

2018 Harvest Challenge

Sonoma County, CA November 13, 2018

Best White

Brick Barn Wine Estate	2016 Brick Barn Wine Estate Albarino	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Grown	95	Peach,nectarine, deep flavors. Rich, great finish, yummy, great finish with bright acidity.
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Best Sparkling

Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee Sparkling	Sonoma County, Carneros		98	Nice brioche,toasty,leesy. So fabulous that it makes you giddy.
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Best Rose

Boisset Collection	2017 JCB By Jean-Charles Boisset Natural Beauty Rosé	Sonoma Coast		94	Beautiful bone dry experience; dark berry; brilliant acidity; very nice hint of earth
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Best Red

Merriam Vineyards	2014 Merriam Vineyards Merlot	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Windacre Vineyard	98	Textbook Merlot. Well balanced.
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Best of Virginia AVA

Vint Hill Craft Winery	2016 Vint Hill Craft Winery Petite Verdot	Virginia	Barrel Aged		95	Great mouth feel. Integrated oak with nice peppery aromas. Dark fruit and anise.
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Best of Umpqua Valley

<u>Delfino Vineyards</u>	2016 Delfino Syrah	Umpqua Valley	Single Vineyard		96	Elegant mid-palate, black plum, savory, gorgeous texture, great tannins, kalamata olive, age worthy wine.
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Best of Sonoma Valley AVA

St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2015 St. Francis Wild Oak Petite Sirah	Sonoma Valley		Wild Oak Vineyard	95	Vibrant, great acidity, pink peppercorn, Val Rona african chocolate. cardammon.
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Best of Sonoma County AVA

Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2017 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			94	Rich intense fruit, oak very well integrated, lingering on palate.
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Best of Sonoma Coast AVA

McEvoy Ranch	2016 McEvoy Ranch Chardonnay	Petaluma Gap	Stubbs Ranch	95	Fruity, well balanced, long finish.
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Best of Sierra Foothills AVA

Sierra Starr Vineyards	2016 Sierra Starr Vineyards Super Nova Petite Sirah	Sierra Foothills		93	Dark blueberry, violets, orange peel. Full bodied with gripping tannins.
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Best of Show

Brick Barn Wine Estate	2016 Brick Barn Wine Estate Albarino	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Grown	95	Peach,nectarine, deep flavors. Rich, great finish, yummy, great finish with bright acidity.
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Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA

Kings Mountain Winery	2014 Kings Mountain Vineyards Bacchus Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Grown	95	Loads of fruit with minerality tones. Good integration of oak, crazy acid, good aromas.
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Best of Russian River Valley AVA

Merriam Vineyards	2014 Merriam Vineyards Merlot	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Windacre Vineyard	98	Textbook Merlot. Well balanced.
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Best of Rogue Valley AVA

Schmidt Family Vineyards	2017 Schmidt Family Vineyards Riesling	Applegate Valley	Estate Produced and Bottled		93	Apple characteristics, well balanced.
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Best of Paso Robles AVA

Penrose Hill	2017 Floratrix Malvasia Bianca	Paso Robles			93	Lively and drinkable; good representation of varietal
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Best of Oregon

Bronco Wine Co.	2017 Laurelwood Winery Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley			96	Lingering finish, really young gravenstein apple,bright acidity.
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Best of North Carolina AVA

JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2017 JOLO Winery & Vineyards Crimson Creek	Yadkin Valley	Barrel Aged		92	Classic hybrid nose, foxy.
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Best of Napa County AVA

