



NEW WORLD WINE
Franck Moreau

Group sommelier, Merivale

Franck Moreau is pragmatic with his selection. "What the future of the wine will be is most important," he posits. "I like to find the wines that can age. There are lots of wines that are drinking well now, which you forget quickly about, but I want to look at wines that can age three, five or 10 years when I taste them." He suggests that he looks to the depth of the wine and the structure, but not too much about the fruit. "The fruit will always show up in New World wines, but the finish and structure will indicate how the cellaring will work."

His collection reflects the breadth of popular New World wine producers, but eschews commercial wines for those of more interest. Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello was featured in the famed Judgement of Paris, and is included on Moreau's list because "everything is together with this wine and it is great for cellaring."

From the US, the 2008 Hyde de Villaine Chardonnay shows lower alcohol, freshness, finesse and balance. Randall Graham of Bonny Doon Vineyard or "the king of the Rhône rangers" needs no introduction. He is passionate and crazy about Rhône varieties. He is also a pioneer of the biodynamic movement in the USA. Carmenère from Chile has its place, the intensity, structure and lashings of spice an attractive proposition from bush-vine vineyard wines. Almaviva from the collaboration of the established château of Baron Philippe de Rothschild and high-production winery Concha y Toro is "maybe the top wine from Chile, the 2001 is great now, but can do more ageing, it's a little more powerful but similar to great Bordeaux".

His New Zealand assemblage passes on more mainstream producers who are often associated with cellaring excellence, instead opting for "vignerons who work their soil, have more detail in the winery and who are quickly positioning themselves as the top wine producers of tomorrow". Moreau is effusive about Kumeu River ("one of the best chardonnays from the New World") and Pyramid Valley and Mount Edward are heaped with praise. "I love the freshness of these wines, they are clearly from great winemakers who know to look to their vineyards rather than the winery."



SOUTH AMERICA SHINES
 Argentina's Nicolas Catena
 Zapata vineyards.

FRANCK MOREAU'S
NEW WORLD SELECTION

	Qty	Total
CHILE		
2007 Casa Lapostolle Clos Apalta Carmenère	6	\$690
2001 Almaviva by Baron Philippe de Rothschild & Concha y Toro	6	\$1260
ARGENTINA		
2007 Luigi Bosca DOC Lujan de Cuyo Malbec	6	\$300
2005 Cheval des Andes by Terrazas & Cheval Blanc	6	\$750
2006 Nicolas Catena Zapata Cabernet Sauvignon	6	\$1110
SOUTH AFRICA		
2007 Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir	6	\$216
2007 Sadie Family Columella	6	\$960
2005 Merlust Rubicon	6	\$558
2004 Klein Constantia Vin de Constance	6	\$720
US		
2008 Hyde de Villaine HdV Chardonnay	6	\$420
2008 Cristom Marjorie Pinot Noir	6	\$570
2006 Ridge Zinfandel Geyserville	6	\$612
2006 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello	6	\$1770
2005 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant	6	\$450
CANADA		
2006 Inniskillin Icewine Riesling	6	\$720
NEW ZEALAND		
2008 Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay	6	\$408
2006 Fromm Clayvin Vineyard Pinot Noir	6	\$450
2008 Bell Hill Pinot Noir	6	\$960
2008 Pyramid Valley Earth Smoke Pinot Noir	6	\$900
2006 Mount Edward Pinot Noir	6	\$330
Total	120	\$14,154

