

# The Providores and Tapa Room

We are proud to offer the largest selection of premium New Zealand wines at any restaurant in Europe. We hope you find our list informative and concise - and that you are able to make an informed selection from it. We are constantly evolving our choice of wines, keenly aware of supporting the many vineyards throughout New Zealand with whom we have built strong relationships over the years.

## New Zealand's Wine Regions

There are 10 major wine regions in New Zealand. Each boasts an enormous diversity in climate, terrain and therefore, style of wine. (see page 2 for regional descriptions)  
As a tribute to each of these regions The Providores will be profiling one wine each month in our 'by the glass' programme, allowing you the opportunity to try some of our favourite wines.

1. Northland
2. Auckland
3. Bay of Plenty and Waikato
4. Gisborne
5. Hawke's Bay
6. Wairarapa
7. Nelson
8. Marlborough
9. Canterbury and Waipara
10. **Central and North Otago**



### **2014 Alex K, Pinot Gris, various sub regions, Central Otago**

Exciting example of Pinot Gris, light in style, with bright acid structure, stone fruits, and pure minerality.

**32.00 bottle / 20.50 carafe / 6.90 glass**

In 1994, Alex Kaufman visited Central Otago - and fell in love with the land. He had found a spot where he could pursue his dream of creating a globally recognised wine label. With the guidance of winemaker Theo Coles, Kalex produces a wide range of balanced, layered wines and is quickly gaining recognition as one of New Zealand's most intriguing producers. The Alex K range has swiftly developed by working with trusted growers who remain faithful to their individual regions and specific styles of production. By securing quality parcels of fruit, the Kalex

team are able to provide consistency year to year. These wines are a true synergy between Theo Coles, the Kalex team and the classic wine regions of New Zealand.

Born in Poland in 1924, Alex Kaufman, its owner, was orphaned during the Holocaust. Escaping the concentration camp where he'd been incarcerated, he managed to survive 4 years in the surrounding forest with only the clothes on his back. As the Germans retreated, Alex went in search of his family in Poland but they had all disappeared. His on-going determination to survive - but also to succeed, whatever the odds - prevailed and he completed high school before going on to complete a chemistry degree at Stuttgart University. Landing a job as 'baker' on a boat to the U.S., he was finally able to leave Europe. With just a quarter in his shoe, Alex found a job in a large chemical company, Hatco, and was able to put his degree to use. Several quick promotions followed and 13 years later, he became the company's managing director, overseeing more than 300 employees. Over the next few years, a number of companies fitting well within the Hatco portfolio were acquired, and Alex was publically recognised for his extraordinary business acumen and named Entrepreneur of the Year.