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Sea Bird Wines	2014 Sea Bird Poseidon	Napa Valley, Rutherford			96	Classic Napa cab from 30 years ago.
Best of Monterey County AVA						
CRU Winery	2016 Cru Winery Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Barrel Aged		96	classic pinot,forced floor mushrooms, great texture,meaty finish.
Scheid Family Wines	2017 Pebble Lane Pinot Noir Rosé	Monterey County	Estate Vineyards	Sustainably Grown	96	PERFECT FOR THANKSGIVING, LOADS OF CRANBERRY AND POMEGRANATE, JUICY WELL BALANCED.
Best of Mendocino County AVA						
<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2017 Frey Biodynamic Field Blend	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	No Added Sulfites, Gluten Free	91	Freshness to it, ripe flavor. A fun blend to pair with lots of everyday foods.
Best of Maryland AVA						
Charis Winery & Distillery	2017 Charis Winery & Distillery Oliver's Winter Rose'	Maryland	Reserve		92	Foxy hybrid.
Best of Lodi AVA						
Penrose Hill	2017 Gilded Letter Grenache	Lodi			95	Juicy raspberry, savory, blood orange.
Best of Lake County AVA						
Chacewater, Inc.	2017 Chacewater Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County			93	Screams Lake County grapefruit,herbasivres. great acidity.
Best of Italy						
Nike Communications	NV Martini & Rossi Asti	Asti DOCG			97	Vanilla cookie softness.
Best of Georgia						
Horse Creek Winery	NV Big Door Vineyards Evening Breeze	Georgia			92	balance, dont know varietal.
Best of France						
Wine Insiders	2017 Racine Cotes Du Rhone Rhone red blend	Côtes du Rhône AOC			94	Spicy, raspberry,gorgeous oak integration, allspice.
Best of Finger Lakes AVA						

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Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2017 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes		97	
Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA					
St. Anne's Crossing	2016 St. Anne's Crossing Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	Black Oak	94	Balanced!! Big, floral, black & blue fruit, long finish,integrated.
Best of Columbia Valley AVA					
Sleeping Dog Wines	2014 Sleeping Dog Wines Carmenere	Yakima Valley	Proprietor's Reserve	94	Nice balance, raspberry aromate, true to varietal.
Best of Class					
Belhurst Estate Winery	2017 Belhurst Estate Winery Belhurst Dry Riesling	Seneca Lake		97	Exactly finger lakes, honeysuckle classic.
Boisset Collection	2017 JCB By Jean-Charles Boisset Natural Beauty Rosé	Sonoma Coast		94	Beautiful bone dry experience; dark berry; brilliant acidity; very nice hint of earth
Brick Barn Wine Estate	2016 Brick Barn Wine Estate Albarino	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Grown	95	Peach,nectarine, deep flavors. Rich, great finish, yummy, great finish with bright acidity.
Bronco Wine Co.	2017 Laurelwood Winery Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley		96	Lingering finish, really young gravenstein apple,bright acidity.
Chacewater, Inc.	2017 Chacewater Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County		93	Screams Lake County grapefruit,herbasiovres. great acidity.
Charis Winery & Distillery	2017 Charis Winery & Distillery Oliver's Winter Rose'	Maryland	Reserve	92	Foxy hybrid.
CRU Winery	2016 Cru Winery Vineyard Montage Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Barrel Aged	96	classic pinot,forced floor mushrooms, great texture,meaty finish.
<u>Delfino Vineyards</u>	2016 Delfino Syrah	Umpqua Valley	Single Vineyard	96	Elegant mid-palate, black plum, savory, gorgeous texture, great tannins, kalamata olive, age worthy wine.
E&J Gallo Winery	NV Barefoot Pink Moscato Sparkling	California		96	Pinnacle of pink power,nicely structured,ginger and apricot. a world peace wine.

