

2017 Marc Cellars Chardonnay California



2017 started out with an abundance of rainfall followed by balmy spring allowing for a gradual start to the season. Cool mornings and warm days allowed for adequate cluster development followed by late rains, leaving the grapes to optimal brix levels. Extended hang time allowed for mature, ripe fruit with balanced acidity levels and well-developed tannins. These Chardonnay grapes are sourced from several cool climate growing regions. Each area lends unique flavor components and structure to the final blend. After a gentle pressing, the must is fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with Burgundian yeasts. A small portion of the blend underwent malolactic fermentation adding a

creamy note and softening the mouthfeel. Elegant and well-balanced, our Chardonnay offers aromas of Golden Delicious apple, orange blossom and guava with hints of vanilla and baking spice. These lovely characteristics flow through to the palate leading to a crisp and refreshing finish.

Thieves' price: \$9.99

2014 Sostener Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County



Perhaps the most highly regarded appellation within Monterey County, Santa Lucia Highlands AVA benefits from a combination of warm morning sunshine and brisk afternoon breezes, allowing grapes to ripen slowly and fully. The result is concentrated, flavorful wines that retain their natural acidity. Sostener is a collaborative project between two Monterey grower/vintners—Steve McIntyre (of McIntyre Vineyards) and Michael Thomas (of Wrath)—who are dedicated to producing affordable, premium-quality Pinot Noir from the famed Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. Meaning "to sustain" in Spanish, the name Sostener not only evokes the local heritage of the Salinas Valley, but also symbolizes a dedication to sustainable viticulture and winemaking. Black cherry and smoked pork mark a very oak-driven nose that's prominent but not overdone. The smoked-fruit aspect carries to the palate, where cola, pomegranate and bramble are quite flavorful and dusted by crushed fennel seed.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2018 Longboard Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley



Longboard Vineyards was established in 1998 by Oded Shakked. A walking melting pot, Oded was born in Israel and has lived and worked (and surfed) on four continents. He fell in love with northern Sonoma County in the late 1980's and in his words: "...felt roots growing from the bottom of his feet." Longboard aims to balance the minerality of Sancerre with the lush fruit California brings out in the vineyard. They age a third of the fruit in older

French barrels for texture and a "dusting" of vanilla character, while fermenting the rest in stainless steel to preserve freshness. Loads of tropical fruit pop out of the glass, balanced by a lively acidity. As it ages over the next few years, some honey and apple pie character will start developing and adding richness and depth to the wine.

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2017 Smith Devereux “3” Red Blend California



Three gents shook hands backstage at the Greek Theater in Berkeley, and weeks later formed a partnership that blended their backgrounds in music and wine, paired them with partner John Anthony Truchard's wine industry and farming expertise, and formed Smith Devereux. Our California Red Blend, a blend of Syrah and Zinfandel is the 3rd release in the Smith Devereux portfolio of wines and pays homage the 3 founders of the company. We also believe “3” is the magic number (yes it is, Schoolhouse Rock and De La Soul confirm this), just think about how many great things come in 3s, and without 1 and 2, you can't make “3”. Notes of Ripe red fruit, blackberry, licorice, dark chocolate, vanilla, toasty oak, crisp tannins, and black pepper. Supple and relaxed yet bold and earthy, the flavors and textures of this complex wine transport you to the dusty roads, rolling hills and blue skies of our prized Northern California vineyards and the days we spend in them.

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2017 Lucienne Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands, Smith Vineyard



Hahn Estate founder Nicky Hahn's middle name is 'Lucien', and the mountain range on which our vineyards have been planted owes its moniker to Santa Lucia, a saint who wore a crown of candles on her head. That crown is depicted on the Lucienne label. Our 131-acre Smith Vineyard planted at 590 to 1,280 feet boasts eastern exposure above the fog line for a long growing season. Its well-draining soils are formed primarily from alluvial materials. A few exotic Pinot Noir clones (such as Jardini, Calera and Mt. Eden) have been spectacularly successful in this vineyard, lending additional nuance and complexity to this wine. The Smith Vineyard Pinot artfully combines fragrant strawberry and blackberry aromas with earthy, cocoa dust undertones. Flavors of harmonious red and black fruits including tart plums are underpinned by spice. A high note of acidity balances the wine's silky mouthfeel and

shapes its harmonious and persistent finish.

Thieves' price: 35.99

2016 Crocker & Starr Blend of Cabernet Franc AVA Napa Valley, CA



A blend of 60% Cabernet Franc, 34% Merlot, and 6% Malbec. Founder Pam Starr and winemaker Evyn Cameron designed this blend to express the best of the Crocker Estate's diverse terroir, and the resulting wine is reminiscent of a Right Bank Bordeaux blend. This AVA Napa Valley begins with Cabernet Franc from estate block 5 and 8 and is layered with Merlot, and Malbec. The Crocker & Starr name reflects the unique partnership between Charlie and Pam and the key components that each one brings to the table to achieve great wine: great grapes and great talent. In 1997, Charlie Crocker and Pam Starr established Crocker & Starr with a common goal of resurrecting the historic Crocker Vineyard Estate and creating world class wines

from its extraordinary terroir.

Ruby in color, the wine displays a beautiful nose of wild blueberry and raspberry pie, violet, and savory spice. Silky tannins and medium body elegantly frame flavors of red raspberry, blueberry, malt, and tobacco that linger through the wine's lengthy finish.

Thieves' price: \$35.99