

# Mitton International Wines

Premium New World Imports



**Mitton International Wines GmbH** was established in Berlin in 2002. We supply leading hotels, clubs and restaurants in Central Europe with carefully selected, hand-made, value for money wines imported from family-owned, boutique wineries in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. We have selected regionally diverse wines from important wine growing regions that highlight the styles of these varied terroirs and winemakers.

Our main office is located in Berlin, Germany and we have storage facilities and delivery partners in Milan, Monte Carlo, Prague and Warsaw. Our partners are supported by our main office with promotions and sales and in turn deliver promptly and efficiently in these regions.

Before moving to Germany, Managing Director Bradley Mitton worked for eleven years in the food and beverage industry in Asia. His experiences include working in the hospitality and wine trade in Australia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Philippines and South Korea. His passion for excellence was generated through working with and meeting great vintners in particular Robert Mondavi, Trimbach of Alsace, Drouhin of Burgundy, Chapoutier of the Rhone Valley and other iconic new world wine figures. Bradley travels throughout Europe training and educating hotel and restaurant employees in the diversity and regionality of Australian and New Zealand wines.

Mitton International Wines with our club concept Club Vivanova organise various events around Europe with creative concepts that offer our consumers the chance to taste wines in a fun and informative atmosphere. In combining these events with other co-sponsoring corporations, we offer networking and socialising opportunities.

## Current Brand Distribution

SAAM Mountain . Paarl, South Africa

Barking Owl . Perth Hills, Western Australia

Two Brothers . Margaret River, Western Australia

Hundred Tree Hill & Sally's Paddock . Pyrenees, Victoria, Australia

Sliding Hill . Marlborough, New Zealand

Bellvale . Gippsland, Victoria, Australia

## Distributor . South of France

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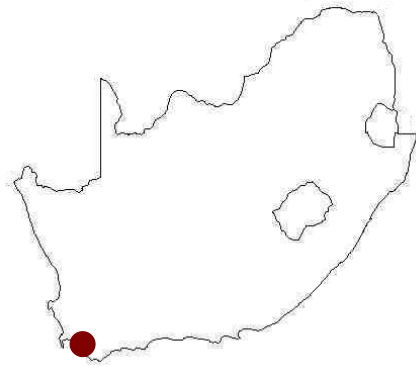


**APERITIVO** Wine Bar



## Saam Mountain Vineyard

Eenszaamheid, Paarl  
South Africa



### Saam Mountain Vineyard

Eenszaamheid farm, meaning 'place of solitude', is home to South Africa's oldest registered building. Built in 1688 from stone mined on the farm and beams scavenged from shipwrecks off the Cape, it has now being lovingly restored to its original understated beauty as the home of SAAM Mountain Vineyards. We are a group of South African growers, with vineyards that span the premium growing areas from Paarl to the Durbanville Hills. SAAM wines are more than the sum of their parts., they reflect our land, grapes, winemaking vision, ethical beliefs and respect for the environment. Our ethical commitment runs deep: it is what we do on a daily basis that makes a sustainable difference to the communities we operate in.

#### ○ SAAM Sauvignon Blanc 2012

€ 7.94 / btl

The grapes are harvested in the early morning, crushed and destemmed. The juice is cold settled overnight before racking. Cold fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks for 21 days. The wine is aged on its lees for 4 months. No wood is used in the ageing process. A tropical nose with gooseberry, asparagus and hints of bell pepper. The abundance of flavours carry through onto the palate with a fresh, crisp acidity. Best enjoyed with seafood, lightly flavoured pasta or sushi.

#### ● SAAM Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

€ 7.94 / btl

Skins and juice are fermented together and mixed four times per day to ensure maximum colour and flavour is extracted. Pressing of the skins starts when the tannin/fruit balance is optimal. Malolactic fermentation takes place in two and three year old French oak and is then aged for a further six months. Deep purple in colour, with lovely plum and chocolate aromas. Rich, ripe fruit flavours with a hint of vanilla on the palate and a long finish. A perfect match with lamb cutlets.