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E&J Gallo Winery	NV Barefoot Pinot Grigio	American			96	Wonderful fruit nose; classic pear & apple; perfect balance; mineral with fresh fruit
Fortunati Vineyards	2017 Fortunati Vineyards Rosé of Syrah	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		92	Fruit forward, refreshing.
<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2017 Frey Biodynamic Field Blend	Redwood Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	No Added Sulfites, Gluten Free	91	Freshness to it, ripe flavor. A fun blend to pair with lots of everyday foods.
Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee Sparkling	Sonoma County, Carneros			98	Nice brioche,toasty,leesy. So fabulous that it makes you giddy.
Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2015 Gloria Ferrer Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Blancs	Carneros			97	Juicy apples,great texture. Inviting aromas,creamsicle finish.
Gray Ghost Vineyards	2017 Gray Ghost Adieu Late Harvest Vidal Blanc	Virginia			94	Very pleasant, not cloying. Vacation in a bottle with cheese, glazed walnuts and rosemary crostini.
Handley Cellars	2016 Handley Cellars Chardonnay	Anderson Valley	Estate Vineyard		92	
JOLO Winery & Vineyards	2017 JOLO Winery & Vineyards Crimson Creek	Yadkin Valley	Barrel Aged		92	Classic hybrid nose, foxy.
Jonas Cellars	2014 Jonas Cellars Jonas "Oakville Ranch Vineyard" Cabernet Franc	Napa Valley, Oakville	Barrel Fermented Reserve		95	Nose says Cab Franc classic.
Kings Mountain Winery	2014 Kings Mountain Vineyards Bacchus Pinot Noir	Santa Cruz Mountains	Estate Grown		95	Loads of fruit with minerality tones. Good integration of oak, crazy acid, good aromas.
McEvoy Ranch	2016 McEvoy Ranch Chardonnay	Petaluma Gap		Stubbs Ranch	95	Fruity, well balanced, long finish.
McIlroy Wines	2017 McIlroy Cellars Bembey Vineyard Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Single Vineyard	Bembey Vineyard	98	Appellation correct. Woody herbs. Cranberry-rhubarb on palate.

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Merriam Vineyards	2014 Merriam Vineyards Merlot	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Windacre Vineyard	98	Textbook Merlot. Well balanced.
Miro Cellars	2016 Miro Miro Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Reserve	Silverwood Vineyard	92	Nice fruit, good flavor profile, balanced, nice hint of oak.
Navarro Vineyards	2017 Navarro Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc	Anderson Valley		Cuvee 128	94	Asparagus(white);good food fruitcake,layered:balanced
Navarro Vineyards	2017 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Classic; Pomolo;yellow bell pepper;sweet & savory;spice & curry
Navarro Vineyards	2017 Navarro Vineyards Muscat Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Rockstar juice,fresh&floral:great mouthfeel:spicy finish;gorgeous
Navarro Vineyards	2017 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley			93	Expressive fruit nose,tangy white peach,grapefruit;breakfast!!
Nike Communications <u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	NV Martini & Rossi Asti	Asti DOCG			97	Vanilla cookie softness.
	2016 Pedroncelli Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Courage	93	Touch of mint, good extraction, good oak,smokey notes, red fruit.
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Reserve	Pinot Noir Jean Sheep	95	deep,black cherry nose;great pushin finish;earthy tone;licorice;pomegranate,blood orange
Penrose Hill	2017 Gilded Letter Grenache	Lodi			95	Juicy raspberry, savory, blood orange.
Penrose Hill	2014 Marbleize Red Wine	California			92	Surprisingly complex, great balance, easy drinking, long velvety finish.
Penrose Hill	2016 Print Shop Cellars Teroldego / Syrah	California			92	Dark and brooding in the glass, dense. It's fun. It's like a surprise date.

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Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2017 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Chardonnay	Sonoma County			94	Rich intense fruit, oak very well integrated, lingering on palate.
Scheid Family Wines	2017 Pebble Lane Pinot Noir Rosé	Monterey County	Estate Vineyards	Sustainably Grown	96	PERFECT FOR THANKSGIVING, LOADS OF CRANBERRY AND POMEGRANATE, JUICY WELL BALANCED.
Sea Bird Wines	2014 Sea Bird Poseidon	Napa Valley, Rutherford			96	Classic Napa cab from 30 years ago.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Vintners White	Florida			93	Acid balanced sugar. Perfect example of carlos.
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2016 Sierra Starr Vineyards Super Nova Petite Sirah	Sierra Foothills			93	Dark blueberry, violets, orange peel. Full bodied with gripping tannins.
Silenus Winery	2015 Silenus Silenus 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon	Oak Knoll District	Barrel Aged		95	
Silenus Winery	2017 Silenus Silenus 2017 Chardonnay	Oak Knoll District	Barrel Aged		93	Good acid, crisp, bright.
Soda Rock Winery	2015 Soda Rock Malbec, Reserve Runway	Dry Creek Valley	Reserve		93	Big, bold, rich blackberry, mulberry.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2014 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Grand Cuvee Methode Traditionelle	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley			93	Nice layers of apples. Refreshing finish.
St. Anne's Crossing	2016 St. Anne's Crossing Primitivo	Sonoma Valley		Shumahi	94	coffee, chicory, mint chocolate pie, cold climate syrah, cassis.
St. Anne's Crossing	2016 St. Anne's Crossing Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley		Bar None	94	lusty style, wild herbs, blackberry, huckleberry pie, pepper, chocolate, mixed blacks.
St. Anne's Crossing	2016 St. Anne's Crossing Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		The Ranch	93	Deep rich layers, red & black fruit, allspice, crushed herbs, razzleberry, violets.
St. Anne's Crossing	2016 St. Anne's Crossing Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley		Black Oak	94	Balanced!! Big, floral, black & blue fruit, long finish, integrated.

