2024 Altana Douro Branco Portugal

A blend of Malvasia Fina, Viosinho, and Gouveio. The Douro Valley in Portugal is one of the oldest and most iconic wine regions in the world.



Located in the north of the country, the region is renowned for its stunning scenery and its production of world-class fortified wines. The Douro Valley was first demarcated in 1756 and originally applied only to port production. It was extended to include table wine in 1979. Altano Douro Branco is a delightful white wine that showcases the best of the Douro region in Portugal. Crafted with care and expertise, this wine is produced in a renowned vineyard known for its exceptional terroir. The vineyard's unique features, such as its altitude and soil composition, contribute to the wine's distinct character. Altano Douro Branco is made using traditional winemaking techniques, ensuring that the wine retains its authentic flavors and aromas. With a crisp and refreshing style, this wine offers a

harmonious balance of citrus and tropical fruit notes, making it a perfect choice for those seeking a vibrant and flavorful white wine.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2022 Terre Monte Schiavo Lacrima Lacrima di Morro D'Alba, Marche, Italy

The Pieralisi Estate, owned by one of the most famous families of entrepreneurs and winemakers in the Marche region since the 1960's,



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was established with the creation of the Monte Schiavo winery in 1976 in Maiolati Spontini, in the province of Ancona, in the heart of the classic production area of Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi. Obtained from the autochthonous Lacrima vine, a rare survivor of medieval winemaking in the Marche region, it is characterized by a dominant aromatic imprint where floral notes of violets and roses anticipate hints of small berries. The delicate and pleasantly spicy flavor with a hint of licorice contributes to making this wine unique. A sunny, inviting, lightly refreshing wine, with fragrant strawberry and roses, plus a lovely varietal character. This is so easy to drink yet intensely flavored as well, with crisp cranberries and further, juicy red fruits on the

palate, skillfully-judged acidity, and a pretty, perfumed finish. Excellent with cured meats, roasted chicken, and fish soups.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2024 Merriam Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley

Peter and Diana Merriam fell in love with Sonoma County when they first visited in 2000. They soon had the good fortune of purchasing the



estate which at the time needed extra care in converting it into a sustainable farm. They immediately began the process of farming grapes with organic and sustainable practices in mind. Winemaker William Weese is a Sonoma County native who has been in the industry for many years exploring and working in the wine regions of California, along with Chile, France, and New Zealand. Bursting with vibrant, summertime aromas, this wine delights the senses with zesty grapefruit and succulent kiwi. A lively, mouthwatering acidity lifts the palate, accentuating bright notes of Meyer lemon. Subtle hints of pineapple and lychee add complexity, culminating in a refreshingly invigorating finish. Pair with goat cheese salad, asparagus risotto, pan seared cod, or sushi.

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2024 Fuedi del Pisciotto Nero d'Avola Sicily, Italy

The Tenuta Feudi del Pisciotto rises in the Val di Noto, within the Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG, in a rural area between Caltagirone and Piazza Armerina. The estate is comprised of 187 hectares in total, of which 43 are planted to vine, and it's located on the edge of

Sughereta di Niscemi Nature Reserve, just steps from the sea. Nero d'Avola is one of the 4 monovarietal wines of the Colori di Sicilia line by Feudi del Pisciotto. The most representative black grape variety of Sicily, it gives intense and full-bodied wines, with a marked acidity. Nero d'Avola by Feudi del Pisciotto is full, velvety with pleasant fruity notes and light hints of spices. This wine ranges from hints of red fruits such as black cherry and cherry, to floral hints of violet and myrtle. On the palate, the wine is fresh, enveloping and velvety. Pair with aged cheeses, grilled and roast meats, wild mushrooms and game dishes.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2021 Shypoke 'Keep' Red Calistoga, Napa Valley

The "Keep" from Shypoke Cellars is a unique blend of Grenache from the estate, 100 year old vineyard Charbono, and a barrel of their



'Amelia's' Petite Sirah. Shypoke calls the Calistoga AVA home. Their estate vineyard is located in the north-western corner of Napa Valley. The dirt to bottle history began in 1904, when Peter Heitz' great-grandparents immigrated from Alsace and literally planted roots and built bonded winery #103 for the production of fine wines. Through five generations of grape growers and winemakers, the Heitz family has continued the vision and efforts through today. It's complex, deep, and wonderfully fun to drink. The result is both interesting and delicious. Enticing aromatics lead to savory purple fruit tones, while remaining fresh and focused. All about dark fruits with light anise, fig, leather, black plum, and violets. The name derives from the barrels of Grenache which were tasted and determined "KFFP"

should be written on them for later use. Pair with ratatouille, roasted leg of lamb, and rosemary encrusted pork loin.

Thieves' price: \$38.99

2023 Caterwaul Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County

Caterwaul is a new collaboration between winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown and Matt Hardin from Barbour Vineyard Management. Started in



2014, they produce Cabernets from Napa and Sonoma counties from Matt's estate vineyard and from other fantastic sites around NorCal. The fruit for the Caterwaul Cabernet Sauvignon bottling was sourced from the southeast corner of Sonoma County, almost touching the Napa County line. They were awestruck when they had the opportunity to purchase highquality old vine Cabernet Sauvignon from a site defined by gravelly loam soils in the shadow of Mount Saint Helena. This wine starts with opulent, mouth-coating, sleek dark fruit. Vivid aromas suggest notes of roasted meat, cigar box, and crushed blueberries. The sumptuous palate expresses notes of currant reduction, cocoa, wild sage and dried black cherry. The plush, round mouthfeel is framed by exotic notes of baking spices

and a fine tannin framework. Pair with a grilled ribeye, mushroom risotto with fresh rosemary, or an aged gouda.

Thieves' price: \$38.99