## A U S T R A L I A

# Barking Owl

Millbrook Winery  
Perth Hills . Western Australia



### Barking Owl Overview

The Barking Owl wines are produced in Western Australia and are bright, fresh and fruit-driven, designed to be consumed as young wines. The Barking Owl is a local species of owl, which lives in the forest surrounding the vineyard, and on a bright moonlit night it is not unusual to see the birds perched at the end of the vineyard rows.

#### James Halliday Rating



Winemaker . Damian Hutton  
Established . 1996  
Production . 20,000 cases

#### ○ Barking Owl Chardonnay 2010

€ 10.98 / btl

Full yellow in hue, it is a delicious, fine wine. Meringue, peach, fig and cashew-scented oak aromas exude. The palate is rich with complex ripe fruit flavours, and is nicely structured with a great creamy, toasty finish. It is enlivened by a thread of acidity that adds to its amazing length. Serve with grilled seafood.

#### ● Barking Owl Shiraz Viognier 2010

€ 10.98 / btl

Both varieties were separately fermented, then matured in 10% new and the balance in older French oak before being blended. The blend consists of 92% Shiraz and 8% Viognier. Even with the addition of the Viognier to the Shiraz, this wine retains amazing colour and flavour intensity. The viognier gives the nose a decided 'lift' with fragrances of violets and apricots. Older oak barrels were used as not to overpower the wonderful nose with oak. The palate is rich with cherry fruit and a hint of oak. Short term cellaring.

## A U S T R A L I A

# Two Brothers

Blind Corner Winery  
Margaret River . Western Australia



### Blind Corner

It has been our long-held dream to have our own vineyard and winery, where we live and work and produce wines with minimal, if any, additives. The wines are all hand (and foot) made with the aim of best reflecting the Margaret River terroir in the sub-region of Wilyabrup. The vineyard is organic, dry-grown and utilises biodynamic principles. On a gentle slope with maximum sun exposure, each block is treated individually, then made into individual wines with minimal intervention to encourage them to speak more of place.

Winemaker . Ben Gould  
Established . 2007  
Production . 10,000 cases

### ○ Two Brothers Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012

€ 11.73 / btl

Pale straw with green hues. The nose has typical varietal aromas of passionfruit, gooseberry, snow peas and citrus. There are some underlying grassy and herbal notes. The palate shows clean tropical and grassy flavours, a smooth palate is backed up by a clean crisp finish. Refreshing and zesty. The freshness and vitality of this wine is best enjoyed whilst young. Drink without delay.

### ● Two Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2011

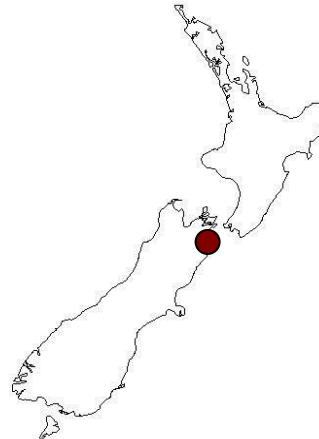
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80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot. Ruby red with a light purple edge. The nose shows blackcurrant, blueberries, liquorice and dark chocolate and the tiniest hint of eucalypt. The palate is rich and smooth, with flavours of mulberries and sweet, dark fruits coming forth. The twelve months maturing in French oak has helped to smooth out and integrate the acids, tannins and fruit flavours resulting in a generous and rich wine. Can be cellared for 2-3 years, but made to be enjoyed in the short term. Sharing optional.

## Sliding Hill

Auntsfield Estate

Marlborough . New Zealand



### Sliding Hill Overview

Sliding Hill is the home of Marlborough's first colonial vineyard and winery. The original vineyard was established in 1873 and made highly regarded wine for over 50 years. The dramatic hillside vineyard with its unique variety of soils is again producing premium wines under the guidance of the Cowley family. The Sliding Hill wines are produced as easy-drinking styles with intense, fresh fruit characters and are rich and vibrant on the pallet. The wines are produced from estate grown fruit and the separate blocks have been planted with carefully selected clones for each variety. Earthquakes regularly rip through the Sliding Hill vineyard locations.

