

2021 Colome Estate Torrontes Salta, Argentina



Salta benefits from more than 300 days of sun per year, subjecting its vines to considerable ultraviolet radiation. Because of these elevations and resulting extreme conditions, vines produce lower yields and thicker-skinned grapes, resulting in concentrated, aromatic and well-structured wines. Bodega Colome is nestled in the Calchaqui Valley, 2300 meters (7500 feet) above sea level, in the Argentine northwest. Founded in 1831, it is one of the oldest existing wineries in Argentina. In 2001, it was acquired by the Hess Family Estates. Bodega y Estancia Colome's philosophy consists in the commitment to implement biodynamic agriculture, whose principles were outlined by the researcher Rudolf Steiner. On the nose, floral notes of roses, the citrus aroma of grapefruit and a spicy hint. On the palate it is fresh, round and well-bodied with a long, elegant finish. Pair with salads, seafood, chicken, and picnics!

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2020 Soquel “Trinity” Rosso California



A blend of 40% Zinfandel, 30% Petite Sirah, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 15% Teroldego. Soquel Vineyards was established in 1987 when twin brothers Peter and Paul Bargetto, and their childhood friend Jon Morgan decided to develop their own label and ended up producing some of the best wines in the Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation. Pete and Paul's grandfather planted their estate vineyard and set the stage for Soquel to make wine commercially. Aged 9 months in 60%

French oak, 40% American oak in 1+ year old barrels. This proprietary blend is rich and gentle in body, with ripe plum and black currant fruits. Subtle undertone of eucalyptus and black tea adds complexity, accompanied by a balanced, lengthy finish. A great house red for all. Pair with pastas, beef stroganoff, pizza, and ribs.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2021 Monte Pio Albarino **“Morra O Conto”, Rias Baixas, Spain**

Monte Pio is a 3rd generation wine producer in the Val do Salnes region of Rias Baixas. The family vineyard, “Monte Pio”, is literally a stones throw from the Atlantic Ocean, where ocean breezes keep the relentless heat at bay. Located in Galicia, known as “green Spain”, the region is essentially a peninsula with the Atlantic to the west and north, hills to the east and Portugal to the south. Historically it has changed hands numerous times between the Portuguese, Spanish, and Celts, and is as unique as Spanish culture gets. 1/3 of the wine is aged in amphorae, 1000 liter vessels that make the lees (dead yeast) “swim”, creating texture and a subtle nuttiness in the wine. The wine is organically farmed, with native fermentation, and minimal sulfur. The nose is citrusy, with prominent saltiness, and mineral undertones. It taste of green apple, melon, and finishes vibrantly. Pair with shellfish, octopus, and salad Niçoise.



Thieves' price: \$16.99

2020 Antichi Vinai Nero D'Avola Sicilia, Italy



For four generations, the Gangemi family has been devoting itself to viticulture and to the improvement of autochthonous Sicilian vines from the area surrounding Mt. Etna. Grapes are grown in vineyards in the province of Caltanissetta, Sicily. Production technique: Hand picking the grapes in the first ten days of September. Long maceration with the skins at a controlled temperature. Aging: Stainless steel for a few months. The wine features a soft and balanced elegance with notes of red fruits, spice, and subtle hints

of vanilla. Pair with red meats and game.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2019 Hendry Cabernet Franc Napa Valley



The Hendry family has been farming the same vineyard in Napa since 1939. The lessons learned in more than 70 harvests provide us with a level of knowledge and a connection to the land that is rare in Napa. The Hendry Ranch is composed of 114 acres of vineyard situated in the hills north west of Napa. This latitude in the valley experiences substantial marine influence, and allows us

to grow 10 different varietals, each carefully distributed among our 47 vineyard blocks. Nearly opaque deep ruby color. Initial aromas of spice, oak and herbal elements, with berry fruit in the background. Mocha, cocoa, and berry flavors, softer and finer textured on the palate than the 2018. Still somewhat young and will benefit from age and/or decanting, as it continues to evolve and unfold in the glass. This would be delicious with steak au poivre, grilled lamb, filet mignon with a demi-glace or a beef and mushroom pie.

Thieves' price: \$36.99

2020 Domaine Courbis Syrah Saint-Joseph, Rhone, France



The origins of the Courbis family estate date back to the 16th century. More recently, the brothers Dominique and Laurent Courbis succeeded their father, Maurice, in the early 1990s. They have since firmly established themselves as leaders of the modern school of winemaking in St Joseph and Cornas. The Courbis style may be summarized as offering wines filled with intense aromas and concentrated fruit with great purity and length. This is in large part achieved by a combination of meticulous and sustainable vineyard work undertaken to attain perfectly ripe, healthy, concentrated grapes together with fermenting in tanks and aging in barriques. The wines emphasize the expression of fruit while highlighting the specific character of the various St-Joseph and Cornas vineyard origins. Fabulous black and blue fruits, peppery herbs, licorice, and spice-driven aromas and flavors. Ideal with lamb, duck, and grilled mushrooms.

Thieves' price: \$31.99