soil composition allows exceptional drainage which is one prerequisite for producing premium quality grapes. The aim for this Pinot Noir is to highlight the Martinborough terroir well as the winemaking philosophy of translating the natural balance that is seen in Martinborough.

\$23.50

CHILLAX!

***Some red wines are best served chilled.** Although we generally drink a lot of our red wine probably too hot, there's a growing selection of red wines that are either traditionally served cooler, or more increasingly made with the intention of being served chilled. Tannins and savoury flavours are emphasised by the lower serving temperature, which can mute fruit flavours and create a svelte, linear, and mouthwatering structure.*

Huntress 'Kuratea' Pinot Noir Chilled Red, 2023 - Martinborough, NZ

The wines of 'Huntress' winemaker Janine Ricards honour a deep connection to indigenous food growing practices adapted to specific sites and environments. 'Kuratea' in te reo Maori translates to light red. This wine sits somewhere in the realm between a Rosé and more classically crafted Pinot Noir. A perfect introduction into drinking chilled red wine.

Pierre-Marie Charmette Fleurie, 2020 - Beaujolais, FR

Pierre-Marie Charmette and his family own Domaine du Vissoux, a historic winery in Fleurie, in the north of Beaujolais. The prized Poncié vineyard is very steep with a south-east exposure, and pink granite soil rich in mica and quartz. Gamay Noir is fermented naturally with no additions, around 50% carbonic maceration - whole bunches are fermented without pressing, all contributing to the silky texture and pure crunchy fruit characters.

Unico Zelo 'Jungle Jungle' Dolcetto, 2022 - Clare Valley, South Australia

Dolcetto, meaning "little sweet one" in Italian, traditionally produces a delicate red wine structured by balanced tannins, and bright, fresh fruit. Unico Zelo are a progressive modern producer from Adelaide Hills, and their interpretation of Dolcetto brings characteristic herbaciousness to the bright, delicate fruit and structure of the variety.

Pegasus Bay Cabernet Franc, 2020 - Waipara, North Canterbury, NZ

Local legends Pegasus Bay have grown Cabernet Franc for years, usually including it in their Bordeaux blends for structure. In '20 the warm, dry spring and summer nurtured high-quality fruit, the grapes showcased intense flavors and balanced acidity, allowing the winery to bottle a standalone Cabernet Franc for the first time.

\$23.50

OG REDS

One of the significant discussions we have is the comparison between old and new world wines. The term 'old world' pertains to European countries with a rich history of wine production, some dating back to 4000 BC. In this context, we have four representations of old world wines that exemplify their countries' longstanding prominence in the wine industry. Giving them what some might call 'OG' status.

Albert-Bichot 'Vieilles Vignes' Pinot Noir de **Bourgogne** 2020 - Burgundy, FR
Albert Bichot is a family producer established in 1831 in Beaune, proudly carrying on a legacy through six generations. The 'Villes Vignes' ('old vines') Pinot noir is from a mosaic of vineyards aged between 25 and 30 years in the Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits. The combination of sites and vine age allows them to build balance and complexity.

Cordero di Montezemolo **Barbera d' Alba**, 2019 - Piedmont, IT
Barbera has always been around Piedmonte, but because of its (undeserved) reputation as the "farmer's wine", it was neglected for many years. In the 1990s a few producers lead a resurgence of the "other" Piedmontese variety, including the Montezemolo family who have been winemaking here for centuries, adding prestige as well as a new focus on quality.

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BETTER THAN DRINKING A RHONE

***Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre** grapes originate from the Rhone Valley where they are famously blended with up to 16 other native varieties in Chateauneuf-du-Pape. Here they are shown individually from new world countries alongside the quintessential blend.*

Yalumba 'Barossa Bush Vine **Grenache**', 2020 - Barossa Valley, South Australia, AUS

Rich in history, the Barossa Valley has never been affected by Phyloxera and so now have some very gnarly, very old, bush vines. The fruit was sourced from various growers in the area with vines dating back as far as 1929 and matured for seven months in older French and Hungarian hogsheads.

Castaño **Monastrell** Ecológico Barrica, 2020 - Yecla, ES

A family-owned producer in the Yecla municipality, inland from Alicante in the south-east of Spain. In the barren, stony soils and continental desert climate, Castaño pioneered Monastrell grown as bushes (instead of vines along a trellis). 100% organic Monastrell, fermented and aged in French oak barrels.

Elephant Hill **Syrah**, 2019 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

Something few producers in New Zealand can do well, Syrah is the key varietal at Elephant Hill. Sourced from Gimblett Gravels, Bridge Pa and Te Awanga the grapes see many sunshine hours before maturing in French oak barriques, a quarter of which are new.

Domaine du Vieux Lazaret **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**, 2020 - Rhône, FR

Produced by the Quiot family this wine is made in the heart of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and is made up of 60% Grenache, 23% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and 7% Cinsault. The grapes were completely de-stemmed and fermented for two weeks before being put into cement vats and foudres for 18 months of aging.

