

2024 M.A.N. Chenin Blanc Cape Coast, South Africa



M.A.N. is a winery project that was founded on the idea of making wine for the everyday person. As budding young winemakers back in 2001, they sometimes struggled to find decent wines they could afford. Brothers Philip and Tyrrel and co-founder José Conde set out on a mission to create the best wine for affordable prices. The Agter-Paarl area is the ideal region for growing Chenin Blanc and our farmers have the largest collection of old vine Chenin Blanc in the country. To do justice to the excellent bush vine (un-trellised) grapes, we only use free-run juice – we don't press the grape skins – and the wine is left on its lees for three to four months before bottling for a richer, fuller mouthfeel. Vibrant notes of quince, pear and pineapple. On the palate, white peach, green apple and a burst of citrus, with well-rounded acidity, minerality and a rich mouthfeel. A rich mouthfeel makes this wine suitable as an aperitif, and also a fine companion with Asian food.

Thieves' price: \$9.99

2022 La Posta Armando Bonarda Mendoza, Argentina



Winemaker Luis Reginato has worked with Catena Zapata since 1999. His talents run deep, with grandparents coming from Italy, settling in La Consulta of the Uco Valley. Today, Luis brings his talents to La Posta, owned by Laura Catena. Intense ruby color with bright aromas of fresh red & black raspberries and subtle smoky oak notes. The flavor of freshly-crushed raspberries is echoed on the palate, along with notes of leather, dark chocolate, and a touch sandalwood on the finish. It's particularly good with grilled or roasted meats like beef, pork, and lamb, as well as chicken and even some fish like salmon. Bonarda's fruity character makes it a great match for tomato-based pasta sauces, pizza, and even spicy or savory dishes.

Thieves' price: \$13.99

2024 Seghesio Vermentino Russian River Valley



The Seghesio estate-owned Keyhole Ranch in northern Russian River Valley is home to their Italian white varietals. This vineyard's microclimate is tempered by cool coastal breezes and frequent summer-morning fog. The soils are composed of gravel and clay loams. Multiple harvest dates from a single vineyard allows them to layer flavors based on differing maturity levels in the fruit. Aged on the lees in both concrete egg and Stainless Steel. A vibrant medley of fresh pear, lime leaf, and zesty lime zest opens on the nose, complemented by delicate notes of lemon peel, lemongrass, and fragrant orange blossom. The palate is bright and juicy, with hints of lychee and fresh citrus adding complexity. Crisp acidity enhances the lively, refreshing finish. Pair with steamed clams, mussels, or oysters, grilled halibut, crab, English pea risotto, or pasta with pesto would make for a perfect pairing as well. For cheese, fresh ricotta or burrata are excellent matches.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2022 Andis 'Painted Fields' Old Vine Zinfandel Sierra Foothills



Andis winery was founded by Andy Friedlander and Janis Akuna in 2009, after toiling with the name for their winery, asking for friends and family to help. One of the names that they came back to was 'Painted Fields', after the inspiration of the idyllic scenery and beautiful rolling hills surrounding the winery. The Old Vine Zinfandel is a tribute to the farmers who maintained these vineyards for many years, even up to a century. It is made from various vineyards in the Sierra Foothills AVA area and produces a refined red wine that resembles the original Zinfandel wine before it became overly sweet. Well-balanced, layered, and tons of fresh blackberry and raspberry flavors wrapped in a bracing texture of fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Zin. is a perfect pairing with pasta and red sauce, pizza, a burger, or grilled duck w/ a blackberry sauce.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2022 El Pino Club "The Cusp" Pinot Noir Russian River Valley



Our Trenton Road Vineyard is located in the Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma County, and ideally situated to benefit from morning fog and afternoon sunshine. From the vineyard's 45 acres, we selected fruit from eight blocks: Old Barn, Lions Ridge East, Richard's Ridge North, Pasta Boys Hill, Richard's Crown, Richard's Ridge South, and Lawn & Roller Coaster East. Aromas of dried cherries, rose and magnolia are interwoven with light vanilla coffee and hints of pine needle and resin. Juicy concentrated strawberry and cherry compote flavors on the front palate are balanced by a weightier yet elegant mid-palate. Hints of vanilla bean pannacotta leads to a lingering, mouthwatering finish with bright coastal acidity.

Pair with salmon, halibut, roasted chicken, roasted turkey, or a portabella mushroom burger.

Thieves' price: \$36.99

2023 Domaine Sang des Cailloux Vacqueyras Rhône Valley, France



Vacqueyras is a village in the Southern Rhône River Valley, south of Gigondas and near the Dentelles de Montmirail mountain range. One glimpse of Serge Férigoule's barbell moustache might be enough for one to be completely enamored with the wines of Le Sang des Cailloux, although they also speak remarkably well for themselves. This domain's name means "the blood of the stones," and Serge Férigoule is most certainly the heart that links the two together. A blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvedre / Cinsault. Certified biodynamic in a 12 hectare vineyard, aged 35-40 years. The flavors are mostly deep and dark—stones, licorice, black olive, and blackberry—but the frame is lithe, yielding a mesmerizing yin and yang. Pair with rack of lamb, beef stew, or comté cheese.

Thieves' price: \$36.99