

## 2022 Pierre de Ronsard Sauvignon Blanc Val de Loire, France



The founding father of “*La Pléiade*”, Pierre de Ronsard authored countless love poems about the roses of the Loire Valley. Even today, we find roses at the end of a row of vines—used by vintners to detect odium, a fungal spore that compromises the health of grapevines. Born in the Loire Valley, we grew up surrounded by vineyards, farms, and a way of life inspired in the celebration of French wine. Today, thousands of miles away in San Francisco, the bond with our home continues to inspire us as we work with producers to source and share French wine from the Loire Valley with the world. In its 2000 year history La Loire has been home to many of the most famous cultural icons, including Ronsard himself, François 1er, Catherine de Médicis, Leonard de Vinci, Jeanne d’Arc, among many others. Aromas of green apple and hints of citrus. The attack is crisp, clean, bright leaving a nice aromatic and minerality in the finish. Pair with oysters, prawns, grilled seabass, fresh crab, and light salads.

**Thieves’ price: \$10.99**

## 2020 Chateau David Beaulieu Rouge Bordeaux Superiore, France



A blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet sauvignon, 4% Cabernet franc and 1% Malbec. This region consists of limestone plateau at around 100m above sea level, hence its name "Bordeaux's high country". Wines of the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation are produced in the vineyard zone of the Gironde. Family winery since 1910, now run by Philippe Person, the fifth generation. The estate grew from 20ha to 160 nowadays. Located in the commune of Galgon, the 160 -hectare vineyard is close to Fronsac and Villegouge in the area of Bordeaux in France. Mainly Merlot planted, the annual production reaches around 1 million bottle per year, Part of the blend (about 20 to 30%) is aged in oak to add complexity to the wine's aromas without excessive oakiness. Quite intense ripe fruit on the nose with vanilla and coffee. Full on the palate, tannic, round, with well-balanced fruit and oak aromas. Evident oak in balance with the ripe fruit. In the modern style. Pair with prime rib, roast beef, veal, or grilled mushrooms.

**Thieves' price: \$11.99**

## NV Donkey & Goat “If Then” White blend California



A blend of Chardonnay, Vermentino, Pinot Gris, Pinot Meunier, Roussanne, Sauvignon Blanc and Grenache Blanc. Donkey & Goat was one of the pioneers in CA winemaking, being first to list ingredients on the label. We call these wines IF / THEN due to the rubber hitting the road truth of all winemaking and natural winemaking in particular. Just like a chef has to pivot based on what they found at the market that morning, winemakers pivot every vintage based on what mother nature delivers. Creating each vintage is a creative journey that often results in more blending trials than any other wine we make! A true labor of love. Tracey has preached from her soapbox for two decades about the most powerful tool in her natural wine chest being her ability to blend. You might notice our IF / THEN White is non vintage California. That is because the final blend was closer to a solera with 2018 - 2021. This wine offers notes of golden delicious apple, Asian pear, lemon pith, and citrus blossom, with hints of beeswax and chamomile. On the palate, a round textured mouthfeel is balanced by lively acidity.

**Thieves' price: \$16.99**

## 2022 Kermit Lynch Rouge Cotes du Rhone Villages, France



A blend of 56% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 7% Carignan, 2% Cinsault. Our brand-new Côtes du Rhône Villages is a collaboration with Les Vignerons d'Estézargues, a co-op cellar located just across the river from Avignon. Founded in 1965, Estézargues has championed sustainable and organic viticulture and natural winemaking for decades, making it a rare exception in the world of co-ops: nothing is inoculated, sulfur is kept to a bare minimum, and the wines are bottled without filtration. Our cuvée is sourced from *gobelet*-trained vines on the nearby plateau of Signargues, which features the same rocky alluvial soils as Châteauneuf-du-Pape. You'll find plenty of hedonistic, purple-tinged fruit in this wine, along with a hint of wild herbs and lovely floral notes akin to lavender and violets. A touch of supple tannin and a stony finish provide texture and just enough grit to this smooth-flowing rouge. Pair with Venison, elk, moose, lamb, goat, mutton, partridge, and duck.

**Thieves' price: \$16.99**

## 2022 Tamber Bey Pinot Noir Burnside Vineyard, Russian River Valley



We are winemakers, but we are also equestrian enthusiasts. Our title is a portmanteau of the barn names—or nicknames—of Barry's first two Arabian endurance horses, Tamborina (Tamber) and Bayamo (Bey). The growing season is remarkably chilly in the Sonoma Coast's breezy Sebastopol Hills. Here, Burnside Vineyard sits atop a ridge, exposed to cool marine air from the Pacific. Red Goldridge soils mark this parcel as a superb Pinot Noir site, with a hillside orientation bending to the east for early morning sun exposure. Burnside is an extremely low-yielding site producing very small, intensely flavored berries. On the nose, this Pinot Noir offers an inviting bouquet of red fruit, dominated by ripe cherry. It gracefully dances on the palate, with bright acidity that highlights its vibrant fruit character. Succulent red berries take center stage, backed by hints of cranberry and pomegranate. Pair with Salmon, tuna, halibut, mild sausages, quail, pork duck, and lamb. Also great with mushroom based dishes.

**Thieves' price: \$35.99**

## 2019 Domaine Andre Mathieu Rouge Chateauneuf-du-Pape, France



Andre Mathieu is a master craftsman and one of the rare growers in the region who uses all of the 13 authorized grape varieties of the appellation. Grapes are from 70-year-old vines, grown in 58 different, small plots, using natural, wild, sustainable viticulture and traditional vinification methods practiced by their family since the 16th century. Hand harvested with grape selection on table, long maceration and maturation for 12 months in old oak barrels. Gorgeous ruby color with expressive violet, red berry and spice aromas. An elegant, structured, powerful and complex palate packed with wild red berry fruits, plums and a hint of star anise, chocolate, mocha and spice. Long, complex finish with round tannins and wonderful mouth feel. A true authentic example of this well-known Rhone appellation. Pair with Hare stew. Couscous. Mediterranean prawn brochettes. Grilled lobster. Beef fillet in pastry, and chanterelle mushrooms.

**Thieves' price: \$35.99**