



These days mother turtles enjoy far more respect when they come ashore.

Sparkling Wine/Champagne

Cloudy Bay Pelorus N.V.		\$55.00
Marlborough, New Zealand	Glass:	\$14.00
P&O Seven Wonders Brut N.V.		\$24.00
Hunter Valley, New South Wales	Glass:	\$6.50
Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut		\$95.00
Ay, France		
Taltarni Vintage Brut		\$36.00
Pyrenees, Victoria		
Petaluma Croser		\$65.00
Piccadilly Valley, South Australia		

White Wine

Elements Late Harvest Riesling		\$28.00
Swan Valley, Western Australia	Glass:	\$7.50
Taltarni Fiddleback Dry White		\$26.00
Pyrenees, Victoria	Glass:	\$7.00
Shingle Peak Pinot Gris		\$35.00
Marlborough, New Zealand	Glass:	\$9.00
Smithbrook Sauvignon Blanc		\$34.00
Pemberton, Western Australia	Glass:	\$8.50
Thomas Mitchell Chardonnay		\$30.00
Nagambie, Victoria	Glass:	\$7.50
P&O Seven Wonders Semillon Chardonnay		\$24.00
Hunter Valley, New South Wales	Glass:	\$6.50
Pikes Riesling		\$34.00
Clare Valley, South Australia		
Tamar Ridge Riesling		\$38.00
Tamar Valley, Tasmania		
Brokenwood Semillon		\$36.00
Hunter Valley, New South Wales		
Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc		\$45.00
Marlborough, New Zealand		
Bridgewater Mill Sauvignon Blanc		\$37.00
Three Districts, South Australia		
Cape Mentelle Semillon Sauvignon Blanc		\$39.00
Margaret River, Western Australia		
Geoff Weaver Sauvignon Blanc		\$40.00
Lenswood, South Australia		
Coriole Chenin Blanc		\$31.00
McLaren Vale, South Australia		
Plantagenet Unwooded Chardonnay		\$33.00
Mt Barker, Western Australia		
Yarra Ridge Chardonnay		\$36.00
Yarra Valley, Victoria		
Lalla Gully Chardonnay		\$45.00

Red Wine

Taltarni Fiddleback Dry Red		\$26.00
Pyrenees, Victoria	Glass:	\$7.00
Preece Merlot		\$32.00
Nagambie, Victoria	Glass:	\$8.50
Petaluma Sharefarmers Red		\$38.00
The Coonawarra, South Australia	Glass:	\$9.50
Ingoldby Shiraz		\$34.00
McLaren Vale, South Australia	Glass:	\$9.00
P&O Seven Wonders Shiraz Cabernet		\$24.00
Hunter Valley, New South Wales	Glass:	\$6.50
Pikes "Luccio" Sangiovese Merlot Cabernet		\$33.00
Clare Valley, South Australia		
Lillydale Pinot Noir		\$39.00
Yarra Valley, Victoria		
Sandalford Merlot		\$39.00
Mt Barker, Western Australia		
Annie's Lane Cabernet Merlot		\$34.00
Clare Valley, South Australia		
Cape Mentelle Cabernet Merlot		\$43.00
Margaret River, Western Australia		
Tim Adams "The Fergus" Grenache		\$39.00
Clare Valley, South Australia		
Jindalee Cabernet Sauvignon		\$29.00
Geelong, Victoria		
Barwang Cabernet Sauvignon		\$42.00
Hill Tops, New South Wales		
Riddoch Shiraz Cabernet		\$35.00
The Coonawarra, South Australia		
Saltrams Classic Shiraz		\$30.00
Barossa Valley, South Australia		
Coriole Shiraz		\$45.00
McLaren Vale, South Australia		

Dessert Wine

Ballandean Estate Sylvaner (375ml)		\$35.00
Granite Belt, Queensland	Glass:	\$9.50
De Bortoli Noble One Botrytis Semillon (375ml)		\$45.00
Riverina, New South Wales		

Heron - The Early Days

Heron's first recorded visit was on January 12th, 1843 by Captain Blackwood, skipper of the vessel, H.M.S. 'Fly'. A geologist on board the ship, Joseph Beete Juke, is credited with naming the island after observing the large number of reef herons nesting here.

In the 1920's a commercial turtle factory was established on Heron. Thankfully, the venture was not a great commercial success and a Dane, Captain Christian Poulson, subsequently took over the lease on the island in 1932. From then until 1977 members of the Poulson family were to be associated with Heron in one form or another.

When he took over the lease on Heron (for just £290), Poulson initially used it as a commercial fishing base. Encouraged by the abundance of marine life in the surrounding waters, he decided to turn the island into a resort with fishing as the main attraction. Word spread quickly and, at first, guests had to rough it in tents. As Heron's popularity grew, Poulson converted the old turtle factory into a dining room, kitchen and power plant. He also built cabins along the seafront.

The cost of staying on Heron Island in those days was between £5 and £8 a week.

In September 1943, the whole island was declared a National Park and by 1944 the resort boasted 40 cabins and facilities even included a card room and tennis court.

In 1947 Poulson went into partnership with a pilot, Captain S.C. Middlemiss, and they started a regular Catalina flying boat passenger service from Brisbane to Heron - a flight of just over two hours.

Tragically, Poulson was to disappear later that same year when his dinghy failed to return following a visit to friends on a yacht.

A marine research station was established on the island in 1950 by the Great Barrier Reef Committee and in 1980, P&O became sole owner - operator of the resort.

Today, Christian Poulson's legacy lives on in a resort that is still regarded as the most popular, natural island destination on the Great Barrier Reef.

