

2021 Barnard Griffin Rosé of Sangiovese Columbia Valley, CA



Barnard Griffin Winery was established in 1983 by Winemaker Rob Griffin and his wife, Deborah Barnard. Rob saw the opportunity to make great wine in Washington and moved north in 1977. Pleased with his move to Washington, he says "The northern latitude of Washington and the ideally drained sandy soils of the Columbia Valley make it possible to produce deeply concentrated wines of pronounced character." A single vineyard Rose of

Sangiovese from the Balcom & Moe Vineyard, planted in 1971. Bucket loads of strawberry, melon and pineapple flavors practically leap out of the glass. Dry with racy, vibrant acidity. Discover the amazing versatility of this refreshing, food-friendly Rosé. Pound this baby on the porch, or pair it with a Friday night pizza!

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2019 Maisons Duhard Rouge

“Baron des Chartrons”, Bordeaux, France



A blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barons were families who owned properties throughout the Medoc region of France, investing their fortunes and their lives to establish southwest France as the pace-setting region of winemaking for the entire world. Chartrons, an 18th-century Bordeaux neighborhood of local and foreign wine merchants, was located on the left bank of the Garonne River, serving as the most strategic route for shipping wines from northern Spain and southwest France to the Great Atlantic. Baron des Chartrons hails from vineyards planted in traditional Bordeaux viticulture – the Merlot from sand, silt, and clay-limestone soils, and the Cabernet Franc from loamy clay

to reveal liquorice aromas. Nose of fresh red fruits. Great structure, soft tannins, and fresh finale of ripe cherry and blueberry. Elegant and very typical of the appellation. Ideally paired with grilled beef, cheese pastas or lamb.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2019 August Briggs Pinot Blanc Dutton Ranch, Shop Block, Russian River Valley



August Briggs Winery is an owner-managed craft producer of small lot and sustainably produced wines showcasing some of Napa and Sonoma's premier vineyards focused on a restrained winemaking philosophy that highlights wines of provenance, not pretense. All our wines are, first and foremost, an expression of the vineyard. This mantra is at the core of our vineyard sourcing and winemaking philosophy since our foundation. We have developed long-term relationships with family owned vineyards who share our passion in growing grapes and who take a sustainable long-term view to the farming of the land. 9 months of barrel aging. Only 110 cases produced. Radiating exotic aromas of lime zest, fresh pear and honeysuckle blossom. It is round and silky with good lingering acidity on the palate. The taste is dry yet fruity with flavors of grapefruit, white nectarine, green apple and a hint of white pepper.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2019 Lucky Rock Pinot Noir Monterey, CA



Writers use music as an easy metaphor for wine, waxing melodious about a symphony of flavors, blah blah. But the only time we listen to a symphony is when it's a sample in a rap. And it turns out that rap is a pretty good metaphor for how we think about wine. Whether that is cutting in a dozen different samples or laying down one monster track to get the job done, it's the same when we pick our vineyards for our wines: if it makes a wine better, toss it in, otherwise leave it alone. Our 2019 County Cuvée Pinot Noir is a blend of six vineyards in three different California grape-growing counties. The vineyard breakdown is as follows: 40% White Sage and Grava Ranch Vineyards - Monterey County, 32% Vista Verde Vineyard - San Benito County, and 28% Morelli Lane, Campbell & Landy Vineyards - Sonoma County. The wine was aged for 9 months in 100% French oak barrels. Production: 3,092 cases, bottled in September of 2020. Very fruity, moderately oaky and with a grippy mouthfeel, this full-bodied wine is flavorful and robust. Grilled plum, black cherry, toasted oak and baking spices come together nicely.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2015 Chateau Escot Rouge Médoc, Bordeaux, France



A blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Petit Verdot. In July 2019, Czech company Chateau Escot Inc. became the new owner of the vineyard. The main aims of the new owner are to respect the tradition of this company, connect it with the present, and to reconstruct the castle building and the adjacent castle park. Moreover, a rebuild of the technical buildings and a modernization of used technologies is planned. A key aspect of the new owner's program is also to expand and restore the castle vineyards. The vineyard spreads over 14 hectares on clay soil with limestone and sand. The cold terroir leads to a slow-maturing grape, hence a very aromatic grape flavor produced. This vintage of cold maturity, very late, finally gives rise to wines with a classic profile. The grapes, healthy at the time of the harvest, nevertheless displayed high values in terms of tannins and sufficient alcoholic degrees, all perfectly balanced by a well preserved acidity. Excellent black fruit definition – cassis, blackberry, plum – plus plentiful clove spice and high, traditional tannic punch on the palate. This is full of heft and flavor and interest. Pair with a ribeye.

Thieves' price: \$31.99

2018 Taub Merlot Oakville, Napa Valley, CA



Taub Family Vineyards was born out of a dream four generations in the making. It's a story that began during a pivotal time in U.S. wine history, just days after Prohibition was repealed, and one that is far from completion. The latest chapter is now unfolding as Proprietor Marc D. Taub and his son Jake explore some of California's most exciting appellations. This Merlot from the Oakville AVA, is planted with clone 3, on fluvial soils and fine-grained sandy loam. This is a dry-farmed vineyard. Aged for 22 months in 50% new French oak. Bright aromas of red fruit, plum and dark cherry burst from the glass, intermingled with crushed slate, and dried herbs. Displays classic Oakville vibrant fruit and richness with a soft, rounded, and pleasantly textured palate laced with supple, silky tannins. Mouth-filling and juicy flavors of red and black cherries, kirsch and dark chocolate are wrapped in complex, complementary brushes of baking spice, cedar, cigar box, and well-integrated sweet, toasty oak.

Thieves' price: \$35.99