

Spotlight On...

McManis Family Vineyards

By now, most of you have heard of McManis. The wines have a devoted following due to their crowd-pleasing style and unparalleled value. The family has been farming in California's Central Valley since 1938. When we started working with Jamie & Ron McManis in early 2002, they had just released their first vintage of their eponymous wine – fewer than 10,000 cases of the 2000 vintage, made from estate and purchased fruit. Until then, they had been growers of grapes for other wineries, and this connection to the land through farming remains at the heart of the McManis family business.

We were blown away by the value and appealing style of their wines. Since then, McManis has taken on a life of its own, growing to more than 3,000 acres of estate, sustainably farmed vineyards (in River Junction, Borden Ranch, Clements Hill, Clarksburg and Jahant appellations) and producing more than 300,000 cases annually.

McManis: Our regular VINTAGES selections



**McManis 2019 Chardonnay,
River Junction
LCBO #265983
\$19.95**

This white is rich, creamy and full of ripe pear, banana chip & toasty oak flavours. If you're looking for that quintessential "California Chardonnay," this is it!

Currently available in VINTAGES



**McManis 2019 Zinfandel, Lodi
LCBO #256735
\$21.95**

Ripe, fruit-forward flavours and soft, supple tannins make this a great wine to enjoy at any occasion. Rated 'Best Buy' from Wine Enthusiast magazine.

Coming to VINTAGES May 29th



**McManis 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi
LCBO #212126
\$21.95**

Our favourite VINTAGES Essential! Loaded with fruit, kissed with oak, unctuously full-bodied and yet wonderfully elegant.

Always available in VINTAGES ESSENTIALS



Cave Spring Vineyards
(April 25, 2021 – May 22, 2021)

Riesling 2018 (LCBO #234583) \$15.95

Straw green with apricot, citrus aromas and flavours with floral, mineral notes; off-dry, with refreshing acidity.



Riesling Dry 2019 (LCBO #233635) \$15.95

Fresh lime and its blossoms, starfruit and mint on the nose with nutty/waxy notes; extra dry, medium bodied, clean, citrus flavours with refreshing acidity and finish.



Pinot Gris 2019 (LCBO) #522979 \$15.95

Showing a range of fragrant aromas, including pear, melon, fresh fig and nuts, the wine is dry with a supple texture and balanced acidity combine for a soft and creamy mouthfeel.

Rosé 2019 (LCBO #295006) \$12.95

Light salmon pink colour with floral, pink grapefruit, herbs and jam aromas; extra dry, medium-bodied with grapefruit flavours, balanced acidity and good finish.



Chardonnay 2018 (LCBO #228551) \$13.95

Soft pear fruit, vanilla, yellow berries and citrus aromas and flavours with yellow melon notes; extra dry, medium-bodied, balanced acidity with soft vanilla and spice on the finish.









Cave Spring Vineyards
(June 19, 2021 – July 17, 2021)

Riesling 2019 (LCBO #234583) \$15.95

Mineral and quince on the nose with mushroom, nuts and pear notes; dry, forward quince/pear flavours with refreshing acidity and a medium-long finish.

	<p>Cave Spring Riesling Estate 2018 LCBO #286377 \$19.95</p> <p><i>Cave Spring's fine Rieslings have won much international acclaim. This one, from vines that are 20+ years old, features aromas and flavours of peach and grapefruit alongside floral and stony mineral notes.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>		<p>Riesling Icewine 2017 LCBO #447441 \$49.95</p> <p><i>From Riesling experts Cave Spring Cellars, this Icewine shows intense apple, mineral oil, baked apricot and peach pie aromas and flavours, with a rich texture plus plenty of crisp acidity.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>
	<p>Blanc de Blancs NV LCBO #213983 \$27.95</p> <p><i>This is a brilliant example of Ontario's prowess with sparkling wine. An elegant traditional-method Chardonnay that delivers great depth of apple, pear and bread tones in a crisp, long package.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>		<p>Chardonnay Musqué 2018 LCBO #246579 \$17.95</p> <p><i>Fermented in stainless steel and unoaked so as to maintain every nuance of the delightful aromatics of the Chardonnay Musqué grape. This is a wine of refinement and class. Floral, yes, but it also offers bright citrus, tropical fruit, peach and a hint of vanilla.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>

	<p>McManis 2019 Pinot Noir, Lodi LCBO #570739 \$21.95</p> <p><i>The grapes for this wine hail from McManis vineyards in the prestigious Lodi appellation. Here, long, even ripening makes for stellar red wines. The Pinot is a classic, fuller-bodied Californian rendition.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>		<p>Lua Cheia 2018 'Album' Reserva, Alentejano LCBO #477711 \$19.95</p> <p><i>This Reserva red wine is a classic Portuguese blend from the southern/coastal region of Alentejano. It's a great representation of the quality and value from Lua Cheia. This wine punches way above its price, with full, earth-driven, dark fruit flavours.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>
	<p>McManis 2019 Merlot, Lodi LCBO #17674 \$21.95</p> <p><i>The grapes for this wine hail from McManis vineyards in the prestigious Lodi appellation. Here, long, even ripening makes for stellar red wines. The Merlot is plush, fruit-forward and silky smooth.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>		<p>McManis 2020 Pinot Grigio, River Junction LCBO #181453 \$18.95</p> <p><i>The River Junction appellation, as its name suggests, is located at the confluence of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Rivers in California's Central Valley. This is a cooler region which produces exceptional white wines that are marked by both ripeness, concentration and refreshing acidity.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>
	<p>Lua Cheia 2019 'Old Vines' Red LCBO #266882 \$15.95</p> <p><i>If there's a European red to grab from the VINTAGES this month, this is it. Ripe, earth-driven, dark fruit, complex flavours are carried on a smooth, refreshing structure with seamless tannins.</i></p> <p><i>Currently available in VINTAGES</i></p>		<p>Nicolas-Jay: the 2018 Allocations Special Offer</p> <p><i>We're thrilled to present winemaker Jean-Nicolas Méo's Oregon wines from his Domaine Nicolas-Jay. This is an exceptional opportunity you won't want to miss.</i></p> <p><i>VINTAGES Special Offer (Online Exclusive) Online Release: 8:30am – Thursday, May 20th</i></p>

