

2025 Escudo Real Vinho Verde Rosé Portugal



Escudo Real is produced by Quinta da Lixa, a family-owned winery in Portugal's Vinho Verde region known for crafting fresh, approachable wines that offer excellent value. The Rosé is made primarily from Touriga Nacional and Espadeiro, traditional Portuguese varieties that lend vibrant fruit character and refreshing acidity. The 2025 Escudo Real Vinho Verde Rosé is a lively, lightly sparkling rosé that opens with aromas of strawberry, watermelon, cranberry, and rose petals. Light-bodied and refreshing, it offers juicy red berry flavors with a touch of sweetness balanced by crisp acidity and a clean, dry finish. Its slight effervescence and low alcohol level make it especially easy-drinking and ideal for warm-weather enjoyment. This bright, fruit-forward rosé pairs beautifully with shellfish, summer salads, grilled vegetables, veggie burgers, and barbecue. Its freshness and gentle sweetness also make it an excellent aperitif or poolside wine, served well chilled..

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2019 San Michele Valpolicella Ripasso Veneto Italy



San Michele is produced by Michele Castellani, a family-owned winery in the heart of Valpolicella Classico known for traditional wines that balance richness with elegance. Their Ripasso is made using the classic ripasso method, in which Valpolicella wine is re-fermented on Amarone grape skins to gain additional depth, complexity, and structure. The 2019 San Michele Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore displays a deep ruby color with garnet highlights and expressive aromas of blackberries, plums, cherries, cedar, leather, and baking spices. On the palate it is medium-bodied and supple, with polished tannins, balanced acidity, and layers of ripe red and dark fruit accented by earthy and savory notes. The finish is long, spicy, and persistent, combining richness with freshness and refinement. This versatile Ripasso pairs beautifully with grilled or roasted red meats, braised dishes, hearty pasta, and aged cheeses. Its combination of ripe fruit, savory complexity, and gentle tannic structure also makes it an excellent match for game meats and other robust Italian fare.

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2024 Joaquín Rebolledo Godello Galicia, Spain



Joaquín Rebolledo is a family winery in Spain's Valdeorras region of Galicia, an area renowned for the native Godello grape and mineral-driven white wines. Produced entirely from estate-grown Godello, the wine is crafted to highlight the variety's fresh fruit character, texture, and vibrant acidity. The Joaquín Rebolledo Godello displays a bright straw-yellow color with greenish reflections and expressive aromas of apple, pear, apricot, peach, citrus, and fennel. On the palate it is well structured and slightly creamy in texture, with balanced acidity, subtle mineral notes, and a long, fruit-driven finish. Its combination of freshness, richness, and elegance makes it a classic example of modern Godello. This versatile white wine pairs beautifully with fish, shellfish, salads, and mild cheeses. Its lively acidity and mineral character also make it an excellent companion to scallops, grilled seafood, and Mediterranean-inspired dishes, while remaining refreshing enough to enjoy on its own as an aperitif.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2022 Villa Creek “Rocks & Flowers” Red Paso Robles, California



Villa Creek is a respected Paso Robles producer known for Rhône-inspired wines that emphasize organic farming, balance, and site expression. Rocks & Flowers is a Southern Rhône-style blend built primarily around Grenache and Mourvèdre, crafted to showcase both vibrant fruit and savory complexity. The 2022 Villa Creek Rocks & Flowers Red Blend opens with expressive aromas of cherry, berry, wild strawberry, fresh herbs, and subtle notes of roasted meat and spice. On the palate, it is juicy and energetic, offering flavors of red cherry, ripe berries, pepper, and herbs supported by persistent acidity and a firm yet velvety texture. Fresh and fruit-driven, it balances richness with lift and finishes clean, savory, and refreshing. This versatile Rhône-style blend pairs beautifully with grilled meats, lamb, hearty pasta dishes, and game. Its bright acidity and savory character also make it a natural match for wood-fired pizza, barbecue, and herb-forward Mediterranean cuisine..

Thieves' price: \$19.99

2022 Marietta “Game Trail” Cabernet Sauvignon Yorkville Highlands, California



Marietta Cellars is a family-owned California winery recognized for producing site-driven wines that emphasize balance, structure, and a strong sense of place. The Game Trail Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a high-elevation vineyard in the Yorkville Highlands of Mendocino County, where coastal influence and mountain conditions help create a Cabernet that is fresh, savory, and distinctly expressive of its origin. The 2022 Marietta Game Trail Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerful yet refined wine, offering aromas of huckleberry, cassis, blackberry, and blackcurrant layered with notes of sage, lavender, tobacco leaf, cedar, black pepper, and sandalwood. On the palate it is full-bodied and finely textured, with concentrated dark fruit, vibrant acidity, and firm, polished tannins. Savory elements of olive tapenade, herbs, and spice add complexity, leading to a long, structured finish with impressive freshness and depth. This mountain-grown Cabernet pairs beautifully with roasted lamb, grilled steaks, braised short ribs, wild mushrooms, and other rich, savory dishes. Its combination of concentrated fruit, herbal complexity, and mouthwatering acidity makes it especially well suited to hearty meals and robust flavors.

Thieves' price: \$39.99

2023 Domaine Berthet-Rayne CDP Rhône Valley, France



Domaine Berthet-Rayne is a historic family-owned estate in the heart of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, with a long tradition of farming in the region and a commitment to certified organic viticulture since 2004. The estate is known for producing classic Rhône wines that emphasize terroir, balance, and traditional winemaking. The 2023 Berthet-Rayne Châteauneuf-du-Pape offers inviting aromas of cherry, red berries, and floral notes, accented by subtle hints of cocoa, spice, and Mediterranean herbs. On the palate, it is medium- to full-bodied with fresh red fruit flavors, supple tannins, and a smooth, elegant texture. The wine balances richness with freshness, leading to a long, refined finish that showcases the classic character of the appellation. This versatile Rhône red pairs beautifully with roasted lamb, beef, game, and herb-crusted meats, as well as hearty stews and Mediterranean-inspired dishes. Its combination of ripe fruit, savory complexity, and balanced structure also makes it an excellent companion to aged cheeses and rustic French cuisine.

Thieves' price: \$39.99