

## 2019 Le Paradou Viognier Vin de France



Le Paradou is a project created by the Chaudière family who produce some of the most respected wines in the Ventoux at Château Pesquié. It is reasonable to think “Paradou” means “Paradise” in the old language of the *langue d’Oc*, as it is magical to live in the south of France. Yet, “Paradou” actually refers to the old watermills that once dotted the landscape. In homage to these majestic giants, once commonplace throughout Provence and the Southern Rhône, the Chaudière brothers have created these fresh and pleasing wines made to capture the essence of their birthplace. Le Paradou Viognier is produced from vines on rocky hillsides of porous limestone soils originating from the Jurassic period, resulting in a mineral Viognier with bright acidity. It is aged entirely in tank to retain freshness and purity. The vineyard is 40 hectares and the soil consists of clay limestone, and chalky soils. Nose of white flowers, white fruits (peach). In mouth, very fresh and balanced, with citrus aromas (lemon), white fruits and a great minerality.

**Thieves' price: \$10.99**

## 2018 Acoya Red Blend California



90% Petit Syrah, 5% Zinfandel, 5% Petit Verdot. In 1986 Hossein Namdar became partners with Domaine Chandon, starting as a vineyard technician. After a few joint ventures, and large vineyard purchases, Hossein became the winemaker and they bottled their first vintage under the label "Robert Goyette" also a partner and joint winemaker, in 2005. Since then Robert and Hossein have partnered on several projects, including Acoya. Second use French Oak barrels are used to age the wine, for 9 months. 1200 case production. Cabernet and Merlot are staples in California. But, it's the Syrah that pulls it all together by

taking the earth and berry tones of both and adding its own blueberry and spice components for increased complexity. Aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate, and raspberry with hints of toast & leather from the oak ageing. On the palate, the wine is lush and full-bodied with well-integrated tannins. This is a full-flavored red wine ideal to pair with red meats, poultry, lamb, or steak.

**Thieves' price: \$11.99**

## 2020 Domaine Boutet Saulnier “Sec”, Vouvray, France



At the heart of a vineyard that covers 2,000 hectares near the city of Tours, Christophe Boutet cultivates 12 hectares of vineyards in the appellations Vouvray and Montlouis-sur-Loire. His Chenin grow on clay-limestone soils with different plots, some with terraces overlooking the river, others on hillsides, but always in contact with the 'tuff' as it is called there (a sedimentary rock unique to the Loire Valley). Christophe Boutet is the co-manager (one of only two employees) at Domaine Boutet Saulnier, and has been there since founding it in 1997. He has since produced a range of wines including sparkling wines, sec and demi-sec wines. This is a stunning Vouvray for a ridiculously great price that we just tasted a few days ago. Boutet Saulnier's was founded in 1997 using vineyards right next to the famed Huet in Vouvray. While they don't outdo their neighbors, they get very close, and at half the price, it's a no-brainer. This wine has stunning aromas of white flowers, lemongrass, minerals, citrus, and saline explode from the glass. Simultaneously, there is a fantastic texture with perfectly ripe fruit balanced by excellent acidity on the palate, finishing dry.

**Thieves' price: \$15.99**

## 2019 Iris Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, OR



Iris Vineyards sits on a 870 acre estate featuring a 43 acre vineyard including Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Chardonnay. Iris is nestled in the Southern Willamette Valley, twenty minutes southwest of Eugene, Oregon. Each vineyard parcel was selected to compliment the overall blend of this wine. We harvested each vineyard separately, at peak maturity. A blend of Pinot Noir from Chalice Estate Vineyard, Robinson Vineyard (15%), La Cantera Vineyard (12%), Menefee Vineyard (10%) and Elhanan Vineyard (5%) this wine showcases the quality and diversity of Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. The fruit was gently destemmed, into stainless steel tanks and to 1.25 ton open top fermenters, to ferment as individual vineyard parcels. Once fermentation was complete, the tanks and fermenters were pressed separately and then barrel aged (98% French oak (4.9% new), 2% American oak.) After aging through July, the lots were blended together to build complexity. The aromas of raspberry, plum, and blackberry complimented by a deep, rich, and long palate make this a versatile wine which will pair well with a variety of foods. Think Turkey Day!

**Thieves' price: \$17.99**

## 2016 Dolianova “Terresicci” Barbera Sarda Isola Dei Nuraghi, IGT, Italy



Barbera Sarda is often confused with Barbera Piemontese, with which it shares some morphological and compositional characteristics, Barbera Sarda is a native red grape variety, mainly grown in the central-southern part of Sardinia. The name Dolianova has always been linked to the production of quality wines on the island. The first evidence of wine-growing in the area dates back to over a thousand years ago, according to the Nuraghic artefacts (jugs, wine presses) found in the area. Cantine di Dolianova was established in 1949 to continue and promote that tradition. At the time, Sardinia was not known for world class wine, so they formed a co-op to help with modernizing the winery and shoot for higher quality.

**Nose:** intense, persistent and complex. Hints of redcurrants and cherry are noticeable, then spicy notes of cinnamon.

**Taste:** round and sunny on the palate; velvety tannin accompanied by a generous and exuberant structure. Harmonious

at the finish. **Serve with:** perfect with roasted red meats, game and mature cheeses.

**Thieves' price: \$35.99**

## 2017 Domaine Anderson Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, CA



Jean-Claude Rouzaud, patriarch of the Louis Roederer family, brought the family to the remote area of Anderson Valley in 1981 to begin cultivation of premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. Today, Jean-Claude's son, Frederic, continues the pursuit of quality at Domaine Anderson. 50 acres of family-owned vineyards weave throughout the Anderson Valley's dramatically diverse terroir as part of their estate. In 2011, the Rouzaud family acquired the Dach family property, where the winery now resides, and makes up most of this wine. Notes of bramble, blackberry, and rose petal aromas are complemented with flavors of black cherry and currant. A firm structure with graceful tannins provides the frame for this well-built

wine. Umami and salt hints balance the fresh tartness feel of the wine, lingering long on the palate. Pairs beautifully with braised meats (osso buco), dishes such as gorgonzola with mushroom risotto, and a variety of cheeses. Organically and biodynamically farmed.

**Thieves' price: \$35.99**