

BURGUNDYWHITES

21. SAINT VERAN 2009 'Les Sables' 26.50
DOMAINE GAEL MARTIN

We love this appellation. "Posh Macon Blanc" really. 100% unoaked Chardonnay with heaps of supple, generous flavours - honeysuckle, peaches ... you name it. Excellent on its own or with our salads. A marvelous, affordable white Burgundy. Often available by the glass & carafe. 13%ABV

OLIVIER TRICON'S DOMAINE DE VAUROUX

Olivier is one of the new superstars on the Chablis scene. He makes crisp, racy wines with minerally flavours & a delicate hint of lemons. "Typicité parfait", says the *Guide Hachette des Vins*.

24. CHABLIS 2008 27.00

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25. CHABLIS PREMIER CRU 'Montmains' 2008 38.50

A more complex bouquet with delightful intense honey aromas. Rich, full-bodied flavours which linger. A great wine. 12.5%ABV

26. MONTAGNY PREMIER CRU 2007 38.50

DOMAINE STEPHANE ALADAME.

An adorable, elegant wine with lovely nutty flavours and perfect balance. Terrific! In fact "textbook Montagny" from one of the region's new young superstars. One star in *Guide Hachette des Vins*. 13%ABV

27. MEURSAULT 'LE LIMOZIN' 2007 57.95

Domaine Rene Monnier. I don't suggest that you quaff this every day. But if you owe yourself a treat then this opulent, creamy, oh so sexy classic is the wine. Maybe shout the bank manager, divorce lawyer or even the marriage counsellor, who will then be able to offer an opinion next time the other side asks "why does my wife/husband spend so much on wine?" 13%ABV

COOPERS CREEK HUAPAI

This West Auckland winery was established by our mate Andrew Hendry way back in 1980. It is one of the few family owned major players, with vineyards in all the major Kiwi wine regions. If you like zippy, full frontal fragrances then look no further.

251. MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 24.50

Aromatic, herbaceous tropical fruits. All the goodies. 13.5%ABV

252. MARLBOROUGH RIESLING 2008 26.00

Subtle, concentrated citrus flavours with a crisp finish. Andrew reckons "it seeps from the glass". 13%ABV

253. MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2009 27.50

From a single vineyard in the middle of the Wairau Plains. Delicate black plums and cherries with gentle spice and delicate oak. A more European style than many other Kiwi Pinots. 13.5%ABV

OPAWA Marlborough

A 25 hectare spread on the gravel soils of the Rapaura valley, created by Yalumba.

255. OPAWA PINOT GRIS 2010 13.5%ABV 25.50

New Zealand pinot gris is not particularly reliable as many winemakers seem to love residual sugar. This is definitely a Kiwi, but with gentle spice, peaches & lychees - plus a dry finish like the finest from Alsace. Terrific!

256. OPAWA PINOT NOIR 2008 14%ABV 25.50

An expressive, Kiwi Pinot - definitely not European in style. Cherries and raspberries with a smoky finish which lingers. One of the best value Pinots I have tasted anywhere in the world! Often available by the glass & carafe.

ESK VALLEY Hawkes Bay

Founded in 1933, this is one of the region's oldest Estates. Superstar winemaker, Gordon Russell, crafts elegant wines and, with his reds, believes in blending varietals à la Bordeaux.

257. MERLOT-CABERNET SAUVIGNON-MALBEC 26.00

GIMLETT GRAVELS "BLACKLABEL" 2009. Lush, ripe berry fruits. The fulsome, chocolaty Merlot blends beautifully with the fragrant Cabernet; and then there is the touch of Malbec for robustness. A terrific example of Kiwi red wine making at its finest. This beauty will be available by the glass on the Exotica board from time to time ... so you can sample it and judge whether my prose is too purple! 14%ABV