

## 2018 Le Vigne di Zamo Bianco Venezia Giulia, Italy



A blend of Friulano, Ribolla Gialla, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon, and Riesling. The winemaking history of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia has been strongly influenced by the history of these two regions that were important stops along the Mediterranean spice route from the Byzantine Empire to the trading center of Venice. During the 19th century, the region served as a major Mediterranean port for the Austro-Hungarian Empire which brought a Teutonic influence to the area. After a long period of being irrelevant, the international popularity of Pinot grigio in the 1980's and 90's help to change the dynamic of Friuli-Venezia Giulia winemaking. Le Vigne di Zamò is one of the foremost producers in the Colli Orientali in Friuli, putting extensive focus on red wine production in addition to the characteristic white wines in this area. The estate's vines sprawl over three separate sites. The nose reveals a light, appealing fragrance of crusty bread, apple and straw. The attractively fresh-tasting palate has restrained fruit and aromatic herbs.

**Thieves' price: \$10.99**

## 2016 Regio Zinfandel “Old Vine, Old Clone”, Lodi



The Lodi region has been home to grape growing since at least the 1850's when wild grapes would grow down from trees along the edge of rivers. This led some trappers to call the Calaveras River, which runs through the southern portion of the area, "Wine Creek". It was first declared an American Viticultural Area (AVA) in 1986 and is home to some of California's oldest vineyards. Meticulously crafted by our fifth-generation family winemaker, Regio ("Royal" in Italian) commemorates the first years of our winemaking tradition when our great, great grandfather created homemade red wine to fill the glasses of his friends and family and make them feel like royals. Lodi is known for their Old Vine, Old Clone Zinfandel vineyards. These legendary vines produce low yields with intense black- berry aromas and flavors.

Delicate oak spice and gentle tannins contribute to a pleasant finish.

**Thieves' price: \$10.99**

## 2018 Sansilvestro Cortese Gavi, Piedmont, Italy



In documents from 1600 there already are some references to Cortese vineyards. Demaria and Leardi confirmed the presence and prosperity of Cortese in the province of Alessandria, from Ovada to the Tortona hills, and in particular in the area of Gavi, where today it achieves the highest quality levels. It was confirmed D.O.C.G. in 1998. The winery San Silvestro is located in **Novello**, in the heart of **Barolo district**. Here, Paolo and Guido Sartirano run the business, representing the fourth generation with wisdom and respect for the tradition and for the history of this winery. On the hills near Gavi, not far from the Ligurian sea, rich in marls and fossils, from Cortese grapes obtained from their Gavi D.O.C.G.. Aromas of citrus zest, with floral undertones, and incredible minerality. On the palate it has a pleasing texture with prominent minerality, good balance, structure. and a long finish. Pair with appetizers, sushi, grilled fish, shellfish, oysters, pasta, wildfowl, blue cheese.

**Thieves' price: \$14.99**

## 2018 Eric Kent Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley



Owner/Winemaker Eric Humphrey has got the Wine Thieves attention with some great wines over the years. His pedigree is impressive, with stints at Ballentine, Three Clicks, Chasseur, and Carlisle. This is his inaugural vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon, and it won't disappoint. Each bottling of the "appellation series" features a different artist on the label. Artist Hilary Williams, drawing inspiration from Dada, Surrealism, and Pop Art, and a love for urban architecture, designed the art for this label. Sourced from a terrific location in the Alexander Valley, this wine combines the best of old-school honesty and new-wave drinkability. There's plenty of ripe black cherry and cassis flavors supported by cedar, sage and olive accents, all wrapped in fine, well-developed tannins. A perfect kiss (not a sledgehammer) of oak adds structure to make for a delightful and food-friendly drinking experience. We love the forthright character of this wine...Cabernet that tastes of Cabernet! Only 412 cases produced.

**Thieves' price: \$16.99**

## 2018 Domaine Cristophe Semaska Syrah Collines Rhodaniennes, Rhone, France



The history of Christophe Semaska is linked to the revival in 1988 of a great Côte Rôtie Domaine: Le Château de Montlys, a gem left untouched since the 1789 revolution. This 16th century domaine sits on a hillside facing the Rhône River, and it remains the largest privately owned of terraced vineyards (8 ha) in the appellation. Due to technical and economic expansion, a new winery was built in 2011 with the best equipment for vinification, maturation and cellaring. Christophe draws on all his knowledge in detail to achieve excellence with the love and the passion for his terroir to shine even brighter. 100% Syrah from 280 meter elevation, decomposed sanded granite (arzelle), glacier deposits, quartz, and schist soils. Aged in 3 year 228-litre oak casks 9-12 months, unfinned, but filtered. The production is very small and the quality very high. Syrah d'Auguste is a very fruity and supple wine which should be drunk young. It offers red berries aromas (blackcurrant, black cherry) and is ideal with roasted meat.

**Thieves' price: \$31.99**

## 2017 Bougetz “The Cairn” Pinot Noir Catie’s Corner Vineyard, Russian River Valley



Owner/Winemaker Thomas Bougetz is the man behind Bougetz Cellars and while working with vineyard owners throughout Northern California, he is constantly looking for new sources of fruit from well-established and well known vineyards. While his background is in Science and Technology, his interests in wine led him back to school to study wine-making at the Northwest Wine Academy in Seattle. Catie’s Corner is located in the Russian River Valley and consists primarily of Huichica loam soil. It receives a consistent cycle of gentle warming and cooling each day, often the result of foggy mornings and evenings. The must was fermented with 15% whole cluster providing a bit more mouthfeel and spiciness. The wine was stored on the lees, with monthly stirring, while aging in 40% new French oak. The 2017

The Cairn displays dark, red cherry notes, with a tantalizing spiciness on the palate. Richer than in years past, this wine will develop more with a couple of years bottle aging.

**Thieves’ price: \$38.99**