

2022 Benton Hills Pinot Gris Washington State



M.L. Monson brought his family to the Yakima Valley in the early 1900s. He came with a love for the land and the dream of building a family farming business that would continue for generations. Initially, the focus was on orchards and cattle. In the 1990s, M.L.'s son Arvid began building in a new direction, establishing vineyards in the arid hills and valleys around Richland. This led to the founding of Goose Ridge Estate Vineyard & Winery in 1998. Ancient basalt flows formed a cluster of small mountains with gentle sloping hillsides ideal for growing vinifera grapes. This area is affectionately referred to as the “Benton Hills.” Bursting with notes of ripe Anjou pear, green apple, and a subtle hint of tropical fruit, all underpinned by a crisp, mineral-driven acidity. Its clean, refreshing finish is perfectly paired with shellfish, salads, pork tenderloin, light creamy pastas, sushi, and creamy brie.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2022 DeLoach Heritage Reserve Zinfandel California



DeLoach Vineyards, located in the heart of Sonoma's renowned Russian River Valley, is a pioneering producer, with 45 years of experience experimenting with the perfect combination of soil, rootstock, and clones, resulting in a history of producing high-quality, eco-friendly wines. Select lots of old and new vine Zinfandel are blended to develop a complex, fruit-forward wine before being aged in primarily stainless steel tanks. A small portion of the wine is aged in seasoned oak barrels to impart a light oak characteristic while allowing the wine to stay true to its varietal character. Aromas of tart cherries, apricot and anise spring from the glass. Juicy raspberry and blackberry flavors are met with notes of spice and undertones of black licorice. Medium bodied with well-balanced acidity. Pairs well with pizza topped with large, ripe tomatoes, kalamata olives, green olives, and fresh basil. Try this with a burger, blue cheese, or on the front porch w/ friends.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2023 Cultivar Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley

Cultivar is a classic Napa Valley family story starting in 1958, retreating to the country to work hard and enjoy the simpler life. The bouquet is enchanting, featuring aromas of fresh-cut grass, ripe green melon, and floral notes of white peach. Subtle hints of jasmine and delicate touches of honey add complexity and depth to the nose. On the palate this Sauvignon Blanc reveals a vibrant and balanced character. It has a weighty viscosity, with lemon zest flavors, green apples and a dash of acidity mid-palate, which evolves into a creamy, lasting finish. The creamy mouthfeel is characterized by its elegant and fresh profile with fresh green apple notes adding a lively brightness. The finish is smooth and sophisticated, leaving a lasting impression of finesse. An excellent companion to a citrusy grilled shrimp salad, a delicate white fish with lemon butter sauce, or a tangy goat cheese and arugula tart or a Thai green papaya salad. Serve with risotto with asparagus, peas, and a hint of lemon zest.



Thieves' price: \$17.99

2022 Malcaracter Tempranillo Ribera del Duero, Spain



“Malcaracter”, the term Spaniards use for fellow countrymen from Ribera del Duero. They are seen as rude. From the Ribera del Duero perspective, they like to speak their minds! Ribera del Duero is located in Spain's northern plateau, in the community of Castile y Leon, ruled by the Duero river, with sandy soils rich w/ quartz. It is also dominated by one of Spain's great varieties, Tempranillo. Malcaracter is a label by Ignacio Guettierrez and Cecilia Puebla, husband/wife, and business partners, representing wineries from Spain. Their passion is to make wine from where they come from, using organic grapes and ancestral techniques. Wines from this region are intense, just like the inhabitants!, and this wine is no different. The grapes come from two different organically grown vineyards, 25-50 years old, showing classic black fruits, violet flowers, spiciness, and noticeable minerality. On the palate the wine tastes of plum, with velvety tannins, and elegant acidity. Pair w/ roasted lamb, grilled beef ribs, hard sheep cheeses, or grilled squash.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2022 Coeur de Terre Heritage Reserve Pinot Noir McMinnville, Willamette, Oregon



McMinnville has become a very hip part of the Willamette Valley, becoming an AVA in 2005, now home to fancy shops and breweries galore. Coeur de Terre Vineyard has been farmed organically since its inception, in 1998. This wine celebrates Coeur de Terre's original plantings - Renelle's Block, Sarah Jane's Block, Abby's Block & Tallulah's Run. Together, these four distinct blocks of the vineyard create a beautifully balanced wine, representative of the unique site and viticulture philosophy of Coeur de Terre. Each block shines as a block designate reserve, and here they bring their strengths together in perfect harmony. A pronounced dark raspberry aroma is accented by notes of pork fat and cayenne pepper. The wine's brawny tannins and moderate amounts of acidity are joined by black cher-

ry, vanilla, cedar and nutmeg flavors. Pair with sauteed duck breast, grilled lamb, herb-crusted pork tenderloin, and cedar plank grilled salmon.

Thieves' price: \$36.99

2013 Trivento “Eolo” Malbec Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina



Located in a valley just south of Mendoza City itself, the Luján de Cuyo region is home to some of Mendoza valley's oldest vineyards. Situated in the upper Mendoza valley, where the river is half-way through its journey from the Andes mountains to the eastern plains, many Lujan de Cuyo vineyards sit at altitudes of around 1000 m. Trivento is named for the three winds that influence its vineyards in Mendoza, Argentina: the Polar, a cold wind from the south; the Zonda, a warming western wind sweeping down off of the Andes; and the Sudestada, or southeast blow, which brings freshness from the Atlantic and Río Plata estuary to the vineyards. Eolo unfolds layers of engaging aromas including ripe cherry, smoky coconut and hints of blueberry jam. Full bodied in structure, this wine has lively fruit flavors and sweet round tannins that allow for a

long, smooth and lingering finish. Enjoy with grilled meats including beef and game. Also excellent with spicy dishes, and aged cheeses.

Thieves' price: \$38.99