

2022 Spinelli Pecorino Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy



Pecorino's name is derived from the Italian word for sheep ("Pecora") and the local practice of transhumance, the movement of sheep between summer and winter pastures. As the sheep descended from the mountains in autumn on their way to the sea, they became fond of this grape, and thus its nickname, "Sheep Grape." Situated on the southern edge of Abruzzo, is where Cantine Spinelli resides and has been making wine for centuries. It is an area nestled between the Frentane hills and the Sangro River, : a clay-limestone mixture and unique micro-climate. Winemaking - follows a brief cold maceration of the crushed grapes, delicate pressing and fermentation at a controlled temperature in stainless steel tanks. The nose and palate are a playful mix of lemon candy, salt water taffy, herbs and stones. Bright and cheerful. Drink as an aperitif, with mussels, salads, vegetable risotto, roasted chicken, pan fried tilapia, fettuccine alfredo.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2020 Famille Bouey Merlot/Cabernet Blend

“Oh La Vache!”, L’Atlantique, France



“Oh La Vache!” loosely translates to “Holy cow,” or a casual expression of surprise. L’Atlantique is a wine appellation that encompasses Bordeaux, Southwest Cognac and, more precisely, the regions of Médoc, Graves, Entre-deux-mers, Sauternes, Libourne, Blaye- bourg, Grande Champagne, Petite Champagne, Borderie, Fins Bois, Bons Bois and Bois Ordinaire. The Bouey family has been in the Médoc region of Bordeaux for over 200 years. But they are not vineyard owners, rather, vineyard caretakers, tending to the vines of their seven chateaux in a way that preserves them for future generations. The resultant wine and health of the vines speak for themselves. In fact, they are one of the last family-owned wine trading companies left in Bordeaux. This easy-drinking wine has a brilliant ruby-red color, with purple reflections. Aromas of ripe strawberries, blackberries and Morello cherries fill the glass. The palate is well-balanced, with supple and velvety tannins and copious red fruit.

Thieves’ price: \$11.99

2022 Crosby Roamann Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley



Juliana Arvai and Sean W. McBride are the owners, winemakers, IT department, sometimes delivery people, and general misfits behind the Crosby Roamann winery. They started the label in Brooklyn, New York, and later made it official when they moved to Napa Valley in 2010. A cuvee of two clones from their vineyard in Los Carneros, Napa Valley. The fruit is gently whole-cluster pressed and the juice is fermented in concrete on native yeast for five weeks. The wine then ages seven months in new oak barrels and stainless steel drums. This product was farmed sustainably (converting to Certified Organic) and certified *Carbon Neutral* by CoolEffect.org. Bottled by hand at the winery: 600 cases produced. Mellow aromas of acacia and peach juice. White rose, lemon-lime, and vanilla bean, with a soft and lingering finish reminiscent of apricots and white plums. Delightful now, the wine will gain complexity and depth over the next five years. Guzzle this on the front porch or with oven baked halibut.

Thieves' price: \$ Inquire

2021 Kosich Pinot Noir Estate, Carnernos, Sonoma



As early as the 1970s Carneros became known as a source of terrific Pinot Noir, and was one of the first California regions to gain such a reputation. The combination of sunny days, cooling fog and thin clay soils are tailor-made for the variety. Another factor in Pinot Noir's prominent place here is vintners' willingness to experiment widely. The history of the grape in Carneros is marked by continuous research into clonal variations, viticultural techniques and site selection. The nose is intense and intermixing tea leaf, vanilla and mineral characters. Enticing complexity with just ripe raspberry, black cherry, and rose petals. The palate shows intense red fruit, lovely mushroom note to add earthy tones to the intriguing and delicious Pinot Noir. Return of the floral and gentle spice notes, raspberry, cherry. Long finish. Pair with Moroccan lamb tagine with orange and ras el hanout, beef bourguignon, or fig and prosciutto pizza with caramelized onions.

Thieves' price: \$ Inquire

2022 Chateau D'Epiré Chenin Blanc 'Cuvee Speciale', Savennières, France



Paul Bizard, the new generation in charge at this historic Loire Valley property, has wasted no time in showing his youthful energy and ambition since taking over management. His very first step was to initiate an organic conversion, a monumental challenge in a place defined by a stormy oceanic climate and unforgivingly rocky soils. This latest release suggests his work is already paying off, as it stands among the most expressive young Savennières Epiré has bottled. The vineyard was planted in 1965 with some parts replanted in 2013 (average 35 years old), 8.5 ha, in schist soils. Stainless steel is an excellent match for schist-born Chenin Blanc, as it accentuates the wine's stony austerity without imparting any woody flavor. This blend also includes a couple barrels each of acacia, highlighting Chenin's subtle floral tendencies, and old oak, exalting its fleshy structure with nary a hint of vanilla or toast. With a rigid backbone of acidity and a bone-dry finish recalling fresh walnuts. Pair with

potato-leek soup, baked camembert, poached salmon, or Jerusalem artichoke gratin.

Thieves' price: \$34.99

2022 Dubreuil-Fontaine Bourgogne Rouge “Notre-Dame Bonne Esperance”, France



Domaine Dubreuil-Fontaine, located near Pernand-Vergelesses, is a family wine business in Burgundy. We are cultivating Pinot Noir on the *climat* of Pernand-Vergelesses, Aloxe-Corton, Volnay, Pommard, Beaune, and Savigny-les-Beaune. Our cultivating methods are environmentally friendly. Our wines are a full expression of the Burgundian terroir. For this wine there are four vineyard plots located on Savigny-les-Beaune, Ladoix-Serrigny, and Pommard, including the climat “La Chapelle Notre-Dame.” Farmed from 2.5 hectares in clay and limestone soils, with an average vine age of 30 years. Pleasant bouquet of crushed blackberries and raspberries. The palate is medium-bodied with a light, spicy opening, a good density and a solid blackberry, strawberry finish. A pleasant wine to drink young. FOOD & WINE PARING: Barbequed meats and veggies, meat pie or roasted suckling pig.

Thieves' price: \$35.99