

2023 G. Metz Sylvaner Alsace, France



The Metz family has been growing vines around the village of Epfig in Alsace, France since the early 20th century and Marcellin Metz, the great-grandfather, decided to move to the neighboring village of Itterswiller in 1930. In 1989, Eric Casimir, originally from Champagne, married one of Gérard Metz' (son of Marcellin) daughters and moved to Itterswiller to work in the vines on the family estate. In 1996, Eric took over from Gérard as owner. Since then the Metz family has acquired many great vineyards and has helped the estate become certified organic.

Citrus, stone fruit, and white flowers on the nose. Lively acidity with a long finish. Pair with grilled pork sausages, Tarte Flambée (classic pairing), roasted chicken, or baked halibut.

Thieves' price: \$12.99

2020 DiMarco Cellars Pinot Noir Sonoma Valley



Chris and Amy DiMarco (high school sweethearts) fell in love with wine in their early 30's on their first trip to wine country and have not looked back since. Chris DiMarco is a member of the PGA Champions Tour, winning 3 PGA tournaments in his career. The vineyard, in Sonoma Valley, is a collaboration with Hesperian wines, and yields only 2 tons an acre. Winemaker Phillipe Langer has family ties with the Rothschilds, allowing him to learn about winemaking in Bordeaux, as well as South Africa, and in California, for Sullivan. Aged for 9 months in French barriques. Nose of strawberry, red cherry, and sage.

Medium bodied, with soft fruit and mouthwatering acidity. Pair with roasted duck breast, oven baked turkey, or pasta with a creamy mushroom sauce.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2023 Corvée Viàch Müller Thurgau Trento, Italy



Viàch is a Müller Thurgau from an ecosystem of its own, close to 700 m above sea level, with well drained, shallow, sandy soils originating from the disintegration of porphyritic rocks. The vineyard is a hymn to peasant ingenuity and tenacity. Recovered with a mallet and pickaxe from the mountain, it is a continuum of terraces and dry-stone walls that follow the twisted course of the ridge. Aged in stainless steel tanks, on the lees for 8 months. Reminiscent of white flowers such as lily of the valley, jasmine and fresh mountain fruits such as Renetta apples and Kaiser pears. Pair with ceviche or sushi, fish and chips, goat cheese salad, or roasted pork tenderloin.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2020 Los Arabis Pinot Noir Lamorinda, California



Jim and Leslie Ward became interested in winegrowing through a friend who owned a winery, but they were also challenged with the maintenance of a 3-acre hillside where grass and weeds presented a fire hazard in the dry summer months. To solve the problem and fuel their interest in wine, they planted 1,500 Pinot Noir vines in 1999 and had their first wine produced in 2002. The label's name, Los Arabis, refers to the road along Ward's property. Leslie says Arabian horses roamed there for years, though they were gone by the time she and Jim purchased the site. The wine exhibits soft, jammy Bing cherry fruit, with interesting, subtly earthy undertones. Pair with the Thanksgiving turkey, grilled flank steak, or candied salmon.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2021 Les Vins Julien Syrah Coombsville, Napa



Only 45 cases were made! Coombsville is an American Viticultural Area (AVA) located within Napa Valley, California just east of the city of Napa. The 11,075 acres (17 sq mi) area was established in 2011. Julien Fayard, the mastermind behind this gem, knows a thing or two about crafting wines that balance power and finesse. After all, he cut his teeth at legendary French estates like Château Lafite Rothschild and Smith Haut Lafitte before coming to Napa with his talents. Notes of blackberry, cracked pepper, and smoked meat aromas. Its palate is dense with dark fruit, dried herbs, and vibrant acidity, finishing with spice and savory elegance.

Pair with grilled lamb chops, smoked/savory pork ribs, or sautéed chanterelle mushrooms.

Thieves' price: \$34.99

2021 Whitehall Lane Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



A blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot, 1% Malbec, and 1% Petit Verdot. Whitehall Lane Winery was founded in 1979, but the history of the soil cultivation dates back two centuries. In the mid 1800's, Napa Valley settlers were drawn to the gravelly-loam soils and ideal climate, planting high quality grape vines at the Whitehall Lane Winery site. A classic example of a perfectly balanced valley floor Cabernet with excellent fruit concentration. On the nose, this wine offers sweet blackberries, dried Mission figs, black cherries, blackberry coulis, toasted vanillin and a hint of cigar box. The palate offers rich and velvety tannins, dark chocolate-covered cherries, black plums, mixed berry pie and toasted walnuts.

Pair with a grilled ribeye, braised lamb shank, or an aged cheddar.

Thieves' price: \$36.99