

2020 Chateau d'Aqueria Rosé Tavel, France



A blend of 45% Grenache, 20% Clairette, 15% Cinsault, 8% Mourvèdre, 6% Syrah, 4% Bourboulenc, and 2% Picpoul. Tavel is situated in the southern end of the Côtes-du-Rhône across the river from Chateauneuf-du-Pape. Once owned by the monks of the Abbey of Villeneuve-les-Avignon, the land has transferred ownership many times over the centuries. Chateau d'Aqueria is now owned by the son of Jean Olivier, Paul de Bez, and his sons Vincent and Bruno, who over the end of the 1980s renovated the vinification facilities and cellars. Its deep aromatic complexity and very special balance are the hallmarks of a great wine. This wine features a robe that is a dazzling ruby color. Notes of spice open onto a cocktail of red and white fruit on the nose. On the palate, there is a gorgeous, generous mouth feel with a wide diversity of fruit and exceptional structure and balance that define this wine. Delicious with lamb curry, poultry in cream sauce, bouillabaisse, paella, Asian cuisine, goat cheeses.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2020 The Red Sedan Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz South Australia



From the exciting RedHeads Studio, this barrel-aged Cabernet-Shiraz started a handful of years ago, with elite winemakers 'moonlighting' in a makeshift winery (formerly a bar) in McLaren Vale. By day, they made big volumes for well-known brands, knowing the wines could be improved, if it wasn't for shareholders demanding 10,000s of cases. Crafted in tribute to the beloved classic car driven by the original RedHeads winemakers, The Red Sedan marries superstar Cabernet Sauvignon with Shiraz, Australia's flagship red, sourced from some of South Australia's best vineyards. Intense juicy minty/leafy varietal fruit characters with fine, slightly grippy, tannins. Attractive aromas and great flavour length. Pair with Shephard's pie, ribeye, or hearty pastas.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2021 Izadi Seleccion Blanco Rioja, Spain



A blend of 65% Viura, 10% Garnacha Blanca, 10% Malvasía, 10% "Other White varieties", and 5% Tempranillo Blanco. Located in Rioja Alavesa, Izadi aims to produce wines that express the character of the varieties indigenous to Rioja. They own 72 hectares and have access to another 108 hectares through long term contracts. Farming is sustainable with many organic practices. The average age of the vines is greater than fifty years old and the soils are a mix of sandy clays and clay limestone. The nose is intensely aromatic with hints of white fruit, citrus, tropical fruit and floral notes combined with spices. The palate is refreshing and tasty, with silky tannins, citrus and floral flavors. Light and refreshing finish. Pair with Korean and Vietnamese food, grilled chicken and pork, as well as herby white bean soup.

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2020 Lamé Delisle Boucard Cabernet Franc 'Vieilles Vignes', Bourgueil, France



The appellation of Bourgueil extends over 7 villages on the border of Anjou and Touraine. It has mixed soils of gravel, flinty clay, and limestone clay. The family name is quite a mouthful, but they're not going to shorten it for marketing purposes. Philippe Boucard and his wife Patricia and sister Stephanie are just the three most public members of an extended family that farms one of the most extensive domains in Bourgueil. The Domaine was founded in 1869, boasting 5 generations of winegrowers, with a sixth waiting in the wings. A rich ruby red with notes of violets and red berry fruits, this Cabernet Franc is nicely layered on the palate with brightness running throughout and just a touch of smoke mixed in with some purple fruits. Soft waves of mineral with a nice soft tannin make this a true delight to drink. Pair with hearty chicken and duck dishes, with plenty of herbs.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2017 Pied à Terre Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County



The early growing season saw record levels of rainfall which provided “fuel” for high levels of vegetative growth following bud break. We worked tirelessly in the vineyards to balance the canopy and minimize/negate the formation of those vegetal methoxypyrazines. Challenging weather patterns continued throughout the year in the form of repeated heat wave events. During much of the mid and late growing season, repeated extended heat waves created a high level of heat stress which limited the crop size – again emphasizing the importance of managing the canopy to ensure balance. Fortunately, our work in the vineyard paid off as the fruit we harvested was intensely flavorful, deeply colored and void of greenness, though we yielded 1/3 of what we normally would. The berries were small and compact, with incredible concentration of aromas and flavors: blueberry, red cherry,

mint and pencil shavings with an elegant, focused mouthfeel and mature tannins. Pair with beef braises, mushroom risotto, grilled flank steak.

Thieves' price: \$31.99

2021 Tres Sabores “Por Que No?” Zinfandel Blend California



A blend of 53% Zinfandel, 35% Petite Sirah 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 1% Petit Verdot. Winemaker Julie Johnson helped open Frog's Leap winery back in the late 1980's. She was the first to have a vineyard in Napa go certified organic in 1991. The “Por Que No?” is a blend of Rutherford estate, Sierra Foothills, and Mendocino County fruit. Tres Sabores is a bit whimsical, and they say, “ It's (the “Por Que No?”) an original, it's a salsa party, it's a delightfully smooth blend that needs no special occasion to open and enjoy anytime--with anyone! Always crafted with the playful souls and generous hearts of the grapes in mind, we love the results: layers and layers of ripe dark berries, spices, and chocolate. It's robust, yet smooth and satisfying.” Smell and taste black cherry liqueur, cola, allspice, mocha, fruitcake, blueberries, and more. The fruit is juicy and the tannins are soft and approachable. Pair with tomato based pastas, a burger, pizza, fried chicken sandwich, and grilled sausage.

Thieves' price: \$38.99