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### Two very exciting wine-tasting events...

We have the next two in-store tastings in place and we hope you'll be able to join us. The first of these takes place on **Friday May 20th** and has a Portuguese theme. Portugal remains an area of excellent value and quality and our range is one of the finest in the country. With the generous assistance of *ViniPortugal* we'll have a selection of both red and white Portuguese stars on show, from every day bargains to premium quality bottles. In addition to the 10% discount off 12 bottles, thanks to the support of *ViniPortugal*, we're offering a FREE magnum of the thoroughly delicious Niepoort 'Drink Me' on orders of 18 bottles or more that we receive on the night! *Please be aware that these magnums are very limited and we can only supply them on a first come first served basis.* Tickets for the Portuguese tasting are priced at £5 per person.

ATA RANGI  
· MARTINBOROUGH ·

On **Wednesday June 8th** we are absolutely delighted to present an evening in the company of Clive Paton, owner and manager of the legendary **Ata Rangi** estate in New Zealand's illustrious Martinborough district. This is an extremely rare opportunity as Clive very rarely makes such appearances in the UK so we're understandably very excited. Ata Rangi was awarded the title of 'Tipuranga Teitei o Aotearoa' which translates from Maori as 'Great Growth of New Zealand' or 'Grand Cru' and is regarded by many as the country's greatest wine producer. Tickets for the Ata Rangi night are priced at £10 per person.

Both events run from 6—8 p.m. and as usual places are very limited and available by advance purchase only. If you'd like more details or would like to come along please contact us at the shop.

### A selection of new wines...

Here are a selection of just a few of the new wines that are getting us all excited.

**Vina Izadi Rioja Blanco 2008 £12.99** We've been looking for some time for a more modern white Rioja and this perfectly catches the freshness of the grapes and has no hint of oxidation. It has 20% Malvasia which adds so much aromatically as well as greater depth. **Cahors Chateau de Chambert £15.99** Pretty fruit forward Malbec that's sure turning a few heads. It's got great structure and seriously over delivers. **Flor de Vetus Toro 2009 £12.99** A baby version of the wine we've had in store for a while, but we have to say this really stacks up well and offers a tremendous starting point into the wines from this up and coming region. **Orben Rioja 2006 £21.99** Wonderful single vineyard Rioja made by the Izadi Bodega who don't head for the stewed baked fruit that would be more associated with the wines of the region, instead going for a more elegant refined wine showing careful use of French oak (as opposed to the traditional American) and a juicy red fruit core. **Balnaves Cabernet/Merlot 2008 £19.99** Excellent Bordeaux blend making a warm return to our shelves and packing in masses of generous fruit flavours - blueberries galore and with a superb background of plums, damsons and cassis.

### New selection of Malt Whisky...

We welcome back the range of Gordon and Macphails whisky. These bottlers are famously known for their Connoisseurs Choice range and distillery bottlings as well as the odd special bottle - such as this extremely good value Single Malt from Speyside which we have on a very keen offer for a limited time.

**Glenburgie 10 Year Old £18.99 (was £24.99)**

### Cassis, Mûre Sauvage, Framboise, Myrtille...

Now that spring is very clearly in the air we think now would be a good time to refresh your memory that we sell what is considered to be the finest of all fruit liqueurs from those very clever monks at Chartreuse Diffusion.

All styles are much more concentrated than you might expect so your bottle goes that much further. All are priced at **£12.99 per 50cl bottle.**

### The 2006 wines from Chateau Rayas...

These have been slightly delayed in arriving but we now have stock of the 2006. In 2005 the price of Rayas shot up, helped massively by a 97 Robert Parker score, and it's trading now for £400 per bottle. Thankfully the 2006 is nowhere near that kind of money and we still have a handful of bottles left.

We have two other wines from Rayas. Château de Fonsalette is a blend of Grenache (50%), Cinsault (35%) and Syrah (15%), and is always that bit fuller and more chunky than Rayas itself. We also have some of the Côte du Rhône 'La Pialade', a blend of Grenache (80%), Cinsault (15%) and Syrah (5%).

**Côte du Rhône La Pialade 2006 £22.99**

**Château de Fonsalette 2006 £44.99**

**Pignan Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2006 £62.99**

**Château Rayas Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2006 £139.99**

We have to say that the Pialade is one of the most exciting wines we have tasted this year and shows a very clear glimpse of its bigger brothers Pignan and Rayas. All three possess a masterful amount of elegance, purity and a triumph of winemaking to keep the alcohol so low. After Rayas and Pignan this is effectively the estate's third wine as Fonsalette is so stylistically different.