#### ○ Sliding Hill Sauvignon Blanc 2012

€ 10.93 / btl

After a typical fine and sunny summer the harvest began in early March, one of the earliest start dates ever. This year's fruit is some of the purest we've seen with outstanding flavour. Typically sunny summers and long autumns ensure grapes always get plenty of sun and when combined with some nippy mornings along the way, Marlborough produces beautifully balanced fresh wines that put a sparkle in your eye. Fresh and zesty citrus is paired with crisp herbal notes and of course those gooseberry flavours. The perfect match for a sunny afternoon !

#### ● Sliding Hill Pinot Noir 2011

€ 15.95 / btl

The wine is a dark black-purple in colour, denser than all but the finest vintage pinot noir. Aromatically complex and lifted, the fine hazelnut aromas of oak and lees grace the intense violet and creamed black-fruit characters. The silky, classic Pinot Noir palate is driven by warm ripe black-cherry and doris-plum flavours, hints of cola nut and intense mushroom. An almost atypical Pinot tannin structure is the result of a fantastic vintage and reflects the potential of the Marlborough site. The weight, length and intensity of the wine promise a cellaring potential at least seven years from vintage.

## Hundred Tree Hill

Redbank Winery  
Pyrenees . Victoria



### Redbank Winery

Hundred Tree Hill wines are grown and made at Redbank in the Pyrenees region of South Eastern Australia. The unique combination of soil type, climate characteristics and cool climate viticulture produce low yield grapes of high intensity, colour and flavour in the classic Pyrenees style. The goal of the winemaker Robb Neill is to produce small batch, high quality, handmade wine.

### James Halliday Rating



Winemaker . Neill Robb  
Established . 1973  
Production . 5,000 cases

### ○ Hundred Tree Hill Chardonnay 2008

€ 13.57 / btl

This wonderful chardonnay is pale lemon in colour with melon, cashew nuts, creamy spice and integrated yeast characters on the nose, underscored by hints of grapefruit. The palate is long, full and crisp with rich flavours of melon and cashews. This flavoursome wine has a wonderful combination of structure, elegance and power.

### ● Hundred Tree Hill Shiraz 2008

€ 13.57 / btl

Black as tar in colour, with a ring of Ox blood around the glass. Beef stock, treacle, iron filings, sweaty leather, raw, hung meat, fresh coffee, bush fires, cedar, cigarbox, peppercorns, cooking chocolate, mushroom, blackberries, beetroot, stewed plums, mixed peel and Chinese five spice are all suggested by the intoxicating fumes rising from a very large glass of this wine. The wine swirls onto the palate, creamy, viscous and rich, then explodes mid-palate with freshly crushed raspberry juice, blackberry, juniper and plum. This leads on to gamey, meaty characters and further complexity, followed by the familiar savoury, spicy characters of new American oak. The finish is well structured with fine tannin and the flavours linger long after the wine is finished. Great with rare beef, kangaroo, game meats, hard cheeses or just on its own.

### ● Redbank Sally's Paddock 2009

€ 45.43 / btl

Lovely deep garnet colour, with aromas of violets, morello cherries, cloves and a hint of blackberries. Intense and delightful whilst soft, balanced, silky and smooth on the palate showing mouth filling Autumn berry flavours. Married with subtle new American and Nevers Oak, the Sally's paddock 2001 makes a complete and delicious wine. The Sally's Paddock name has earned an international reputation as a great wine for immediate consumption or for those with the patience to cellar for 10 plus years. The Sally's Paddock has also received two Gold Medals in the London International Wine Challenge and has been included in the 'Excellent A' section of the Langtons Classifications for the past 15 years.

## A U S T R A L I A

### Bellvale

Bellvale Winery

Gippsland . Victoria



#### Bellvale Winery

Established in 1998, Bellvale Wine is a family-owned business run by principal winemaker and viticulturalist, John Ellis. Situated in the lush Tarwin River valley of South Gippsland, the area is acknowledged as one of Australia's best Pinot-Noir producing regions. The name, Bellvale, is derived from the Ellis family's rich agricultural heritage, which may be traced back to a farm in Nieuw Amsterdam (the New York area), in the late 1600s. The Bellvale label features two majestic oak trees that grace the centre of its vineyard.

