

2020 Atance Cuvee No.1 Valencia, Spain



A blend of 70% Merseguera and 30% Malvasia, made from certified organic grapes. Atance is a venture from Bodegas Mustiguillo as they step outside of their small Vino de Pago of El Terrerazo and into the broader DO of Valencia. In the late 1990's, Toni Sarrion began a one man crusade to save the indigenous variety Bobal and coax it from obscurity and rusticity to the forefront of truly world class wines. ATANCE is an acronym for Acidity, Tannin and Chalk - these are words that Toni uses to describe different potentials of individual plots. The Vino de Pago El Terrerazo lies within the DO Valencia, vines for Atance are primarily from in and around the town of Requena. This area is characterized by higher elevation vineyards, up to 700 meters on primarily limestone and sandy soils. Floral aromas with tropical fruits - nicely balanced freshness with melon, apricot and pear. There is a prickly quality from the mineral acidity that makes this a fun pairing with a variety of dishes from salty tapas to heartier pastas. Certified Organic.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2017 Bodegas Castaño “Solanera” “Viñas Viejas”, Yecla, Spain



65% Monastrell (Mourvedre), 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Garnacha Tintorera (Alicante Bouschet). The Castaño family are the original pioneers of the DO Yecla. Starting in the 1950s Ramón Castaño Santa, with an extensive family history of viticulture, built the first modern winery in the region and over the successive decades he added to his family's holdings so now the estate encompasses 450 hectares of primarily old, bush vine Monastrell. The vine age ranges from 30 to over a hundred years old. At the foot of Monte Arabi, the Castaño family tends some of the oldest vines planted in the sun drenched DO of Yecla. Under the supervision of Eric Solomon and Jean-Marc Lafage, Solanera is aged in 75% new French oak for 10 months. Richly flavored with dark fruit like cassis, blackberry, graphite, camphor, and acacia flower notes on the nose, the 2017 Vinas Viejas hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a layered, elegant texture, ripe tannins, and a gorgeous finish. Sustainably farmed with organic viticulture. Have it with stews and braises or mushroom dishes.

Thieves' price: \$11.99

2020 Pope Valley Winery Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley



Owned by the Eakle family Pope Valley Winery is located in the northeastern hills just beyond Howell Mountain in Napa Valley. Our two estate vineyards with a combined 80 planted acres, at the winery and our Eakle Ranch vineyard, yield rich distinctive wines characteristic of the terroir. Our wines showcase the mineral complexity of the soils - Pleasanton loam and Bressa-Dibble complex. Pope Valley is a warm growing climate with cool evenings and mornings which allow the grapes to hang on the vine long enough to ripen to their fullest potential yet cool enough at night to develop complex varietal aromas. Pope Valley wines express the historic character that established Napa Valley as one of the premier growing regions in the world. The fruit was hand-harvested early in the morning and brought to the winery at 22 Brix. We pressed whole cluster and fermented with three of our favorite yeasts to accentuate varietal character, opulence and esters. This stainless steel SB is a beautifully aromatic wine redolent of passion fruit, confectioner's sugar and slate, the flavors are explosive and crisp with hints of citrus blossoms unfolding into a long, slightly grassy finish.

Thieves' price: \$14.99

2018 Lafken Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Alto, Chile



Lafken is a project by Miguel Besoain in the mountains of Maipo. Before starting his own winery he got a degree in winemaking in Dijon, then made wine in Alsace, France, and the Pfaltz, Germany. He brought all this knowledge to his home country of Chile, and started a winery called Lafken. Miguel is a true renaissance man. He buys barrels from France then toasts them himself to his own specifications. No stainless steel fermenter is the same at the winery. He believes that each size fermenter is for a specific varietal. This is organically farmed mountain fruit at its finest. The vineyard is 27 years old, growing on a terrace on the banks of the Maipo river. 100% hand picked harvest. There is a manual selection of grapes in the vineyard and then at the cellar. After a 5 day maceration the alcoholic fermentation is carried in small stainless steel tanks. The malolactic fermentation is made in French barrels. The wine ages during 12 to 16 months in second use barrels, in order to make a fruitier and livelier wine. It is bold, yet refined and silky, with black fruits, roasted poblano pepper, and subtle graphite.

Thieves' price: \$17.99

2018 Domaine de Saje Châteauneuf-du-Pape



Based on 80-85% Grenache, followed by a field blend of the other 12 permitted varietals. The Mathieu family is one of the oldest in the village, going back to the 16th century. Domaine de Saje was founded in 2015. For many years, Jérôme Mathieu worked alongside his brother André at Domaine Mathieu, managing the estate passed down from their parents. In 2015, André's eldest son came of age, and the brothers amicably agreed to split the domain to have clear lines of inheritance. Raised in *foudre* for 14 to 16 months, bottled without fining and with only a very light filtration. Production averages 1,300 cases. Spice- and mineral accented raspberry and boysenberry flavors take on a hint of licorice and baking spices. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering appealingly sweet red and blue fruit and candied lavender flavors that put on weight through the back half. Cellar this for many years or decant for several hours if you're having it soon. Pair with braised lamb shanks, osso buco, or duck.

Thieves' price: \$35.99

2018 Storybook Mountain Vineyards "Four Reds" Napa Valley



64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot, and 6% Cabernet Franc. Storybook Mountain Vineyard is located at the top of Napa Valley, on an eastern slope of the Mayacamas Mountain Range whose ridges separate Napa from Sonoma counties. The land and the weather come together in unique ways in our vineyard, enabling us to craft award-winning wines from our organically farmed estate grapes. Famed wine critic Robert Parker has described Storybook Mountain as "representing the pinnacle of wine quality in California" and one of the six best zinfandels in the world. They are consistently rated among the top 100 wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits magazine. Proprietor Jerry Seps' Zinfandels are also famed for elegance and longevity. It is a lighter, more accessible, but well structured version of our traditional Cabernet, with the true Bordeaux traits of herbs and forest floor to go with its berry fruit. It remains typically Storybook in its clean, focused mouth feel, that avoids sweetness, providing instead a flavorful rendering of Bordeaux's unique savory yet fruity combination.

Thieves' price: \$34.99