

And the winner is...

Villa Maria's Reserve Pinot Noir 2003 was the winner on the night at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2004. The red took home the top prize, Air New Zealand Champion Wine of the Show, at the black tie dinner held in Blenheim late last year. It was the first time the awards were held in Blenheim, which proved a popular choice, with eight of the 19 trophies being awarded to Marlborough wines. The evening was a flawless success. The highlight was a five-course sit down meal for 990, accompanied by the winning wines. The menu was designed by Air New Zealand consulting chefs Peter Gordon, Rex Morgan, Tony Adcock and the Beverly Hills Hotel, and featured the best of New Zealand produce. For stockists see www.villamaria.co.nz



Treetops Life Spa

Guests staying at the Radisson Treetops Resort in Port Douglas, Australia will be pampered when the new Treetops Life Spa opens late this month. Nestled within the tree houses of this unique resort, the Treetops Life Spa will offer you a highly personalised, distinctive experience, enabling you to achieve a balanced wellbeing. The launch of the spa will cap off the completion of the resort's major enhancement programme including the refurbishment of all guest rooms and Executive Suites, two restaurants, reception area and the Lobby Bar. A new spa menu and packages will be available soon. Air New Zealand Holidays offers a wide range of holiday packages to Port Douglas. Call in to your nearest Air New Zealand Travelcentre, phone 0800 737 000 (NZ only) or visit www.airnewzealand.co.nz

Lotion in motion

At last, a sunscreen solution for solo sunbathers. The L'omo is a Kiwi invention that allows you to spread sunscreen evenly across your own back: first, roll the cunning applicator into some lotion in your hand, then dangle the device over your shoulder, grab the other end and start rolling. Bravo. Available wherever Cancer Society sunscreens are sold. Visit www.l-omo.com



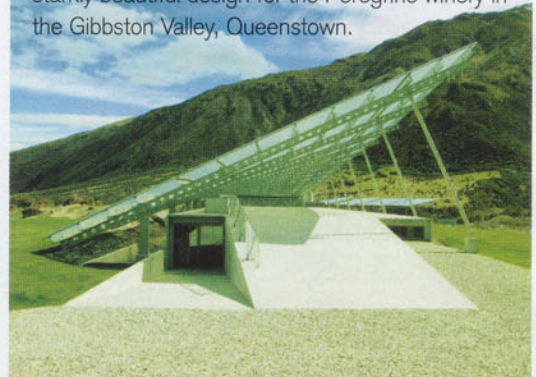
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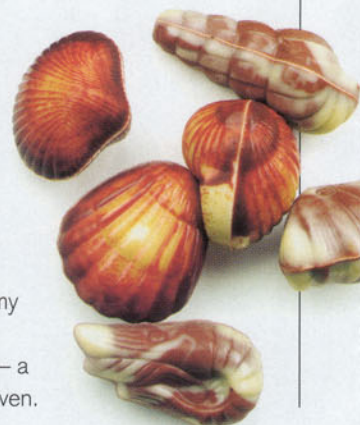
Prize architecture

For the first time, a New Zealand company has been named a winner in the leading international *Architectural Review* magazine's prestigious ar+d architecture awards. "An elegant blade of light [that] contrasts with the rugged and sublime landscape," is how the international panel of judges described Wellington Architecture Workshop's starkly beautiful design for the Peregrine winery in the Gibbston Valley, Queenstown.



She eats sea shells

Belgian chocolate sea shell creators GuyLian, well known for their rich, roasted hazelnut praline-filled shelly treats, have released a limited edition new flavour: Creamy Strawberry Truffle. Milk chocolate and strawberry – a match made in candy heaven.



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