

2021 R8 Wine Co. Chardonnay California



Named for an airport runway that launches scenic flights over our Sonoma winery, R8 is a guidepost for any adventurer seeking new horizons. In 1993, Michael Lancaster ventured from his native Ontario to Northern California, driven by a passion for winemaking. After studying viticulture and enology at the University of California at Davis, he worked with such renowned labels as Gloria Ferrer and founded Tin Barn Vineyards before becoming a co-founder of R8 Wine Co. Our 100% Chardonnay features quality California fruit that is primarily fermented in stainless steel tanks, with just a light touch of oak. The result is a crisp and lively wine that pairs with a wide variety of foods. The wine is crisp and fresh on the palate with citrus, apple and pear notes, a hint of roasted hazelnut and finishing with a touch of lemon meringue creaminess. Pair with roasted chicken, grilled swordfish, scallops, and potato leak soup.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2021 Giapoza Pinot Noir California



Michael Pozzan creates wines for every moment, wines that capture the best of the varietals he blends, vintage after vintage. His long-time experience with growers from premier Napa and Sonoma allows him to seek out and hand-select exceptional fruit each growing season in addition to his own Calistoga vineyard. Giapoza celebrates our winemaking family's newest member, and 5th generation, Gianna Pozzan. A blend of 90% Santa Barbara, and 10% Russian River fruit aged for 10 months in French oak. Enticing aromas of rose petal, raspberry, and orange peel. In the mouth, the soft and supple tannins lay in gracefully with flavors of spicy black mission fig, ripe raspberry, and a dusting of cocoa powder. Enjoy this velvety Pinot Noir with your best roast chicken served with wild mushroom risotto and a simple green salad.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2022 Coteaux des Margots Chardonnay Macon-Villages, France



Love white Burgundy but tired of paying \$50+? Sigh no more! The 2022 Domaine Coteaux des Margots Mâcon-Villages comes from 50-60 year old vines in one of the most exciting villages in the Mâconnais—and a is from an excellent vintage, a rare occurrence these days. But where is the Mâconnais anyway? It's almost exclusively a white wine appellation in the south of Burgundy, named after the town of Mâcon. The town was at a major crossroads of the Romans, so you know winemaking is at least 2000 years in the making! The wine then spends a short time in lined concrete vats which helps add a little polish before bottling. Super-expressive, electric yellow- and Granny Smith-apple aromas, accented by talcum and wet stone. It's succulent on the palate, with even more apple flavors persisting throughout, finishing with a slight malty/ graham cracker note. The creamy texture combined with the persistence of the acidity on the palate is phenomenal. Drink now–2025. Pair with Asian food, shellfish, halibut, and chicken.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2021 Cochon “Whole Hog” Red Blend Sonoma County



A blend of 60% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre, 7% Carignane, 2% Cinsault, and 1% Viognier. Cochon Wines are a partnership between Adam Webb and Mike Kuenz. They started these companies to produce wines from varietals that they are truly passionate about. They took inspiration from wines they love from the south of France and the Iberian Peninsula. The goal is to make wines in small lots from unique vineyard sites around California and let the fruit and the vineyard speak for themselves. Displays a saturated opaque purple color. Aromas of brambly, spicy black cherry, Crème de Cassis and ripe blackberries mingle with touches of white pepper, crushed stone, grilled bread and forest floor. The flavors follow the aromatics and are deep, complex and concentrated with dark plum and vanilla persisting and a

medium to full bodied richness. Dense and structured yet remains surprisingly plush and rounded with a supple texture. Finishes long and lingering with ripe, dark fruits, peppery spice and dusty, integrated tannins.

Thieves' price: \$18.99

2015 Merryvale “Forward Kidd” Red Blend Napa Valley



A blend of 47% Petite Sirah, 19% Mourvèdre, 17% Syrah, and 17% Malbec. Merryvale Vineyards is a family-owned Napa Valley winery dedicated to passionate winemaking and the fine art of living well. For the past 25 years Merryvale has been turning exceptional Napa Valley grapes into world class wine. Named for a soil type unique to the Napa Valley, Forward Kidd is a modern and expressive red blend featuring grape varieties that flourish in the diverse Napa terroir. Napa Valley is home to over 100 soil variations and elevations from sea level to 2,600 feet. Notes of cherries and plums on the nose with a hint of sage and spices. The mouth is round with a very balanced sweetness, lush with velvety

tannins. The finish lingers with notes of dark chocolate, barbecue, spice, and ends very round and broad. The 2015 Forward Kidd Red Wine is a very rich and pleasant wine that's best paired with ribeye!

Thieves' price: \$32.99

2012 Sierra Cantabria Tempranillo Gran Reserva, Rioja, Spain



Bodegas Sierra Cantabria was founded by Guillermo Eguren, a self-made bodeguero, who was, in the family tradition, a viticulturist. His family, native to San Vicente de La Sonsierra, one of the most sought-after terroirs in Rioja, had grown grapes in Rioja Alta and Alavesa since the 1870's. For decades the family sold their grapes to local producers, but Guillermo recognized the potential that his family's vineyards had to create great wine and founded Bodegas Sierra Cantabria in 1957. The 2012 Gran Reserva comes from one of the driest years on record. It's mostly Tempranillo with some 3% Graciano matured in American oak barrels, 25% of them new, for 26 months, despite which, the wine is not excessively oaky. They wanted to keep the traditional profile but adjusted the toast on the barrels to adjust the excessive vanilla and coconut. This is structured, powerful, ripe

without excess, spicy and balsamic, developing the bouquet, still young and with very good balance. It should be long lived.

Thieves' price: \$36.99