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**Wine**



*zinfandel merlot syrah pinot grigio chardonnay  
sauvignon blancs cabernet sauvignon pinot noir*

## The Chronicle's Wine Selections: New Zealand Red Wines

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Here are the panel picks from 22 red wines (excluding Pinot Noir) tasted from New Zealand from 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

### 2002 Schubert Wairarapa Cabernet/Merlot

Price: US\$46

Body: Medium-Full

Dryness: Dry

Comments: Excellent. Aromas of cassis, black cherry, meat and horse sweat; ripe juicy blackberry, raspberry, black tea, plum and vanilla flavors; supple tannins; great length. Low production.

### 2002 Schubert Wairarapa Syrah

Price: US\$50

Body: Full

Dryness: Dry

Comments: Very toasty nose, aromas and flavors of black cherry, vanilla, black pepper, spicy salami and tar; long midpalate; exotic and expressive; a juicy crowd-pleaser. Limited production.