

2018 Villa Wolf Pinot Gris Pfalz, Germany



The Pfalz (aka 'Palatinate') region is in the Rhine river valley in southwest Germany, directly north of France's Alsace region. The low-lying Haardt mountains protect the area from cold, wet Atlantic weather, making it one of the warmer and drier areas of Germany. The predominant soil type in this area is well-drained, weathered sandstone. It produces wines with a fruit-driven purity and a stony structure. Famed Mosel Riesling winemaker Ernst Loosen purchased the Villa Wolf Estate in the Pfalz village of Wachenheim in 1996. Of course Villa Wolf produces excellent, mineral-driven dry Rieslings from the estate's sandstone, limestone and basalt soils. but its focus on

Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris have generated more attention. This jaw-dropping value is richer and more intense than most Pinot Gris at this price point. 100% stainless steel, no oak. Aromas of white peach, Anjou pear, white flowers and beeswax. Clean, pure and juicy on the palate with uncommon density and acidity. A perfect foil for poached salmon, grilled chicken or your favorite pork chop recipe.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2018 Carmel Road Cabernet Sauvignon California

A blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and 3% Cabernet Franc.



Known for their ubiquitous Pinot Noir, this is the inaugural vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon for Carmel Road. The Carmel Road winemaking team seeks to capture the vibrant and rich flavor profile of California - where the triumvirate of fog, wind, and sun forge distinctive wines with vivid complexity, superb structure, and pronounced flavors.

Sourced from carefully selected Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards across California's finest wine growing regions.

8 months of oak aging in French and American oak barrels.

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of blackberry and sweet oak that lead to a rich, yet structured palate with flavors of black cherry, blueberry, and notes of vanilla bean.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2018 Enkidu Grenache Blanc Cuvee "MS", Borden Ranch, Lodi



The 2018 vintage was a good deal cooler than 2017. This enabled us to pick two weeks later rendering the 100% Grenache Blanc from the organic Bokisch Vineyard at Clay Station near Lodi with great character and balance. This top vineyard features warm days and cool nights as fog and cold Pacific air intrude into the interior valleys in California. These climatic conditions lead to fruit with great concentration and complexity, but without elevated sugars. The vineyard management is top tier with organic practices and very low yields. Even for white varieties the yield is less than three tons per acre. The wine was pressed whole cluster to retain its purity without extracting harsh, bitter components. After two days the juice was transferred to mainly neutral French oak barrels where the wines underwent fermentation, including a partial malolactic fermentation. Green apple, pear and blood orange tinged with lemon and butterscotch on the nose. Brioche and barrel lees character encroaches for fullness. All this with exceptional minerality of river stones on the finish.

Thieves' price: \$14.99

2015 Rancho Sisquoc Meritage Santa Barbara County



A blend of 32% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petit Verdot, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Malbec. Located on the Foxen Canyon Wine trail in Santa Barbara County, the winery is part of a 37,000-acre cattle ranch. Rancho Sisquoc Winery is proud to have been hand crafting wines since 1972. Their vineyard is comprised of over 300 acres planted on south facing slopes on the Sisquoc River. Unique microclimates allow them to grow several varieties and to produce highly sought-after grapes that offer distinct flavors. The grapes for this blend were hand selected and then married together for 28 months in all French oak. Aromas of mulled cherries, nutmeg and cedar are inviting while the mouth is bountiful with dark

toasted oak. The finish is long and spicy, striking a balance that leaves your palate wanting more. Would pair deliciously with a slow roasted prime rib dinner followed by a rich chocolate pot

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2016 Ehlers “Portrait” St. Helena, Napa Valley



A blend of 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Cabernet Franc, and 28% Merlot. This wine represents the Ehlers Estate as a perfect picture of their vineyards and its soil diversity. Hence, “Portrait!” Each vintage we strive to capture the essence of the diverse soils, varieties and the unique terroir of Ehlers Estate. The 2016 vintage was considered, for many, a near-perfect vintage in Napa. Weather conditions throughout the year were perfect to achieve beautiful vine growth, proper ripeness, and development of flavors and tannins in the grapes. The season started a little earlier than

average years. Mild temperatures during the summer and some warm days in early fall helped to extend the hanging time of the fruit on the vines, allowing for perfect ripeness. With a medium to full body and dark red color, it delivers concentrated aromas of ripe red fruit, raspberries, cherries, cassis, and smoky notes. 40% new French oak, allows the fruit to shine in the blend. Nice structured acidity; the mouth is dense with vibrant and complex flavors of red berries, smoky spices, and dried herbs. This wine has a long finish with dense silky tannins.

Thieves' price: \$38.99

2017 Salvestrin Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



*90 Points Wine Advocate, 92 Points James Suckling. A blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 1% Cabernet Franc. 21 months of French (75%) and American oak, 40% new. It began when Italian immigrants John and Emma Salvestrin fell in love with St. Helena while visiting friends in the early 1920s. In 1932 they purchased a portion of the historic Crane Ranch, including the Victorian home of Dr. Crane. With the repeal of prohibition in 1933, they started selling grapes as the wine industry began to grow again. Ed Salvestrin, who grew up on the family vineyard, continued to grow quality grapes through the 60s, 70s and 80s preserving the family legacy for future generations. *This Cabernet opens with notes of plum, Italian leather, fresh tobacco leaf, black olive, and a trace of white pepper. Robust and rich, this opulent wine features mouth-coating tannins that are refined, powdery, and slightly chalky. Structured yet smooth, black cherry comes through on the long. Lingering finish.**

Thieves' price: \$32.99