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The Top Ten wines are chosen by wine correspondent Peter Saunders as being the best releases each month in terms of availability, value, drinkability and overall quality. These wines are chosen with the wine trade, restaurants and their clients in mind. The last note headed 'In a Word' gives a suggested information line for wine lists and shelf talkers.



This critical review by wine correspondent Peter Saunders is designed for those responsible for buying wines and developing wine lists. Prices shown are approximate retail.



Schubert Hawkes Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 2000

Kai Schubert is based in the Wairarapa but this red comes from the Matariki vineyard in Gimblett Gravels. A big, bold and dark red, plenty of tannin, heaps of fruit, just starting to limber up! A beautiful wine for its flavour, texture and balance.

In a word: A big, bold and dark red with plenty of tannin, flavour and texture all in harmony. **\$45**