



## NEW ZEALAND

## Gold (Best in Class)

## Drumsara Wines Limited

**Drumsara Pinot Noir Ventifacts Block 2007***Pinot Noir - Central Otago - 2007*

*Dark crimson colour, deep core. Lifted red cherry fruit, pure and bright, hints of herb, and sweet scented spice with a smokey savory core. The whole lifts away in the mouth; elegant, smooth drive, low key oak, lovely acid balance, lovely complexity. Wonderful intensity. Central goes from strength to strength.*

## Koura Bay Wines Ltd

**Koura Bay Blue Duck Pinot Noir 2005***Pinot Noir - Awatere Valley - 2005*

*Bright shiny crimson colour. Nose is smokey, offering game scents, truffle, rich dark berry summer fruits, savory and sweet all at once. Wonderful complex development in the mouth, the gamey savory notes compliment perfectly the rich dark fruit and are enhanced by the smokiness of the oak and bright fresh acidity. Very complete, totally enjoyable. Showing both development and potential.*

## Mud House Wine Company Ltd

**Waipara Hills Southern Cross Selection Sauvignon Blanc 2007***Sauvignon Blanc - Marlborough - 2007*

*Watery pale colour, green flashes. New mown grassy pungency on the nose, crunchy sappy leafy characters with notes of cucumber, passionfruit and nettle. Vibrant citrusy acidity drives the palate, masses of fruit character, stoney mineral notes with a breathtaking long finish. Very classy, very Marlborough, very, very, good.*

## Remarkable Wines Ltd

**Remarkable Gibbston Valley Pinot Noir 2006***Pinot Noir - Central Otago - 2006*

*Medium garnet crimson red, deep core. Wonderfully sexy nose, framboise, vanilla oak notes, cherry, game pie, a grinding of spice and a sprinkle of herbs. Gorgeous in the mouth, very smooth, great integration of fruit, acid and oak. Like silk it appears to have a fragile delicacy, again like silk there is surprising strength under the illusion. Beautiful extended finish. Very classy indeed.*

## Saint Clair Family Estate

**Saint Clair Pioneer Block 6 Sauvignon Blanc 2008***Sauvignon Blanc - Wairau Valley - 2008*

*Watery pale clear colour, greenish tinges. Lifted intense pungent nose, could only be Marlborough! Blackcurrant leaf, pink gooseberry, passionfruit and yellow citrus aromas leap from the glass. The palate is a lipsmacking experience, very pure, driven and polished, powerful intensity of flavours with steely acidity. A mineral backbone adds a chalky, slightly salty nuance to the very persistent finish. This wine has elegance and a sense of place. Superb.*

## Saint Clair Family Estate

**Saint Clair Pioneer Block 12 Gewurztraminer 2007***Gewurztraminer - Marlborough - 2007*

*Deep straw yellow colour. Parma violets, barleysugar and turkish delight, exotic and sensuous aromas, ginger cake and fennel seed. Beautiful texture in the mouth satiny smooth, sweet fruit, heady spices and grapefruit acidity all dance together in harmony and perfect step. Only Gewurztraminer can pack so much into a glass, only wonderful sympathetic winemaking can coax such elegance out of it.*

## Simon Waghorn

**Astrolabe Sauvignon Blanc 2008***Sauvignon Blanc - Marlborough - 2008*

*Pale watery lemon straw colour. Expressive lifted nose with lemon sherbet, crushed blackcurrant leaf, snow peas, the aromas of summer turning to autumn. Edgy elegance in the mouth: smokey minerality, clear, pure streamlined focus, like following a shark underwater, it stays ahead of you, the tang of salt keeps you going; you wont catch up but you keep striving after it.*

## Spy Valley Wines

**Spy Valley Riesling 2007***Riesling - Marlborough - 2008 - 2007*

*Bright greenish gold colour and a worthy gold medal winner. Here is a fabulous wine combining the best of Classic and New World Riesling character. Sweet orange blossom and ample aromas in the citrus spectrum, with a firm whiff of petrol. This carries through to the palate which is racy, off-dry and with firm acidity to balance the very pure, ripe fruit and sweetness, to absolute perfection.*

## Tohu Wines

**Tohu Rore Pinot Noir 2006***Pinot Noir - Marlborough - 2006*

*Deep garnet red colour. Wild red bramble fruits, hints of undergrowth and earth. Lovely balance in the mouth, juicy ripe fruit, soft tannins and balanced oak flavours. Round, complete and satisfying. Utter drinkability.*

## Villa Maria Estate Ltd

**Villa Maria Reserve Pinot Noir 2007***Pinot Noir - Marlborough - 2007*

*Deep clear cherry crimson red colour to rim. Primary youthful nose, violet, cherry and red berry fruit, smokey oak, vanilla. Quite full in the mouth, firm oaky tannins, masses of ripe sweet delicate red fruit characters lead to a savory finish. Smooth and silky, will be wonderful when the oak settles.*