

2020 Bellussi Brut Rosé Prosecco, Italy



A blend of 90% Glera (i.e. the grape of Prosecco) and 10% Pinot Nero. One of the latest DOC's of Italy, Prosecco Rosé was unveiled by the Consorzio di Tutela della Denominazione di Origine Controllata Prosecco in the spring of 2020. To be considered for DOC status, Prosecco Rosé needs to have a minimum of 85% Glera (white grape.) It is a dry but fragrant wine, with hints of small red fruits and citrus notes. While maintaining an elegant and refined style, it is a fresh and versatile product, suitable to accompany moments of great conviviality and to be combined with any meal.

Pair with a variety of foods, salads, cheeses, charcuterie, salmon, and duck confit.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2017 d'Arenberg "The Stump Jump" 'GSM' McLaren Vale, Australia



A blend of 46% Grenache, 42% Shiraz and 14% Mourvedre. It is rumored that the inventor of the Stump Jump plough, which enabled a ploughshare to jump over tree roots, had poor eyesight and required regular tests to ensure he could still operate machinery. The design of this label is inspired by an optometrist's eyechart and serves as a makeshift sobriety test. The grapes used in this wine are mostly from very old bush vines, and underwent gentle crushing, traditional open tank fermentation, basket pressing and oak maturation prior to bottling. This wine screams value. A rich ruby red appearance with a fragrant nose of raspberry, a hint of dark cherry and spice. Silky texture on the palate, but with a juicy fruit core that shows plum, red berries, and a savory finish. There are lovely soft tannins and some slight acidity. The fruit weight and silkiness means this wine can be enjoyed now, but it will keep developing over time. Pair with chili, duck

breast, pastas, and grilled lamb chops.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2019 Maldonado “Farm Worker” Chardonnay Napa Valley



Forty-five years ago, the Maldonado Family arrived in Napa and with four decades of grape growing experience, they produce small lots of exceptional wines. Led by their Los Olivos Chardonnay, they have expanded with several other wines, from their estate in Jameson Canyon, as well as from a few vineyards which they manage in the cooler micro climates of Sonoma County and Napa Valley. Hugo Maldonado and consulting winemaker, Jean Hoeflinger, originally met at Newton, where the Maldonados still manage all the vineyards. Bright and enticing with aromas of ripe stone-fruit, citrus and orange blossoms Refreshing on the palate with juicy ripe nectarine, green fig, & melon with beautiful mineral notes. Pair with a pork

chop, baked potatoes with cheddar cheese, truffled popcorn, and roasted chicken.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2018 Chateau Macquin Rouge Saint-George-Saint-Emilion, France



A blend of 80% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Cabernet Franc. Covering 180 hectares, Saint-Georges-Saint-Emilion is the smallest of all Bordeaux appellations. Chateau Macquin was founded by Albert Macquin in 1885, the first agronomic engineer to plant again after the phylloxera epidemic in Europe. It currently has 31 hectares of vineyards, predominantly planted with Merlot. Saint-Georges enjoys one of the best elevations on the right bank, giving the wines freshness and concentration. The south facing vines are planted on clay and limestone soils and range from 15 to 60 years old. The vines are sustainably farmed, without the use of herbicides, fertilizers, or other harmful chemicals. The grapes are mechanically harvested, fermented in stainless steel and thermo-regulated vats, and aged in 1/3 in oak barrels over 12 months, using 25% new oak. Their resulting wines are powerful and generous. Garnet color, ripe red fruits, scents of oak

offered by vanilla, toffee, and toast matched with graceful texture and tannins. Pair with beef wellington or grilled portobello mushrooms.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2019 Domaine De L'Arnesque Rouge Châteauneuf Du Pape, France



A blend of 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 10% Mourvedre. The family story started in 1846, in Châteauneuf du Pape when François Armenier started its vineyards. His daughter Monique and her husband Julien Biscarrat took over and developed this precious family property for their three children. Today, Marie and Sébastien are the 5th generation to take care of this fabulous estate. Welcome to our world, welcome to Arnesque Estate. Their Châteauneuf du Pape estate is influenced by the unique combination of soil of Arnesque made of a lot of sand bringing a thin structure and elegance to our wine. Aged in concrete tanks for 12 months. Superb deep color, good strawberry taste, ample, smooth & gourmet in mouth, a generous texture with good finesse, mature tannins, long lasting flavor which lingers on the tongue. Pair with grilled beef short ribs, venison stew, and Osso Buco.

Thieves' price: \$35.99

2019 B. Leighton "Gratitude" Olsen Brothers Vineyard, Yakima Valley, WA



A blend of 70% Mourvedre, 25% Grenache, and 5% Syrah. Brennon Leighton is the Director of Winemaking and Viticulture at Charles Smith Wines where he oversees all viticulture, vineyard relations and winemaking for all Charles Smith brands, including K Vintners, Charles Smith Wines, ViNO, SIXTO, Wines of Substance and Casa Smith. Considered to be one of the best winemakers in the state of Washington by wine critics and connoisseurs alike, Leighton has nearly 20 years of experience in winemaking and viticulture. In 2012, Leighton created B. Leighton Wines to showcase the world-class terroir of Washington State. Brought up in neutral barrels, it's a smoking good wine from Leighton offering medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe red and black fruits, peppery herbs, iron, and loamy earth. With the fresher, focused, elegant style of the vintage, it brings ripe tannins, has a great mouth-

feel, and beautiful length on the finish. Count me impressed. This is one thrilling expression of Mourvèdre that will keep for a decade.

Thieves' price: \$35.99