

2024 Hess Shirttail Ranches Sauvignon Blanc North Coast, CA



A pioneer by nature, Donald Hess was determined to defy convention and pursue winemaking at elevation in the Napa Valley. He established the Hess Collection winery on the steep slopes of Mount Veeder in 1978 and began a legacy of luxury wine making. Tim and Sabrina Persson took over operational leadership of the Napa Valley winery from founder Donald Hess in 2012. Part of the Hess Persson Estates portfolio, the Shirttail Ranches brand emphasizes quality fruit from specific California growing regions, such as the volcanic soils of the Red Hills in Lake County. This wine is loaded with aromatics of grapefruit and lemon grass with a hint of lime zest in the background. Refreshing acidity and citrus notes lead into a racy mouth that boasts notes of fresh fig and jasmine. This is a great warm weather wine with ample acidity and will pair nicely with a wide variety of cuisines; our favorite pairing is with oysters on the half shell.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2021 Yering Station Shiraz-Viognier Yarra Valley, Australia



A co-fermented blend of 97% Shiraz and 3% Viognier. Yering Station was the first vineyard planted in Victoria, where the Yarra Valley resides, in 1838. A jewel of the Yarra Valley, Yering Station produces world-class, cool climate wines from its revered vineyards which are famously abound with expressive varietal flavor and integrity. Yarra Valley is Melbourne's Napa Valley, just a short drive to great wineries and amazing views. Now Yarra Valley features 80 different wineries, and is a flourishing industry. The wine was aged for 18 months in 500L puncheons and 228L barriques, 20% new. On the nose you might smell Lifted purple florals, dark plum, blackberry fruit and five spice. The palate is full of beautiful red and dark blue fruits, with an underlay of spice and finely knit tannins that build a velvety mid-palate. Plenty more fruit and spice gently roll along followed by a fresh acidity culminating to a generous, complex finish. This cool climate Shiraz is best paired with grilled lamb, peppery steak, roasted duck, and earthy mushroom dishes.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2023 CasalFarneto 'Fontevicchia' Verdicchio Castello di Jesi, Classico Superiore DOC, Marche



In Le Marche region, in between the sea and the Apennines, one of the most beautiful hilly landscapes of Ancona's province unfolds – it's the land of prestigious wines such as Verdicchio (derived from verde, meaning green, due to the grape's greenish hue) dei Castelli di Jesi. Castelli di Jesi ("Castles of Jesi"), is a series of medieval hilltop towns and fortified villages surrounding the city of Jesi in Italy's Marche region. Here, with its 35 acres of vineyard, CasalFarneto Wine Estate is located, where technology, tradition and sustainability combine to produce wines of excellence. Lean and fresh on the nose, the bouquet is very complex and ranges from aromas of white flowers, stone fruit, citrus notes and aromatic herbs. A structured wine with nice freshness, sapidity, minerality and persistence; fruity on the palate with the typical almond after-taste of the Verdicchio varietal. This is an ideal match for seafood, Mediterranean dishes, and fresh cheeses. Try it w/ asparagus, pasta with olive oil, or roasted veggies.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2023 Blacksmith Cellars C.L.R.T. Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



A blend of 97% Cabernet and 3% Merlot. Blacksmith Cellars is a boutique, 1,500-case winery that has grown out of the vision, dedication and hard work of Matt Smith. Blending the science and art of wine, he approaches his craft in a way that is both systematic and inspired. He makes his wines in a warehouse located on the grounds of the former Naval Air Station in Alameda - across the bay from San Francisco. C.L.R.T. may look like an acronym found in a spy novel, but it's really Matt Smith's way of reviving CLARET, the word that, for centuries, referred to the red wine of Bordeaux. Like the clarets of old, C.L.R.T. is a Bordeaux-styled Napa Valley wine meant for the table, for supporting the meal, the occasion and conversation. Delightful with layers of black cherry, dark chocolate and notes of tobacco, cinnamon and vanilla. While over-extraction, high alcohol, and high prices are the complaints one hears about (some) Napa Valley Cabs, Blacksmith's C.L.R.T. stands far apart from that trend. Pair with a grilled ribeye, a burger or your favorite mushroom dish.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2017 Vega Tolosa Bobal 'Limited Edition' Manchuela, Spain



Vega Tolosa is a family-owned winery located in Casa-Ibáñez, in the heart of the DO Manchuela, between La Mancha (to the west), and Valencia (to the east), where grape growing has been part of everyday life for more than four generations. What began as traditional farming has evolved into a modern winemaking project, firmly committed to quality and respect for the land, fully embracing certified organic viticulture. In the winery, tradition and modern technology work together to preserve the purity of the fruit and reflect the terroir. Each wine is crafted to convey the landscape of La Manchuela and the personality of those who make it, resulting in fresh, elegant wines with a strong sense of place. Since 1930, their century-old Bobal vineyard has borne witness to the family's dedication, producing very low yields, which necessitates careful hand-selection of the grapes harvested in crates. The vineyard's distinctive feature is its deep, calcareous soil, which imparts exceptional quality to the grapes. Intense cherry red color with aromas of plum, cherry jam, balsamic, and mineral notes. It is typically full-bodied with structured tannins and a long, persistent finish. Pair with lamb kabobs, beef tamales, aged manchego, or stuffed bell peppers.

Thieves' price: \$31.99

2019 Ink Grade Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



A blend of 88.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 11.6% Merlot, 13% of which is from Howell Mountain. The single-vineyard wines of Ink Grade Estate debut nearly 150 years after our land was acquired by Napa Valley legend Theron Ink. The Ink Grade Estate Vineyard claims a view unbeknownst to most in the Napa Valley, lying in the northeast corner of the Howell Mountain AVA. Terraced throughout due to the extreme slopes, this mountainside vineyard clings to volcanic "tufa" soils. Aged 9 months (60% in new French oak, 40% in oak tank), followed by 26 months (20% in oak tank, 80% in French oak barrels, 60% new.) This beauty opens with a nose of fresh cassis, pomegranate, and cocoa with elements of thyme, mint, candied orange peels, nutmeg, cloves, and paprika. The palate is linear throughout with a consistent midpalate of bright and lifted acidity and well-integrated raw mountain tannins that close in a persistent finish. Pair with your favorite cut of steak, or medium rare burger w/ blue cheese.

Thieves' price: \$39.99