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cellar door
Sean Brennan
with Noel Bradley

...s of London's Hospital Club, Ata Rangi winemaker recently presented her wines to British wine scribe Jon MW. Two words made Masters' trip: "Really impressive."

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● **R**ipe vintage? The fallout from the eruptive Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines made ripening very difficult. However, the year wasn't all bad for New Zealand wine. Consider Lincoln's oenology degree 1993 graduating class, which included **JOHN KAVANAGH** (Neudorf), **SAM HARROP MW** (international consultant winemaker), **DEAN SHAW** (Central Otago Wine Company), **DUNCAN FORSYTH** (Mount Edward), **RHYAN WARDMAN** (Indevin) and **JULES TAYLOR** (Jules Taylor).

● Birthday season is upon us. Three decades have passed since **DANIEL LE BRUN** planted his first vines in Marlborough with the idea of making bubbles to rival those of his native Champagne. Le Brun and wife Adele of No 1 Family Estate are using the occasion to release their Cuvée Virginie 2006 (named after their daughter), which earned five stars in our sparkling tasting (see page 117). It's an occasion in itself – just the third release since 1997. As **CLOUDY BAY** celebrates its silver season – 25 vintages – its newly released 2010 Sauvignon Blanc marches the quality of its 24 famous forebears. Further south, Central Otago winery **OLSSSENS** is celebrating its 21st. Back in 1991, the planting of Olssens' first vineyard marked the first grapes in the ground in Bannockburn.


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Heartfelt venture

For a liquid cardio-massage, head to Auckland's newest cellar door. Corazon (Spanish for heart) Wines has converted a space in its large, industrial winery building at 393 Henderson Valley Rd in the foothills of the Waitakere Ranges into an attractive tasting room. Experienced winemaker-proprietor Shayne Cox (left) sources top fruit from around the country to make his Corazon wines, which are available for tasting and sale at the cellar door.

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