	<p>McManis 2019 Zinfandel, Lodi LCBO #256735 \$21.95</p> <p><i>The grapes for this wine hail from McManis vineyards in the prestigious Lodi appellation. Ripe, fruit-forward flavours and soft, supple tannins make this a great wine to enjoy at any occasion.</i></p> <p><i>Rated 'Best Buy' from Wine Enthusiast magazine.</i></p> <p><i>Coming to VINTAGES May 29th</i></p>		<p>Glatzer 2017 'Anaperenna' Shiraz-Cab. Sauvignon LCBO #72926 \$65.00</p> <p><i>This blend is made exclusively with old vine fruit from the Ebenezer sub-district of the famed Barossa Valley by iconic winemaker, Ben Glaetzer. It's a great value for the quality: a classic example of the harmony between power and complexity that Australia is capable of. Unfined & unfiltered.</i></p> <p><i>VINTAGES Classics: June Catalogue</i> <i>Online Release: 8:30am – Thursday, June 3rd</i></p>
	<p>Kistler 2019 'Les Noisetiers' Chardonnay LCBO #251223 \$99.95</p> <p><i>This is one of only two Kistler blends – made with grapes from three Sonoma Coast vineyards from which they bottle single vineyard examples: Vine Hill, Trenton Roadhouse and Dutton Ranch. 'Noisetiers' means 'hazelnut' in French and refers to the lightly toasted hazelnut character that these sites produce.</i></p> <p><i>Coming to VINTAGES June 12th</i></p>		<p>Maria Papoila 2019 Vinho Verde LCBO #408146 \$17.95</p> <p><i>This white blend, with the aromatic Albariño grape at its core, has plenty of stone fruit flavours and reverberating minerality through the finish. A consistent "Best Buy" winner – and a perfect wine for BBQ and vegetarian fare!</i></p> <p><i>Coming to VINTAGES June 26th</i></p>

	<p>Prà Amarone della Valpolicella 2013 LCBO: #267880 \$112.00</p> <p><i>2006 was the first commercial release of Amarone della Valpolicella from this organically farmed estate. The wine shows complex aromas and flavours of cherries and plums mixed with bitter cocoa and licorice, A very smooth structure is balanced with tannins and freshness thanks to the altitude of vineyard and the chalky soils. This is power combined with elegance.</i></p> <p><i>VINTAGES Classics: July Catalogue</i> <i>Online Release: 8:30am – Thursday, July 1st</i></p>		<p>Virna Barolo Sarmassa 2015 LCBO: #19057 \$107.00</p> <p><i>The Virna family has owned vineyards in Barolo since 1720. Their philosophy is to produce wines of character, rooted in the terroir, with respect for the whole vineyard. The 2015 Barolo offers dark fruit flavours, rose hip and grilled herb. The wine has both a delicacy and delivers power and ripeness that you feel on the finish.</i></p> <p><i>VINTAGES Classics: July Catalogue</i> <i>Online Release: 8:30am – Thursday, July 1st</i></p>
	<p>McManis Petite Sirah 2019 LCBO: #15101 \$22.95</p> <p><i>Hailing from sustainably-farmed, family-owned and operated vineyards in the renowned Lodi region of California, this is one of our all-time best-selling wines. Substantial on the palate, this wine has mouth-filling flavours blackberry and boysenberry, backed by notes of caramel, toffee and dark cocoa carried elegantly by a rich, creamy texture and elongated finish.</i></p> <p><i>Coming to VINTAGES July 10th</i></p>		<p>Chateau Val Joanis Tradition Rosé 2020 LCBO: #707281 \$17.95</p> <p><i>This floral rosé is a sure sign of summer and has been a regular in Vintages since 2003. The blend of Syrah and Grenache is dominated by delicate citrus, berry and spice notes with some typical Southern Rhône 'garrigue' providing complexity.</i></p> <p><i>Coming to VINTAGES July 10th</i></p>

Available May 2021 as part of the LCBO's Online Destination Collection:

Heartland Director's Cut Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 - \$38.95

Heartland Director's Cut Shiraz 2018- \$38.95

Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas Reserva Especial 2016 - \$23.95

Insurgente Tinto Dao 2017 - \$19.95

Andreza Reserva Tinto 2018 - \$19.95

Lua Cheia Reserva Douro white 2018 - \$23.95

Album red 2018 - \$13.95

Colleja Tinto 2019 - \$12.95

Lazzaroni Amaro - \$31.95

Lazzaroni Absinthe Fata Verde - \$44.95

Lazzaroni Amaretto with Tin - \$39.95

Wölffer Estate Summer in a Bottle rosé - \$34.95

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