

NEW ZEALAND

BABICH

H.B. Clark is very pleased to be able to add the Babich range of wines to our portfolio. Babich is one of New Zealand's longest established wine producers and, like H.B. Clark, remains a family business. The winery has consistently won awards all over the world for nearly all the range of wines. Their objective is to combine today's technology with their century long experience and their plans for future investment to produce wines of consistently outstanding quality. The Babich wines we are listing are as follows:-



RED

East Coast Pinot Noir

New Zealand Pinot Noir comes in various styles – this avoids being jammy by having savoury and clean red fruit flavours.

Taste Guide
Trade Sales Price

B

£6.95

Gimblett Gravels Syrah

A very small proportion of Viognier together with full bodied Syrah creates a wine with a warm, rich palate and lovely floral complexity.

C

£6.95

Hawkes Bay Merlot Cabernet

The Cabernet Sauvignon blackcurrant flavour benefits from the rich but softer Merlot to produce an ideal wine to drink with most meats.

C

£6.95



WHITE

Marlborough Black Label Sauvignon Blanc

Classy Sauvignon from a long established family estate. Intense aromas and flavours showing ripe gooseberry fruit with a long, crisp finish.

1

£6.95

Marlborough Dry Riesling

Pure, crisp and mineral Riesling with fine fruit and a mouthwatering aftertaste.

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£6.95

Marlborough Pinot Gris

Elegant and finely crafted wine. Floral and spicy aromas are balanced by crisp acidity and ample fruit. Very much worth a try.

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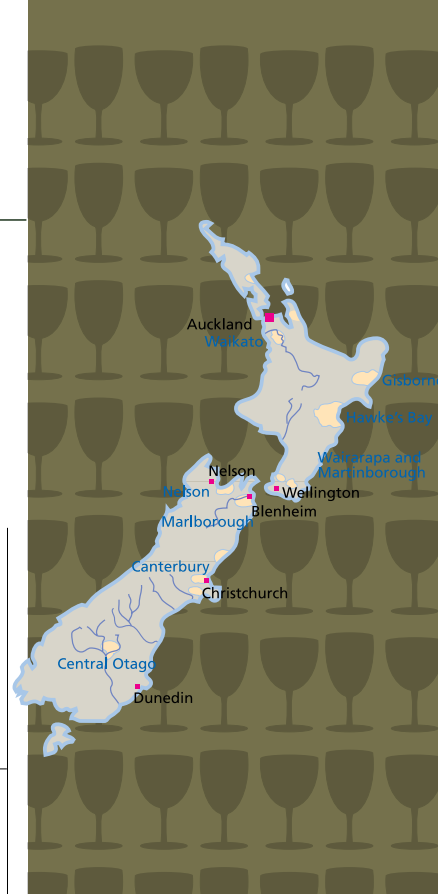
£6.95

Hawkes Bay Unoaked Chardonnay

Controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks and early bottling ensures that this wine captures the essence of Chardonnay while remaining very refreshing and attractive drinking.

2

£6.95





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Forrest Estate Pinot Noir, Marlborough

Instantly appealing, full-bodied and rounded, this wine has excellent depth of cherry and raspberry fruit and a well integrated sweet smoky finish.

C

£9.09

AD The Aviator, Hawkes Bay

Made from the same grapes and in the same style as top class Bordeaux, this wine exudes quality and sheer class. Tasted blind, a number of very experienced tasters mistook this wine for very high quality St. Julien.

C

£23.45



WHITE

££

Flying Kiwi Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

The plentiful 2008 and 2009 vintages have meant that there is some very good Sauvignon Blanc around – as well as some rather bland and dilute offerings. Award winning winemaker Alan McCorkindale is dedicated to producing fruit-driven, fresh and vibrant wines with classic gooseberry aromas and flavours.

1

£5.93

Southbank Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

Entry level New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc is rarely as zesty and tangy as this. We are pleased The Times shared our view in a recent article commending this wine.

1

£6.65

Forrest Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

Marlborough Sauvignon with excellent concentration, persistent, lingering flavours and crispness on the palate. Highly recommended this year in Decanter.

1

£7.99

Southbank Estate Chardonnay, Hawkes Bay

New Zealand Chardonnay is more restrained than its Antipodean neighbour with creamy lemon flavours much in evidence.

2

£8.05

Palliser Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough

Top of the range Sauvignon in terms of quality and outstanding value. Concentrated Sauvignon flavours and a long finish are the hallmarks of a very well made wine indeed.

1

£9.09

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

The 2008 and 2009 vintages have seen a welcome return to form for the iconic leader of New Zealand's wine industry. Pungent, concentrated gooseberry and newly cut grass aromas and flavours predominate with a long, lingering finish.

1

£12.75



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SAUVIGNON BLANC

New Zealand produces no more than half a per cent of the world's wine production. Without Sauvignon Blanc, the figure would be so small as to not be worth considering. Never before has one grape variety meant so much to the exporters who now send over 50% of their Sauvignon abroad, much to the U.K.

The success of Sauvignon Blanc enabled growers to try other varieties, white and red. Chardonnay is more Burgundian in style than Australian and the cool nights and sunny days are very suitable for Pinot Noir, often one of the world's most difficult varieties to get right.

So yes, yes, yes to New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc
but don't forget the Chardonnay and the Reds
- they are quality personified.