

2021 Sherwood Estate “Stratum” Sauvignon Blanc Waipara Valley, New Zealand



Waipara, in the Canterbury region, in the south part of the north island, is sheltered by the Teviot hills from the prevailing cool easterly winds and has the highest summer temperatures and the lowest rainfall of any of the New Zealand wine regions. Because of this, Waipara has grown into a premium winegrowing region. In the late 1980's the New Zealand wine industry saw bumper crops and a fall in demand lead to several wine companies, both large and small go out of business. Jill and Dayne Sherwood started the winery in 1987 by planting 20 acres of vines with passion for wine as their focus. The soils valley floor riverbed shingles as well heavier consist of hillside clay and lime soils, only the most premium fruit was selected for this wine. A fresh and zesty Sauvignon Blanc, bursting with juicy ripe flavors of gooseberry, guava and lime. The mouthwatering finish leaves you wanting more.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2016 Von Strasser "Rudy" Syrah North Coast



A blend of 76% Syrah, 14% Grenache, and 11% Charbono. The Von Strasser story begins with Rudy Von Strasser and an unexpected turn on his path that led to a 1980 internship at Robert Mondavi. This experience cemented a deep passion for wine. Rudy went on to study Enology at UC Davis and later became the 1st American to be accepted to a harvest internship at Chateau Lafite-Rothschild in Bordeaux. Upon his return to CA, and the Napa Valley, Rudy worked with both Trefethen, and Newton before opening his own winery. Aged 12 months in French oak. (25% New Oak, 75% neutral). The fruit is mostly from Mendo, with a touch of Suisun Valley and a dash of Napa valley. Delightfully layered and textured with abundant dark, brooding berry fruit, vanilla, spice cedar and notes of pepper, all wrapped around silky tannins. Pair with Indian food, braised lamb, and seared duck breast.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2019 Marchesi Antinori “Bramito” Chardonnay Umbria, Italy



Antinori's estate in Umbria boasts high altitude vineyards between 660-1325 feet above sea level on soils derived from sedimentary marine fossils mingled with clay strati. Their flagship white, Cervaro della Sala is made here but so is this under the radar gem. Bramito del Cervo is 100% Chardonnay that is partially barrel fermented in French Allier and Toncais oak. In 2019 harvesting activities began at the end of August with berries that were healthy and ripe, characterized by excellent freshness and an outstanding aromatic profile. The grapes soak on the skins initially and then after fermentation a portion of the wine is aged on the lees in stainless steel tanks while the rest ages an additional five months in oak. The result is a full spectrum Chardonnay with ripe tropical fruit aromas and flavors along with butterscotch, minerals and hints of toasty oak that linger in a lengthy finish. Pair with a pork chop, roasted chicken, or broiled halibut.

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2018 San Cristoforo "Amaranto" Sangiovese Maremma, Toscana



This family owned estate in Maremma Toscana began wine production under the leadership of Lorenzo Zonin in 2000. According to the Wine Spectator and the Wine Advocate, Lorenzo Zonin is making some of the most fascinating wines in Maremma. Podere San Cristoforo is characterized by the constant presence of breezes blowing from the sea, keeping the grapes healthy and moderating the high summer temperatures. The soil is made up of Aeolian deposits of medium texture, originating from the foliation of the mineral-bearing hills of Gavorrano, giving a stony terrain with a highish clay content. The biodynamic method offers very simple

tools that have been used for a long time in agriculture to make the earth more fertile and to make the vine more resistant. Firm yet well-integrated tannins support an expressive core of dark raspberries, flowers and licorice. There is an extreme purity to the fruit that is the hallmark of San Cristoforo. Finishes with a hint of compactness.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2017 Galerie "Latro" Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley, Sonoma



The Jackson Family's Galerie produces Cabernet Sauvignon that showcases one of California's foremost wine-growing regions — Knights Valley. After serving as enologist at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and Assistant Winemaker at Cardinale, Galerie was an ideal fit for head winemaker Gianna Kelly as she brings this growing region to life. Latro takes its name from the Latin word for "hunter," a reference to Knights Valley's history as a private hunting reserve before the development of vineyards in the area. Hard, inhospitable mountain soils restrict root development, which creates smaller berries and lower yields that bring distinctively mineral notes to wine. The darkly handsome result is a charismatic and versatile wine with in-

stant, irresistible appeal. Notions of crushed red and black currants, warm plums and baked cherries with touches of garrigue, dusty soil and bay leaves. The palate is medium to full-bodied, firm and grainy with lovely freshness and great intensity in the mouth, leading to a long, purely fruited finish.

Thieves' price: \$35.99

2017 Sperino Uvaggio “Coste della Sessia” Rosso Piedmont, Italy



The Uvaggio is based heavily on Nebbiolo with a small percentage each of Vespolina and Croatina. In Piedmont's lesser known northwest corner, directly at the base of the Italian Alps, the Sperino estate is managed by Luca di Marchi and his father, Paolo (of Isole e Olena in Chianti). This is dramatic vineyard landscape in extreme sense, with violent weather patterns as a result of the precipitous slopes that buttress the region. The sandy soils of the estate give the wines an elegant mineral inflection that sets this small region apart from the other Nebbiolo producing appellations in Piedmont. The wine was aged in a mixture of new and old barriques (225 litres), puncheons (500 litres) and 15 hectolitre casks for 23 months, the first eight of which were on the lees. Vibrant ruby red in the glass, this wine has a very floral nose. The lifted palate is packed with attractive red fruit and has great texture thanks to the supple, approachable tannins and good acidity. More savory and mineral notes come through on the long finish.

Thieves' price: \$35.99