

[LCBO Vintages Catalogue Text](#) Release date: **November 7, 2009** **VINTAGE ASSESSMENTS RATING**

New Zealand White Table Wine
1. 141499 SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008 \$ 19.95
 A Marlborough, South Island (BLIND RIVER) 799 Cases 6 Bottles per case 750 % IMP INC
 ... Deliciously fresh and vibrant and punchy, it has the classic 'tomato stalk' aromas of the district's Sauvignon Blancs, in a finely poised, limey, slightly mineral style with excellent intensity and harmony. Score - 4 1/2 Stars (out of 5). (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines, 2009)

Recommended by Vintage Assessments! DRINKABILITY
 Very Zesty **+ A Best Buy
 (Michael Vaughan comment) (out of three stars) LCBO lot number :

JH score *** and JH NOTE: *Brilliant, light lime colour. Invitingly tropical at the outset, with refreshing scents of zesty grass, gooseberries, lemon, white grapefruit, and a hint of dried apricots and spice. Clean and delightfully crisp, with lovely mineral fruit, balanced acidity, ending off with an enduring hint of grassy gooseberries (and perhaps a trace of cat's pee) on the finish. Very well crafted: stylish, balanced, and remarkably fresh. Reasonably priced and recommended, with around 8,000 cases made. Screwcap closure. Now-2010.*

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Chile White Table Wine
2. 342857 MARQUÉS DE CASA CONCHA CHARDONNAY 2007 \$ 17.95
 A Pirque, Maipo Valley (CONCHA Y TORO) 499 Cases 12 Bottles per case 750 14% SEL WIN
 The 2007 Chardonnay Marques de Casa Concha offers up toasty oak, butterscotch, pear, and tropical fruit notes. Creamy-textured, round, and full-flavored, all of its components are well-integrated in this serious, flavorful effort meant for drinking over the next 2-3 years. Score - 91. (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2008)

Recommended by Vintage Assessments! DRINKABILITY
 Complex & Toasty **/**+ A Best Buy
 (Michael Vaughan comment) (out of three stars) LCBO lot number :L771539

Very bright medium-light yellow colour. Attractive, ripe, honeyed, tropical fruit cocktail and lemon-melon nose with some toasty notes. Dry, quite well structured, medium bodied, harmonious, ripe lemon-melon flavours with a fine lingering, cedar-tinged finish. This repeat shipment seems even better than the recommended 2007 (**/**) released on May 23, 2009 at \$17.95.

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France -- Midi White Table Wine
3. 673236 NORD SUD viognier 2008 \$ 16.95
 A Vin de Pays d'Oc (LAURENT MIQUEL) 399 Cases 12 Bottles per case 750 13.5% LIF AGE
 Hands down, the Midi is the best place to find quality, value-priced Viogniers; and this is a fine example. The aromas suggest honeysuckle and a summer meadow. Enjoy this round, full, velvety, mouth-filling wine with herbed chicken, pasta in a cream sauce, or crab cakes.

Recommended by Vintage Assessments! DRINKABILITY
 Tasty & Well Priced ** A Best Buy
 (Michael Vaughan comment) (out of three stars) LCBO lot number :

Light straw colour. Slightly spicy, cedar-tinged, lemony, ripe melon-pear nose. Dry, very lively, rather spicy, medium bodied, honeyed, ripe pear-lemon-melon flavours with a crisp, lingering finish. Ready to enjoy - a real crowd pleaser. Similar tot the recommended/best buy 2007 (**) released on February 28, 2009 at \$17.95.

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Italy -- Veneto White Table Wine
4. 134551 LE BINE SOAVE CLASSICO 2008 \$ 14.95
 A DOC, Monte Foscarino (Giuseppe Campagnola) 179 Cases 12 Bottles per case 750 12.5% TRA COR
 This refreshing white is a blend of Garganega and Trebbiano di Soave sourced from a single vineyard on Monte Foscarino in the Soave Classico region. Pale straw in colour, the nose displays floral notes, peach, ripe apple and a touch of smoke. It's dry, medium-bodied with lovely ripe fruit flavours of sweet apples, pear, grapefruit and a hint of nuttiness leading to a long finish. Serve it alongside seafood dishes such as steamed mussels or red snapper fillets. (VINTAGES panel, April 2009)

Recommended by Vintage Assessments! DRINKABILITY
 Surprisingly Delicious ** A Best Buy cap
 (Michael Vaughan comment) (out of three stars) LCBO lot number :L138/9c

This surprisingly delicious blend of Garganega and Trebbiano has a forward medium yellow colour. Attractive, slightly spicy, ripe rhubarb-melon nose. Dry, medium-light bodied, slightly spicy, tangy, fresh ripe, lemon-melon-rhubarb flavours with a harmonious, lingering crisp finish.

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France -- Rhône Red Table Wine
5. 965616 TRADITION SYRAH 2006 \$ 15.95
 A AC Luberon (Château Val Joanis) 299 Cases 12 Bottles per case 750 14% ALL WIN
 A superb wine for roast leg of lamb. A fresh, focused style, with violet, fruitcake, plum sauce and mulled black cherry notes that hang over a graphite-tinged finish. Drink now. Score - 87. (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, July 31, 2009)

Recommended by Vintage Assessments! DRINKABILITY
 Complex, Spicy, Baked Cherries ** A Best Buy
 (Michael Vaughan comment) (out of three stars) LCBO lot number :

This blend of Syrah and Grenache has a very deep intense purple colour. Slightly spicy, stewed ripe plums, black cherries and raspberries on the nose with some vanilla notes. Quite well structured, gently complex, medium bodied, ripe Damson plum and black cherry flavours that show fine harmony and very good length. Seems to be at its peak now. It's been a long time since this was available - the recommended/best buy 2001 (**+) was released on May 22, 2004 at \$15.95.

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Italy -- Tuscany Red Table Wine
6. 673160 BRUSCO DEI BARBI 2007 \$ 14.95
 A IGT Toscana (Fattoria dei Barbi S.r.L.) 499 Cases 12 Bottles per case 750 13.5% NOB EST
 This wine takes its name from the brigand, Bruscone (1864-1949), who once lived in the Fattoria dei Barbi woods. He was a great hunter, quite the ladies' man, it's said, and a lover of intense wines like this. This Sangiovese-based wine is matured strictly in stainless steel to retain its bright and bold fruitiness. Get in touch with your inner brigand: ignite the ol' firepit, roast up some meat, quaff a little Brusco. (An oven and a roasting pan are acceptable substitutes.)

Recommended by Vintage Assessments! DRINKABILITY
 Plummy & Harmonious **+/** A Best Buy L-B
 (Michael Vaughan comment) (out of three stars) LCBO lot number :020709

Extremely deep red colour. Spicy, juicy, plummy nose. Spicy, juicy, medium bodied, harmonious, plummy, ripe apple flavours with a slightly spicy finish. A wide-appeal, ready-to-drink, international style. Tastier with more structure than the 2003 (+) released on March 18, 2006 at \$12.95.

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