

89★★★★
2010 Tapanappa Parawa
Pinot Noir, Fleurieu Peninsula,
A\$39

A worthy running-mate to the superb Foggy Hill, this has a sweet cherry and herbal perfume, which is clean and fruit-driven. The palate is quite lean and dry, with light but firm tannins containing the fruit. **6**



95★★★★★
2007 Frizzell Reserve
Merlot Cabernet, Hawkes Bay,
NZ\$45

Dense, dark red with rich, chocolate-like characters and dark berry fruit, anise, licorice and nutty oak. A power-packed, full-bodied wine with a great texture and impressive length. An exciting debut for a relatively new label. **6**



89★★★★
2008 Vasse Felix Cabernet
Merlot, Margaret River, A\$25

Although it's number three in the impressive Vasse cabernet hierarchy, this is still a lovely red. A fruit-driven wine, with bright mulberry, raspberry and lightly minty aromas. It's soft and well balanced for early drinking. Mild tannins contribute to the palate's harmony. **9**



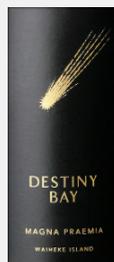
95★★★★★
2008 Hans Herzog
Montepulciano, Marlborough,
A\$84.50/NZ\$64

Big, rich wine with spice, leather, dark berry, anise and dried fruit flavours. Good acidity adds vibrance. A terrific wine with loads of class. A cut above many of the better Italian labels made with the same variety. **7**



NEW ZEALAND REDS

97★★★★★
2006 Destiny Bay Magna
Praemia, Waiheke Island, NZ\$275
 Powerful, complex red with a strong cab sav influence, giving an aroma of cedar, berry and violet. More weight than the 2007, with layered flavours and a lengthy finish. A backbone of fine tannins suggests excellent cellaring potential. **12**



95★★★★★
2009 Jackson Estate
Vintage Widow Pinot Noir,
Marlborough, A\$35/NZ\$35

Strong, dense, sweet fruit with restrained luscious flavours. Dark cherry, plum and spicy oak. A very seductive and appealing wine that's accessible now but promises to drink well for a number of years. **6**



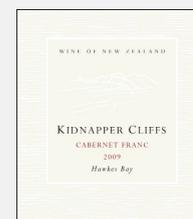
97★★★★★
2008 Fromm Clayvin
Vineyard Pinot Noir,
Marlborough, A\$78/NZ\$69

Fine, perfumed and very elegant pinot noir that clearly shows its vineyard character. Ripe tannins provide a good structure. Lovely potential – a classic example that illustrates what a strong vineyard can do in an average vintage. **7**



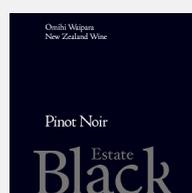
95★★★★★
2009 Kidnapper Cliffs
Cabernet Franc, Hawkes Bay,
NZ\$45

Moderately dense sweet fruit with a fine-grained texture. Dark berry, licorice, chocolate and mineral characters interwoven with classy oak. A powerful and youthful red with great potential. **7**



95★★★★★
2009 Black Estate
Pinot Noir, Waipara,
A\$50/NZ\$42

A taut and elegant pinot noir with dark cherry, mineral, licorice and wild-herb flavours. It seems tighter and more focused than the previous vintages with a seamless and lingering finish. A classy wine that gives a strong sense of place. **7**



95★★★★★
2009 Seresin Rachel
Pinot Noir, Marlborough,
A\$55/NZ\$57

Wonderfully textural wine with silken tannins and good mouth-feel. Rich cherry, plum and savoury, flavours. My favourite of Seresin's single-vineyard wines. Accessible now but shows good potential. **7**

