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Best of the Best

St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2016 St. Francis Tres Viejos Zinfandel	Sonoma County	Old Vine		99	Zin at it's best. Balance and briary. Nice spice. Black pepper. Very classy. More red fruit.

Best of Lake County

Brassfield Estate Winery	2015 Brassfield Estate Winery Eruption	Lake County, High Valley	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Volcano Ridge Vineyard	95	Big wine, powerful, rich dark fruit.

Best of Marin County

McEvoy Ranch	2016 McEvoy Ranch Montepulciano	North Coast	Estate Bottled & Produced	Petaluma Gap, Marin County Il Poggio Vineyard	90	

Best of Mendocino County

Navarro Vineyards	2018 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest	Cluster Select	97	Late h & essence of Riesling. Honey notes. Simple but solid.

Best of Napa County

Delicato Family Wines	2016 Black Stallion Estate Winery Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa Valley	Late Bottled Vintage		98	Ripe, rich fruit, silky palate framed by chocolatey oak.

Best of Show - Red

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Best of Show - White

Geyser Peak Winery	2018 Geyser Peak Winery Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley	Winemaker Select		97	Well layered, complex Sauvignon Blanc, showing off tropical to citrus type of fruits.

Best of Show Dessert

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Best of Show Rose

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J. Rickards Winery	2018 J. Rickards Winery Ava Rae Rose	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County	Estate Bottled & Produced		98	Delicate pink with aroma of cherries and fraise. Clean, fresh.

Best of Show Sparkling

Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards	NV Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs	Sonoma County, Carneros	Methode Champenoise		99	World class sparkling; "I will drink this on my wedding day and don't care about my husband"; Old world wine with a new world sensibility.

Best of Solano County AVA

Merisi Wines	2016 Sky Ranch Two Old Guys Red Blend	Solano County	Estate Grown	barrel aged, naturally fermented	93	Vanilla; pretty wine

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