#### James Halliday Rating



Winemaker . John Ellis

Established . 1998

Production . 2,500 cases

#### ○ Bellvale Athena's Vineyard Gippsland Chardonnay 2009

€ 16.99 / btl

Sourced exclusively from our Gippsland vineyard, this sophisticated and multidimensional wine shows good rich fruit characters of apple and melon, highlighted by a malolactic ferment and 12 months ageing in new and one year old French oak barriques. Tight, flinty with cedary spicy and savoury highlights and an excellent purity. Cool climate acid results in a beautifully textured, creamy, nutty, balanced character. Fruit richness is carried through on the palate to produce a wonderful finish. It is anticipated the wine will improve for 2 to 3 years in the bottle then age gracefully under the Stelvin cap. Recommended drinking is from 2012 to 2014. Drink with creamy seafood dishes.

#### ● Bellvale The Quercus Vineyard Gippsland Pinot Noir 2008

€ 16.99 / btl

Like so many of our wines this Pinot Noir has shown dramatic bottle development. Good lifted fruit characters are obvious and will continue to develop for another couple of years. As the palate softens with age and the fruit integrates with the tannins, the structure of the wine will become softer and more rounded. Lifted fragrant nose with raspberry, cherry, strawberry, a touch of spice and smoky complexity with hints of smoky bacon. Savoury, earthy, vegetal characters offer a lean but complex and elegant wine. Fine soft grained tannins on the palate with good oak balance. Round soft finish with great length. Excellent with any game dishes.

## **Screwcap wine seals - a matter of good taste**

### **The advantages of using the Screwcap as a wine seal are:**

- Total confidence that you will receive wine in premium condition - alive, abounding with flavours and a pleasure to drink.
- No bottle variation - each bottle of a given wine will be just as good as the one before.
- Elimination of cork taint and similar mould flavours that can contaminate wines bottled with other closures.
- Dependable cellaring - the elimination of random, premature wine oxidation (seen as rapid ageing, discoloration, loss of fruit flavours and, ultimately, the destruction of the wine), which can occur when other closure types are used.
- And as a bonus, the package is so user friendly. For instance, you can confidently cellar your wines with the bottles standing up. To open a bottle you simply twist the whole capsule to break the seal, and then unscrew the top (no corkscrews to manipulate, no crumbly corks to extract). If you don't finish your wine that night, you can happily reseal the bottle for the next day.

### **Why are an increasing number of respected, quality-driven wine producers choosing to challenge tradition and present their wines to you under a Screwcap wine seal?**

Because, quite simply, they care about their wines. They are committed to bringing their wines to you in the best possible condition. And we know that the only way to do this confidently is to seal each bottle with a Screwcap wine seal.

### **What do Screwcap wine seals do that other closures don't?**

Screwcap wine seals eliminate the threat of 'cork taint' and premature oxidation. They allow the wine in each bottle to mature and develop its true character, uniformly and naturally, as intended by the winemaker.

### **Do Screwcap wine seals bring risks of their own?**

In short, no. The inert, food-grade polymer at the base of the seal is guaranteed to have no effect on the taste or quality of the wine - ever. This is why many highly respected wineries around the world store their own precious 'library stock' wines under Screwcap wine seals - to ensure that the wines are not at risk of oxidation or taint.

### **Are Screwcaps suited to early drinking wines only?**

Early drinking wines bottled under Screwcap certainly have the advantage of retained freshness and no risk of cork taint spoilage. However, premium wines destined for long term maturation enjoy the added advantage of reduced bottle variation, which might otherwise result from premature oxidation over the years due to cork seals.

### **Will Screwcap seals allow wine to age?**

Yes - the ageing of wine in a bottle is a function of the natural chemical characters in the wine and will occur over time - irrespective of the bottle closure. There is sufficient oxygen in the wine and in the head space to allow the part of development and ageing which requires oxygen to take place. Much of the development takes place anaerobically (i.e.: without oxygen)."

### **Are Screwcap wine seals here to stay?**

Consider the following question, posed by New Zealand's Bob Campbell, Master of Wine:

"I have one question for all of the other winemakers who for the time being continue to use corks. If you know that Screwcaps will produce better and more consistent wine than corks, how can you continue to short-change your customers?"