



The Cellar Door

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he recommends more than just wine

If you believe that wine and food go hand in hand, then start making your way to **Cellar Door Deli** [611 Bukit Timah Road, tel: +65 6469 7665]. This charming spot is stocked with carefully sourced produce and wines from New Zealand. On the wine list, you can find 15 of New Zealand's top names, such as Quartz Reef, Felton Road and Pegasus Bay. If you are unsure about New Zealand territory, look to 37-year-old Reuben Tang, who runs the shop, for wine recommendations. This wine enthusiast, who chose wine as his career



after a stint in the wine department in Cold Storage, believes in recommending wine experiences, and loves suggesting food and wine pairings. "I will usually ask the shopper what the occasion is, if it's a party, or dinner, and what styles they like." For an afternoon session with friends, his favourite recommendation is a light New Zealand rose, paired with semi-soft creamy Harvati cheese. A perfect combination!

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great positioning

This is the most southerly wine-producing region in the world, with the highest vineyards in New Zealand, situated at 200-400 metres above sea level. It's also sheltered by the surrounding mountains, with a continental microclimate characterised by hot, dry summers, short, cool autumns and cold winters.

new kid on the block

It's the youngest and most dynamic wine region in New Zealand at the moment. Even though the first plantings started in the 1860s during the Gold Rush period, the wine scene really only took off in the 1990s.

pinot noir

Central Otago already has a reputation as the Holy Grail of Pinot Noir in the New World, and accounts for 90% of the plantings here. There's elegance in the style, with good fruit, and layers of complexity.



names to look out for

Quartz Reef, Peregrine,
Akarua, to name a few.

reason to visit

The Central Otago Pinot Noir
Celebration, where wine
drinkers get to mingle with

winemakers in a relaxed fashion for two days over good food and wine. Visit www.pinotcelebration.co.nz for more information.