THE BORDEAUX-ZER

*The first thing classically put in the cellar are the wines based on the blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec, often called a **Bordeaux blend**, after the famous French region. The higher levels of tannin and acid allow these wines to age beautifully.*

Château de la Vielle Tour **Bordeaux Supérieur**, 2019 - Bordeaux, FR

The vineyard's history starts in 1150, when the Queen of England, Eléonore de Provence, ordered monks to plant the first vines. Ushered into the 21st century by the Boissonneau Family, who took over ownership in 1839, with 5th generation winemaker Phillippe converting to organics and sustainable farming. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc are cofermented in large barriques, and aged for 24 months before bottling.

Unison Vineyards 'Excalibur' **Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah**, 2014 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

As if drawn from the stones of the Gimblett Gravels vineyard, this is a classic Kiwi blend - the use of Syrah is common in Hawke's Bay but not many other parts of the world. 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Syrah. Merlot dominates the blend, Cabernet Sauvignon drives through and the little bit of Syrah gives spices and lifts the whole wine.

Decibel 'Testify' **Malbec**, 2018 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

A little bit special, the Testify wines are only made in the very best of vintages. Some of the Malbec is co-fermented with a little bit of Merlot and the wine is aged in oak, 20% new, for two years before blending and resting in tank for a further four months.

Vasse Felix **Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2019 - Margaret River, AU

A blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec offering the classic aromas that Western Australia is known for. Matured in oak for eighteen months, 46% new, and resting a further two months in tank before bottling.

\$23.5

STICKY MOMENTS

Late-harvest wines have been produced for many years from grapes left to dehydrate on the vine, concentrating the sugars and flavours in each berry. In humid conditions these are often affected by *Botrytis Cinerea*, also known as noble rot, a Latin term meaning 'grapes like ashes' which refers to the grey development of mould on a bunch of grapes, producing sweetness and flavours of honeysuckle.

Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné **Muscat de Beaumes de Venise** 'Le Chant des Griolles', 2019 - Cotes du Rhône, FR

Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné is a globally significant producer, intrinsically linked with the history of the Rhône valley as a centre of fine wine. Muscat de Beaumes de Venise is a small appellation, famous for the lush, rich sweet wine fortified with brandy, ripened by the sun reflecting and radiating off vertical white granite cliffs of the Dentelles de Montmirail.

Tempos Vega Sicilia Oremus **Tokaji Edes Late Harvest**, 2020 - Tokaj-Hegyalja, HU

After the fall of Communism in 1993, The Alvarez family, of Vega Sicilia fame, established Oremus in partnership with the Hungarian state, awakening the great historical wine region from its slumber. The indigenous varieties Furmit, Kövérszőlő and Zéta are picked in late autumn at over 50% Botrytis, fermented slowly through the winter, then aged for a year in small oak barrels.

Château Villefranche **Sauternes**, 2020 - Sauternes, Bordeaux, FR

Recognised as one of the oldest wine estates in the Sauternes region, Château Villefranche have been producing wine since the late 1700's. A classic Sauternes blend of Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc for acidity with a touch of muscadelle adding perfume.

Pegasus Bay 'Finalé' **Noble Semillion, Sauvignon Blanc**, 2019 - Waipara, NZ

Delicately hand picked, only the most perfectly raisined grapes are selected. The juice is then delicately pressed and put into French barriques where it naturally ferments and matures over two years. Even then, only the six best barriques are chosen to be blended.

\$27.50

served as 4 x 30mls

PORT THE LOTION IN THE BASKET

*Hugely popular since the 1700's **Port** gained its name from the seaport city of Porto at the mouth of the Douro River, where much of the product was brought to market or for export to other countries in Europe. It is made in many different styles and in the very best years can be made as a single vintage.*

Galway Pipe 12yr **Grand Tawny**, NV - South Australia, AUS

Galway Pipe was named after the governor of South Australia from 1914-1920, Sir Henry Galway. He would visit the winery and select the finest 'pipes' (500l barrels) of Grand Tawny. Made in the style of the Tawny ports of Portugal it is aged in barrel to gradually expose the wine to oxygen, resulting in a nutty flavour.

Graham's Six Grapes **Port**, NV - Douro Valley, PT

The six-grapes symbol is Graham's age-old mark of quality, used to identify the very finest wines from the best vineyards. This oak aged port is a multi-vintage blend of equal parts Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional and Tinta Roriz that has been selected from the same parcels of fruit used to make vintage port.

Taylors 10yr **Tawny Port**, NV - Douro Valley, PT

One of the oldest of the founding Port houses, Taylors was established in 1692. The port is aged in large old oak casks before being blended with some of the vast amounts of reserve wine that mature in the cellars to maintain a consistent house style.

Fonseca 'Guimarens' **Vintage Port**, 2015 - Douro Valley, PT

The decision to bottle a Quinta do Panascal vintage is taken when the fruit from this single vineyard is judged to be of exceptional quality. Like a Fonseca vintage port, which is a blend of all the top vineyards, the wine spends two years ageing in wooden casks before being bottled and then a further 10 years minimum in the bottle.

\$29

served as 4 x 30mls