

## 2019 Capture Rose of Sangiovese Alexander Valley



The volcanic Mayacamas mountain range runs 52 miles southeast from Mendocino County, shearing through Lake, Sonoma, and Napa Counties on its way. Since 2015, Sam Teakle has been crafting exceptional wines from vineyards within Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak, Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, and Lake County—appellations at the untamed edges of mainstream wine regions that see more wildlife visitors than human ones. Made of 100 percent Sangiovese grapes from the historic Field Stone Vineyard in Alexander Valley. The wine shows a pale pink color. Cherry, strawberry, cream, raspberry and whiffs of tangerine all arrived on the ripe nose. Cherry, watermelon, raspberry, lemon curd, peach, and hints of tangerine followed on the palate, where the citrus becomes more pronounced as the wine opens up. The wine exhibits good acidity and balance. It's light-bodied and has a vibrant finish. This wine is great as an aperitif, or pairs well with goat cheese, steamed clams, or Oysters Rockefeller.

**Thieves' price: \$10.99**

## NV Portalupi “Lupi” Red Blend California



A blend of 32% Tempranillo, 47% Petite Sirah, 16% Barbera and 5% Malbec. In 2002 Jane Portalupi and Tim Borges started Portalupi wine with a vision to create a unique portfolio of wines and capture a lifestyle that is worthy of their Italian heritage. They define “Cal-Ital” as the ultimate *modo di vivere*, honoring Old Traditions while inspiring a certain magic, spirit and rich texture within their everyday lives. The red grape varietals used in the making of the wine are typically picked around 24 Brix. After fermentation the wine is racked into a combination of French and American oak 2 and 3 year old barrels. The wine ages for 9-12 months and then is bottled. The result is

a bright red fruit flavored wine that receives just enough oak to retain a slight spicy character as well as a mild round vanilla mouth feel and finish. The red blend is powerful, rich and fat on the palette with fruit forward notes of dark berries and integrated tannins that round out the long, smooth finish. Reminiscent of Italian Field Blends. Pair with anything on the “barbie”, or share with friends on the front porch!

**Thieves' price: \$10.99**

## 2016 Talawind Chardonnay Leras Vineyard, Russian River Valley



The history of grape growing in the Russian River Valley begins with the early Russian settlers who were the first emigrants to settle the area and plant vines. A little known fact is that these plantings, which began in 1817, were the earliest in northern California, antedating those of Padre Jose Altimira in Sonoma Valley. Patrick Melley is Winemaker and Co-Founder of Russian Hill and Talawind Ranch wineries. Patrick's path to becoming Russian Hill's Winemaker was fueled by a love of food and wine. A self-taught winemaker, Patrick developed his love of wine through attending FIU, a leading food and beverage college in Florida, coupled with many years of working in the restaurant business. The Leras Chardonnay aromas lure the taster in with an attractive combination of both vanilla and apples, and evolve into flavors of tropical fruit (pineapple, mango) baked apples, Crème Brûlée, citrus and baking spices. The mouthfeel in this classic Chardonnay is perfectly balanced, round and luscious, with a long, juicy finish.

**Thieves' price: \$14.99**

## 2019 Fidelity Zinfandel “The Railyard”, Alexander Valley



Blended with 12% Petite Sirah. “Fidelity” is a proprietary blend of Zinfandel and Petite Sirah from the Goldschmidt family to showcase how these two varietals interplay. Originally from New Zealand, Nick and Yolyn Goldschmidt keep their bags packed and make wine on three continents, including in Sonoma County. The best Zinfandel grapes come from Dry Creek and the Alexander Valley. The Railyard Estate in Geyserville (Alexander Valley) has supplied very famous brands for decades, but now the Goldschmidts use these grapes under their own label. Zinfandel offers robust blackberry, anise and pepper aromas and flavors. Petite Sirah brings color as well as blueberry, plummy fruit with roundness and structure. Wonderful aromatics are opulent and very floral. Black fruits were a common theme. Black cherry, plum and some licorice texture. Lush ripe tannins and full-bodied. Creamy velvet tongue-wrapping flavors that coate the palate. Amazing vintage!

**Thieves' price: \$16.99**

## 2018 Von Strasser Cabernet Sauvignon Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley



A blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Malbec, and 4% Merlot. Von Strasser wines historically have been made exclusively from the Diamond Mountain District. Located in North-west Napa Valley, this AVA has been long known for its Cabernet Sauvignons; benefitting from intense sunlight, cool nights, and porous volcanic soil. Rudy von Strasser's journey into winemaking actually began at the University of New Hampshire while studying agriculture. His goal was to be "The King of Hard-Cider", writing his thesis on hard-cider production. While traveling across the country, Rudy took a job at Robert Mondavi Winery in 1980 with intention to take tips-and-tricks from the wine industry to apply to hard-cider production; he ended up falling in love with wine. Von Strasser's Diamond Mountain District Cab is an elegant expression of Diamond Mountain District. This blend of six single vineyards all within this AVA offers a softer, approachable style highlighted by its fruit forward nature. There are notes of bright red fruits, pomegranate, eucalyptus, vanilla and supple tannins.

**Thieves' price: \$32.99**

## 2014 Lafken "Garage Blend" Estate, Maipo Alto, Chile



A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Carménère, and 10% Petit Verdot. Miquel Besoain's "tete-de-cuvee" comes from old vines on his estate in the Maipo Alto. These organically grown vineyards lie at 1800 feet, growing in rocky, alluvial soils, where Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals excel. The days are hot, like Bordeaux, and the Maipo river helps to cool down the vines at night. Miquel got a degree in winemaking at the University of Dijon, then made his way to Germany, making Riesling in the Pfaltz. After his European sojourn, he returned to his home country to make wine under his own label. The malolactic fermentation is made in French oak barrels, then aged for 24 months in the barrel. On the nose, complex aromas of plum, cassis, graphite framed with blond tobacco. On the palate it's well balanced with firm and silky tannins, juicy, chocolate, after-taste of clove, and vanilla. Loooong finish! Only 250 cases made.

**Thieves' price: \$39.99**