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St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2015 St. Francis Wild Oak Petite Sirah	Sonoma Valley	Wild Oak Vineyard	95	Vibrant, great acidity, pink peppercorn, Val Rona african chocolate. cardammon.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2016 St. Francis Moon Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon	Moon Mountain District		94	big new modern style, black berries, licorice, blackberries, licorice, Just bring it! mint, young.
Stratus Wine & Spirits, LLC	2015 1849 Wine Co. Red Wine Blend/ Triumph	Sonoma County		93	Nice depth, rich and deep, well balanced; Yummy!!
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2017 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes		97	
Trentadue Winery	2016 Trentadue Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced	94	Blackberry, boysenberry, deep and dark.
Trentadue Winery	2017 La Storia Chardonnay	Russian River Valley		98	Well balanced. Lighter style, beautiful layers. Refreshing.
Vint Hill Craft Winery	2016 Vint Hill Craft Winery Petite Verdot	Virginia	Barrel Aged	95	Great mouth feel. Integrated oak with nice peppery aromas. Dark fruit and anise.
Wine Insiders	2017 Racine Cotes Du Rhone Rhone red blend	Côtes du Rhône AOC		94	Spicy, raspberry, gorgeous oak integration, allspice.
Wine Insiders	2018 Killari Sauvignon Blanc	Chile		92	Zippy, clean refreshing, great balance, nice fruit and varietal characteristic. Citrus/grapefruit.
Best of Chile					
Wine Insiders	2018 Killari Sauvignon Blanc	Chile		92	Zippy, clean refreshing, great balance, nice fruit and varietal characteristic. Citrus/grapefruit.
Best of Central Coast AVA					
Brick Barn Wine Estate	2016 Brick Barn Wine Estate Albarino	Santa Ynez Valley	Estate Grown	95	Peach,nectarine, deep flavors. Rich, great finish, yummy, great finish with bright acidity.

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Best of Carneros AVA

Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	2010 Gloria Ferrer Anniversary Cuvee Sparkling	Sonoma County, Carneros			98	Nice brioche,toasty,leesy. So fabulous that it makes you giddy.
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Best of California AVA

E&J Gallo Winery	NV Barefoot Pink Moscato Sparkling	California			96	Pinnacle of pink power,nicely structured,ginger and apricot. a world peace wine.
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Best of Australia

Penrose Hill	2017 Wave Hill Council Shiraz	Australia			92	Smoky, enjoyed meatiness, smooth finish.
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Best of Anderson Valley AVA

Navarro Vineyards	2017 Navarro Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Reserve	Pinot Noir Jean Sheep	95	deep,black cherry nose;great pushin finish;earthy tone;licorice;pomegrana te,blood orange

Best of Alexander Valley AVA

Navarro Vineyards	2017 Navarro Vineyards Muscat Blanc	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Rockstar juice,fresh&floral:great mouthfeel:spicy finish;gorgeous
Trentadue Winery	2016 Trentadue Petite Sirah	Alexander Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		94	Blackberry, boysenberry, deep and dark.

Best Late Harvest/ Dessert

Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2017 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes			97	
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