

## 2023 Sobon Estate Viognier Amador County



Shenandoah Vineyards in Plymouth, CA, was founded in 1977 by Shirley and Leon Sobon. They moved from Los Altos, California, where Leon was a Senior Scientist with the Lockheed Research Lab. Leon's gift for home winemaking led him to leave Lockheed and begin a new career as a Winemaker. Sobon Estate was formed with the purchase of the D'Agostini winery in 1989. This alluring wine comes from our hilltop Viognier vineyard that we planted in the mid-1980's on well drained granite and loam soils. Naturally farmed and sustainably grown, this rich, dry medium bodied wine begins with inviting aromatics suggesting spring hibiscus blossoms, honeysuckle and vanilla spice. The wine has rich flavors with hints of ripe summer peaches, creamy mineral, slate-like textures and a crisp, dry lingering finish. An ideal complement to cracked Dungeness crab, grilled halibut or mahi-mahi in a beurre blanc sauce, sautéed scallops and double or triple cream brie.

**Thieves' price: \$11.99**

## 2018 Radar Cellars Red Blend Sonoma County



The Radar Red is produced from prime vineyards in Dry Creek Valley and Russian River Valley. This 2018 blend is crafted in claret style, with full extraction, extended aging in French oak, and quarterly racking. The backbone of the blend is Cabernet Sauvignon with significant dollops of Petite Sirah and Malbec helping to build the backbone, while Grenache and other varieties sweeten the mid palate. The actual blend varies from year to year...but the exact secret is never revealed! The vineyards are sustainably farmed and select barrels are master blended to create the finished wine. With the benefits of judicious blending, no fining was required. Classically rich, ripe and structured Sonoma County fruit. Aromas of blackberry, ripe plum, vanilla, cedar and cigar box tease the nose. The palate follows with mouth-filling blackberry and plum flavors, and hints of vanilla, earth, and oak spice. Soft, smooth tannins integrate with the extended structure to make this a balanced, elegant wine from attack through to the lingering finish.

**Thieves' price: \$11.99**

## 2022 Tinpot Hut Pinot Gris Marlborough, New Zealand



The fruit for this wine was sourced from our Home Block in the Blind River sub-region of the Awaterere Valley. Tinpot Hut is proud to display the Sustainable Winegrowing logo on all our wines - practices that protect the environment while efficiently and economically producing premium grapes and wine. The fruit was harvested at optimum maturity in cool conditions, then, after harvest, transported to the winery with haste for immediate pressing, with minimal skin contact to avoid juice deterioration. It was cool fermented in stainless steel using an aromatic yeast to help tease out the delicate flavors, and to retain the fresh fruit characteristics and underlying spicy notes. A light to medium bodied wine which shows flavors of fresh pear and white peach, with a touch of spicy nutmeg. This wine is well balanced and clean with good palate weight. Fragrant aromas of spice, pear and stone-fruit mix

with underlying notes of brioche and freshly cut spring flowers. Match with Asian cuisine, a summer barbeque or winter roast chicken.

**Thieves' price: \$15.99**

## 2020 Blackboard Bordeaux-style Red Columbia Valley, WA



A blend of 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot. Established in 1993, Matthews Winery is located in the heart of the Woodinville Wine Country. The boutique winery is owned by a local family and focuses on maintaining production of Bordeaux-style and single varietal vineyard-designated wines. The 2020 Blackboard Red Wine was crafted from multiple vineyards in Washington State such as Soaring Eagle, McNary, and Four Feathers. Farmed using sustainable practices, the vines were harvested in the early fall mornings of 2020. The wine was fermented in stainless steel, and French oak aged for three months (60% new). Sweet floral aromas, hint of preserved berries, crushed rock, vanilla, black cherry, baking spice, cinnamon and strawberry with a round mouth feel, bright tannin, chocolate covered pears, dark chocolate, raspberry, and coco powder. 80 cases were produced. Pair with a ribeye, mushroom pizza, braised lamb, or semi-firm or ripe cheeses.

**Thieves' price: \$16.99**

## 2015 Fongoli Sagrantino Montefalco (Umbria) DOCG, Italy

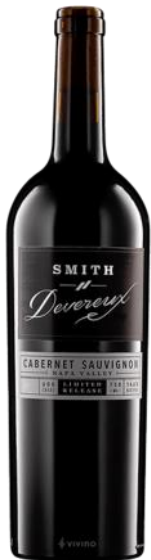


Angelo Fongoli is the fourth generation to be making wine at the Fongoli family estate. Since the early 2010's, Angelo has taken the estate to a more diverse farming culture concentrating on biodynamic techniques. The estate is now almost 40 hectares of vines, vineyards, olive trees, forest and natural truffle production. The younger vines of about 15 years old go into this traditional Sagrantino (the oldest vines go into the 'Fracaton' bottling). Fermentation is spontaneous with native yeasts, a bare touch of sulfur and no temperature control in vat. The maceration is around 30 days. The wine is aged for a minimum of 5 years in old Slavonian oak botti. It is bottled without fining, filtering or additional sulfur. The olfactory impact is intense and elegant, with ample fruity, ethereal and spicy notes. On the palate it shows remarkable structure, offering perfectly round tannins; it is a wine of great

body, dense, chewy, unique. Pair with roasted red meat, game and venison, cooked with succulent sauces, and roast lamb.

**Thieves' price: \$35.99**

## 2018 Smith-Devereux Cabernet Sauvignon Calistoga, Napa Valley



We meticulously farm our sustainable vineyards year after year to achieve consistency, quality, complexity and accessibility from all of the wines in our award-winning portfolio. Our *commitment to sustainability* from the vineyard to the bottle as we choose the lightest glass possible, only print with laser technology, avoid capsules and costly frills, and ship with the most responsible packaging possible each season. Aged 26 Months in French Oak, this limited release wine has the structure of iconic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, yet is unique in its grace and subtlety, gaining complexity and nuance over time. Rich, Silky, Bold, Spicy, and complex. This is a softer, more balanced expression of the iconic Napa Valley Cabernet. Aromas of cherry, lavender and cocoa with flavors of cherry pie, black currant, spice cabinet and soft tannins. A food friendly Napa Valley Cabernet, this wine pairs with red meats, red sauces, and even heartier fish. We LOVE it with halibut with red sauce and capers.

**Thieves' price: \$35.99**