

The Caviste Grand Tour of New Zealand

This month Caviste introduces some of the country's most fabulous wines and producers in our Grand Tour of New Zealand. Forget big brands, mass marketing and high volume production – these are the finest parcels of carefully crafted, inspirational creations that we have found in our search across the length and breadth of this awe inspiring country.

Vin Alto Merlot Montepulciano 2005

Clevedon

We start our tour on the clay soils of Clevedon, just south of the capital, Auckland, on the North Island. Enzo Bettio is owner and winemaker at Vin Alto, a Swiss Italian who grows olives, farms venison, and makes salami and pasta to match his Amarone, Ripasso and Vin Santo style wines. We have chosen to introduce his delicious Merlot Montepulciano for the spring. Full and mellow, with a distinctive ripe cherry character and lots of fresh red fruit and herbs, this wine is ideally suited to pizza, pasta and other Italian dishes.

£16.95



Mission Estate Gewurztraminer 2009

Hawkes Bay

Mission Estate is the original birthplace of New Zealand wine, where the early Western settlers built the first winery in Hawke's Bay in 1851. Their exotic, rich and tropical Gewurztraminer was a clear favourite when we tasted it so we couldn't resist presenting it in this line-up. Try pairing it with Asian cuisine such as Thai green curry and sweet and sour dishes.

£10.50



Man O' War Merlot Cabernet Franc 2008

Waiheke Island

Located at the eastern end of Waiheke Island, in New Zealand's Hauraki Gulf, Man O' War boasts a pristine and beautiful estate of coastal hillsides with high cliffs and stunning white sandy beaches. In this divine wine, the Cabernet Franc contributes aromas of forest fruits and brambles punctuated with fresh berries. The Merlot provides the succulent and juicy mid palate while a small proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot provide tannic structure that makes this a very food friendly wine – especially with roasted red meats and casseroles.

£16.25

Kennedy Point Syrah 2008

Waiheke Island

Kennedy Point Wines are produced from grapes grown across four family-owned vineyards, also on Waiheke Island. This is their Syrah Viognier blend that is unbelievably velvety and rich, with elegant tannins, stacks of ripe brambly fruit, a hint of floral, subtle white pepper notes and vibrant dark fruit.

£26.50



Gladstone Pinot Gris 2008

Wairarapa

The Gladstone district in the Wairarapa is a fast growing wine area, as winemakers realise the potential of the soil and climate that produce low yielding, rich, concentrated grapes. A dry, spicy Pinot Gris with a complex, long length and a truly unique character, this is a wine for people who think they already know the best that New Zealand has to offer... but have yet to discover this!

£13.95

River Farm Ben Morven Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Marlborough

Owner David Dew is an avid trout fisherman and has spent time in the UK fishing on The Test in Stockbridge and The Itchen in Twyford, just outside Winchester. He also happens to be a rather talented winemaker! His Ben Morven Sauvignon is a deliciously ripe, generous wine with great depth and texture, packed with vibrant tropical fruits, balanced by texture and complexity from a little barrel fermentation.

£12.25



Haka Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Marlborough

A stunning and unusual Marlborough Sauvignon at an irresistible price! An aromatic nose with hints of passion fruit and mango, classic citrus and herbaceous notes. It is both crisp and fresh with white peach and citrus zest on the palate and a perfectly balanced acidity.

£9.95

Carrick Riesling 2007

Central Otago

Bannockburn situated Carrick Vineyards are committed to totally organic grape growing and winemaking. This, combined with perfect, well draining soil conditions and an ideal climate help to make Carrick one of the finest producers in Central Otago. We have chosen their stunning Riesling to launch the range, which demonstrates the excellent fruit purity, perfectly balanced acidity, with a little residual sugar and overt aromas of lemon, mandarin and lime.

£14.50

Wild Earth Pinot Noir 2007

Central Otago

Refined, elegant and really rather Burgundian in style, Wild Earth make a Pinot Noir with a generous and richly textured palate with layers of intense, dark fruit and spices. The winery has also amassed a huge collection of awards in recent competitions, including the International Pinot Noir Trophy at the IWC and the New Zealand Pinot Noir Trophy at the Decanter World Wine Awards.

£20.00

Ata Rangi Crimson Pinot Noir 2008

Wairarapa

Multi-award winning winery Ata Rangi creates a beautifully packaged second label Pinot Noir called 'Crimson', and at less than half the price of their first wine, it is frankly a total steal! Deliciously fragrant on the nose, the palate is silky smooth and rammed with warm brambly fruits and juicy spiced cherries.

£15.95



Neudorf Brightwater Riesling 2007

Nelson

Neudorf already has a massive following with Caviste customers who adore the extraordinary Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. We couldn't resist introducing their superb Brightwater Riesling to our range for the coming warmer months as a lively, refreshing alternative. Pale straw yellow in colour, with a bouquet of ripe citrus fruit, green apple character and some underlying minerality. Fresh and well balanced on the palate, with notes of stone fruit, passion fruit and lemon zest.

£14.50

Mt Beautiful Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Canterbury

Beautiful by name and beautiful by nature, this is a very different style of Sauvignon to the usual powerful, aromatic wines of Marlborough. More like a mineral, structured Loire white in character, and blessed with a subtle texture and weight rarely seen in New Zealand, we fell madly in love with this wine as soon as we discovered it and we have no doubt it will be massively popular with our New Zealand wine loving customers too.

£10.95

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