3 ENDURA PRO SL THERMAL WINDPROOF JACKET, £129.99,

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There's a weight and robustness to the Pro SL that makes it the go-to jacket when the weather is squally. It doesn't match the all-over protection of the Stolen Goat, but the windproofing on the arms and torso are particularly good, while a stretch fabric across the back helps some heat escape. It's an athletic cut, but there is still space to squeeze a merino baselayer below without threatening the zip. And when the mercury does fall, it's very useful to be able to do up/undo this chunky zip with gloved hands. The long, tailored cuffs aren't as tight as most of the rivals, but the collar is the highest and the hem gripper is by far the best on test, anchoring the jacket in place. In terms of extra details, the three rear pockets, plus small zipped pocket, are easy to access, and generous reflective detailing enhances the hi-viz nature of this jacket.

Verdict: Zip this jacket on in October, and you might not take it off until April!

Rating: ■■■■■■■■■□