

2018 Yalumba Viognier “Y Series” South Australia



Viognier first caught Yalumba's eye in the early 1970s, when the chief viticulturist visited the Rhône Valley in France and the variety's spiritual home in the appellations of Condrieu and Côte Rôtie. Thoroughly captivated by this elusive, luscious and complex white variety, this visit would define Yalumba's white winemaking future. In 1980 Yalumba planted 1.2 hectares of Viognier on the Vaughan vineyard, a property neighboring the hallowed Yalumba grounds. This land, situated on the elevated slopes of the Eden Valley, represented the first significant commercial

plantings of Viognier in Australia. The bottle depicts vine cuttings, which are the beginnings of a new vineyard, planted after careful sorting, grafting and bundling in the state-of-the-art Yalumba Nursery. This thoroughly alluring wine evokes hints of honeysuckle, lemon and lychees. All steel fermentation accentuates vibrant acidity, and a clean finish.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2016 Paraiso Pinot Noir Estate, Monterey, CA



Rich and Claudia Smith arrived in Monterey County in 1973, their children and belongings in the car. Fresh out of college, the young couple was searching for the perfect locale to try out their newly minted U.C. Davis training. Thirty years later, the Smith Family is one of the most influential and respected growers on California's Central Coast.

The rugged Santa Lucia Mountains frame Monterey County's fertile Salinas Valley on the west, separating it from the Pacific Ocean. The famed Santa Lucia Highlands appellation encompasses a series of small alluvial terraces on the lower slopes of the range – perfect for boutique growers of world-class Pinot Noir. The Estate Monterey Pinot Noir is an exceptional wine, showcasing the union of six individual clones we grow on our estate vineyard; 4, 115, 667, 828, 943, and 777. Each makes a particular contribution to the final blend; 4 and 115 offer Burgundian fruit freshness, 667 brings solid backbone structure and color intensity, 828 and 943 flesh out the palate with silky tannins and earthy aromas, while 777 adds dark berry aromas and a brambly component.

Thieves' price: \$10.99

2015 Matias Chardonnay Sierra Mar Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands



Matias wines express the intense character of vineyards farmed by the Pisoni and Francioni families in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The wines are vinified in small lots with minimal intervention to protect the distinctive character of each vineyard source.

The delicate, hands-on winemaking of Matias includes native yeast fermentations, all gravity flow movement, and no fining or filtering. Tightly grained, French oak barrels elevate the natural aromatics of these intensely focused and well-structured wines.

There is a strong woody touch to the nose of this bottling along with dried peach and dried mango aromas. The palate begins with a strong citrus-peel flavor then leads into green-pear and cider-apple flavors. The finish is a unique touch of kaffir lime leaf and

Thieves' price: \$15.99

2016 Georges Duboeuf, Domaine de Lafayette Gamay Brouilly, Beaujolais, France



This ain't Beaujolais Nouveau! Known as "Cru Beaujolais", the Brouilly appellation surrounds the lower slopes of Mont Brouilly and the surrounding countryside. These vineyards contain significant plantings of the Gamay grape variety, which create relatively robust and full-bodied wines. The grapes come from a plot of 5 hectares (12.4 acres) of traditional Gobelet-trellised south-facing vineyards with vines more than 60 years old. Harvesting of this wine is conducted manually, in whole bunches, and the grapes are

destemmed before pressing. Semi-carbonic maceration and malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks.

Named after the French soldier who served under George Washington, this ripe and generous wine is warm with red-berry fruits and attractive acidity. It is smooth, with hints of vanilla and tangy black fruits at the end.

Pairs best with charcuterie, soft cheeses, burgers and salads.

Thieves' price: \$16.99

2016 Two Squared Bordeaux-style blend Napa Valley



65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc
Patterning itself after most of the top estates of Bordeaux, Alpha Omega offers an elegant second wine brand, Two Squared by Alpha Omega. These wines are designed to be approachable in both flavor and price. Opulent, fruit-driven and generous, with a backbone of European-inspired acidity and elegance, they're produced by masterful blending across terroirs evocative of Napa Valley's modern style. TWO² is the best of both worlds in its inspiration and creation.

Alpha Omega consulting winemaker Jean Hoefliger, being the sleuth that he is, acquires fruit from younger Napa Valley vineyards (including Spring Mountain) that display a silky tannin profile and opulent texture which allow for accessibility young. He has unearthed a range of privately-owned boutique vineyards, hidden gems tucked in secret pockets of Napa Valley, that only Mother Nature, Jean and his winemaking team are fortunate enough to touch.

Thieves' price: 34.99

2014 Vaona Paverno Amarone Valpolicella, Italy

40% CORVINA, 30% CORVINONE, 25% RONDINELLA, 5% MOLINARA



Located in the Valpolicella region of the Veneto, the Vaona family is committed to organic wines from the indigenous grapes Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella, and Molinara. Although their family history of grape growing stretches back hundreds of years, the current history began in 2000 when the family shifted from bulk Veneto wines to high quality, terroir-driven reds made in the family's 17th century cellar. Their 10 total hectares are farmed organically and all care of the are done manually. Winemaker Alberto Vaona only uses indigenous yeast and very low sulfites as well as follows traditional methods of winemaking of the region. Lush and powerful aromas of black plum, blueberry compote, Chambord liqueur, resin, leather, baking spices, and toffee.

Thieves' price: \$39.99