

MaryAnn Worobiec's Recommended Wines From New Zealand

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
BRANCOTT Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Chosen Rows 2010 Quince, poached pear and honeysuckle notes are elegant and fragrant, with a vibrant acidity that keeps the flavors in focus.	93	\$50
FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir Central Otago Bannockburn 2012 This exhibits a pure, succulent core of juicy ripe raspberry notes, with flashes of wild strawberry and cherry.	93	\$50
FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir Central Otago Calvert 2012 Rich and complex, opening with a core of ripe, juicy black cherry and blackberry flavors. Graceful and elegant.	93	\$70
KUMEU RIVER Chardonnay Kumeu Hunting Hill 2011 Starts out firm and juicy, with green apple, Asian pear and lemon zest notes, but then gains momentum. Detailed and refreshing.	93	\$45
AMISFIELD Pinot Noir Central Otago 2011 Supple wild strawberry, cranberry and cherry flavors are rich yet focused, with accents of clove, forest floor and cedar.	92	\$40
BURN COTTAGE Pinot Noir Central Otago 2012 Supple, with polished tannins and a core of cherry and raspberry fruit accented by rock, earthy loam and fresh mint.	92	\$60
CRAGGY RANGE Syrah Hawkes Bay Gimblett Gravels Vineyard 2010 Polished and powerful, showing lively blackberry and huckleberry flavors, with nuances of fig paste, pepper, rock and violet.	92	\$37
FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir Central Otago Cornish Point 2012 Vibrant and expressive, with crisp cherry, plum and raspberry notes that show layers of cigar box, baking spices and fresh herb.	92	\$70
GREYWACKE Chardonnay Marlborough 2011 Distinctive and complex, with candied orange peel, buttered popcorn, fig, lemon meringue and apricot flavors. Succulent.	92	\$39
GREYWACKE Pinot Noir Marlborough 2012 Fresh and aromatic, with green tea, sea salt, lavender and melon notes to complement the pure raspberry and cherry fruit.	92	\$39
KUMEU RIVER Chardonnay Kumeu Maté's Vineyard 2011 Apricot, yellow apple, quince, pear, toasted spice and honeysuckle notes are focused and harmonious, set on a smooth body.	92	\$51
RIPPON Pinot Noir Central Otago Mature Vine Lake Wanaka 2010 Shows good depth and concentration to black cherry and blackberry flavors, with notes of star anise, slate and white pepper.	92	\$66
SAINT CLAIR Pinot Noir Marlborough Pioneer Block 16 Awatere 2012 Offers fresh, ripe raspberry and cherry flavors, with details of forest floor, black tea, cigar box and nutmeg.	92	\$31
SAINT CLAIR Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Wairau Reserve 2013 Offers an intriguing mix of intense, fleshy peach, pear and dried apricot flavors, with toasted almond and spice notes.	92	\$29
ATA RANGI Pinot Noir Martinborough 2012 Strikes a balance between vibrant cherry and berry flavors and savory	91	\$66

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
FRAMINGHAM Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 Smooth, with a fleshy base of peach and nectarine, highlighted by juicy acidity and details of Meyer lemon, melon and ruby grapefruit.	90	\$20
GREYWACKE Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 Complex, with notes of lemongrass and white flowers giving way to succulent grapefruit, lemon and green apple flavors.	90	\$20
MURDOCH JAMES ESTATE Pinot Noir Martinborough 2012 Vibrant and aromatic, with white chocolate, raspberry coulis and ripe black cherry flavors that are plush and polished.	90	\$20
SAINT CLAIR Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 A tangy white, with vivid grapefruit, lime and lemon flavors that are crisp, vibrant and pure. Shows good focus and intensity.	90	\$18
TOHU Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Single Vineyard 2013 Offers a succulent mix of citrus and tropical fruit, with Meyer lemon, passion fruit and lemon verbena notes and a sea salt hint.	90	\$13
BRANCOTT Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 Ruby grapefruit, citrus and melon flavors are followed by a peachy finish, with refreshing acidity.	89	\$14
KIM CRAWFORD Pinot Noir South Island 2012 A peppery, crisp expression of fresh raspberry, cherry and cranberry, with loamy, earthy details of spice, tea and tobacco.	89	\$19
DRYLANDS Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 A fresh lemongrass note lends some aromatic lift to the core of peach, Meyer lemon and Key lime flavors within. Shows nice purity.	89	\$18
ECHO BAY Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2012 Smooth and succulent, offering a core of white peach, nectarine and apricot flavors, with details of white flowers and spice on the finish.	89	\$12
GREYROCK Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 Fragrant aromas of white flowers give way to an elegant and spicy mix of flavors, with notes of Asian pear, peach and citrus.	89	\$15
MATUA Pinot Noir Marlborough 2013 Fresh-crushed raspberry and cherry flavors are graceful, vibrant and juicy, with a touch of pine needle and black tea. Balanced.	89	\$15
MATUA Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 Vibrant and fragrant, with a tangy core of lime zest, ruby grapefruit and dried pineapple. Juicy and refreshing on the finish.	89	\$13
MT. BEAUTIFUL Sauvignon Blanc North Canterbury 2013 Smooth and silky, giving off an air of sophistication, with succulent notes of ripe melon, lemon, tangerine and grapefruit zest.	89	\$16
ECHO BAY Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 A mouthwatering white, with a fresh, zingy acidity to complement the passion fruit, lime and lemon zest flavors.	88	\$13
KONO Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013 Tangy and bright, with juicy flavors of fresh lime juice, ruby grapefruit, pineapple and lemon, set on a light, smooth body.	88	\$12
THE NED Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Waihopal River 2013 Vibrant, with mouthwatering acidity, offering a core of juicy lime,	88	\$13