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## Gravity Hills “Vertigo” Chenin/Riesling, Central Coast 2009

*Ver-ti-go* [vur-ti-goh]: 1. dizzying sensation of tilting within stable surroundings, or of being in tilting or spinning surroundings.

Yes, this delicious white blend of 84% Chenin Blanc and 16% Riesling will make your head spin. We, as well as the makers of Gravity Hills, feel that there is no comparable pleasure to drinking a crisp bottle of white wine outdoors on a warm evening. And this particular wine was created precisely for that purpose. Choosing the Delta region for the grapes made ultimate sense because nowhere else in California does chenin blanc show such refinement. Riesling was added for it's lovely, elusive perfume and wow, this *dry* white shows hints of tropical fruits, along with citrus, tart pineapple and refreshing meyer lemon.

**\$12 value. Thieves' price: \$8.99**

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## Rock Wall Wine Company “Rock Star” Rouge, 2007

The Rock Wall Wine Company represents a new chapter in the East Bay winemaking scene. Founded and operated in Alameda by Shauna Rosenblum, daughter of consulting winemaker Kent Rosenblum, who sold his eponymous winery two years ago. Their philosophy of “*the right grape in the right place*” is the result of many long-term relationships with acclaimed vineyards around the state. This blend of three red varietals is primarily Syrah from the Napa Valley. In addition, a small amount of Tempranillo and Cinsault are combined for layers of complexity. Aged in Demptos American oak barrels, the three wines were blended in March of 2009, lightly filtered and bottled in April. The finished wine is a perfect symphony of dark berry fruit, violets and anise, with a hint of peppery spice.

**\$14 Value. Thieves' price: \$9.99**

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## **Consilience Grenache Blanc, Santa Barbara, 2006**

This winery began as a humble interlocking of ideas among friends, setting out with an inspiration to simply make the best wines possible in the Santa Barbara wine country. Co-owners Tom Daughters and Brett Escalera like to focus on primarily small-production Rhône wines. For example, they only produced 783 cases of this 100% varietal white. As the name suggests, grenache blanc is the pale-berried species of Grenache which has its origins in the northeast of Spain. It remains hardly a blip on the radar of white wine production in California, and there is probably more Chardonnay spilled than Grenache Blanc produced. This wine was completely fermented in neutral French oak barrels, and features crisp flavors of green apple, peach and honey, with a touch of minerality.

***Thieves' price: \$14.99***

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## Haraszthy “Solus Sto” Zinfandel, Napa Valley 2007

Solus Sto is Latin for “Stand Alone.” It has been Val Haraszthy’s family motto for six generations, and serves him well as a guiding winemaking directive. His two great-great grandfathers were California pioneers and historic Sonoma legends. Mexican General Mariano Vallejo founded Sonoma in 1835, and made wine in the army barracks which still exist on the town square. He was forced at gun point to relinquish California to the “Bear Flaggers” – a rugged group of western settlers who declared the territory a republic for themselves in 1846. Agoston Haraszthy, who emigrated to the US from Hungary in 1842, chased gold west. He built Buena Vista, the first commercial winery in California, in 1857. Haraszthy’s sons married the General’s daughters in a double wedding ceremony in June, 1863. Today, Val produces exclusively zinfandel. The fruit for his ’07 Napa was sourced from the Stags Leap District, Rutherford and Oakville. The aroma opens up with bright cherry and notes of vanilla. Lush flavors of black fruit, raspberry, white pepper and spice flow smoothly on the palate, with a strong but balanced finish.

**\$20 value. Thieves’ price: \$14.99!**