

# 2019 Harvest Challenge

Sonoma County, CA November 12, 2019

## Best White

Scheid Family Wines	2018 Hive & Honey Gewurztraminer	Monterey	Sustainably Grown	96	Lychee, typical, dry finish, great nose, strong fruit.
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## Best Sparkling

Breathless Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County		98	Classic, brioche.
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## Best Rose

INTERCOASTAL VINEYARDS	2018 INTERCOASTAL VINEYARDS ROSÉ of PINOTAGE	Lodi	LODI RULES CERTIFIED GREEN	96	Fresh, crisp nose, light on palette, dry, delicate.
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## Best Red

Shannon Family of Wines	2016 OVIS Cabernet Franc	Red Hills Lake County	Certified California Sustainable Vineyards	96	Pretty leather, spice aroma, dark cherry fruit, soft tannins. Good example of variety and appellation.
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## Best of Yolo County

Berryessa Gap Vineyards	2017 Berryessa Gap Vineyards 2017 Petite Sirah	Yolo County		91	Big, concentrated deep color, nice texture, decadent.
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## Best of Virginia AVA

Casanel Vineyards & Winery	2018 Casanel Vineyards & Winery Chardonnay	Virginia, Loudoun County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Middleburg AVA 94	Acidity is quite juicy& enjoyable.
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## Best of Temecula Valley AVA

Poggio Leano Winery and Vineyards	2017 Poggio Leano Montepulciano	Temecula	Barrel Aged	95	Good fruit, mellow, rustic, plum, great varietal character.
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## Best of Spain

Penrose Hill	2018 Alazules Airen	Spain		95	Green under ripe mango, granny smith apple, nice balance & good acidity, nice simple wine.
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## Best of Sonoma Valley AVA

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St. Anne's Crossing	2017 St. Anne's Crossing Shumahi Primitivo	Sonoma Valley	Shumahi	91	Juicy & Grapey, candied fruit, big bold balanced wine.	
Best of Sonoma County AVA						
Breathless Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County		98	Classic, brioche.	
Best of Sonoma Coast AVA						
Nicholson Ranch	2017 Nicholson Ranch Cuvee Natalie Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Estate	94	Vicous, clean crisp nose, bright & lemony, good fruit, good length.	
Best of Sierra Foothills AVA						
North Canyon Cider Company	2019 North Canyon Cider Company Original Dry	Sierra Foothills	Estate Bottled & Produced	California (60%) and Washington (40%) apples	92	Dry ,brisk,refreshing & wakes you up-green apple.
Best of Show						
Scheid Family Wines	2018 Hive & Honey Gewurztraminer	Monterey		Sustainably Grown	96	Lychee, typical, dry finish, great nose, strong fruit.
Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA						
Perrucci Family Vineyard	2015 Perrucci Family Vineyard Merlot	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Barrel Aged	Regan Vineyard, Corralitos	93	Nice wine, dark chocolate, rich, chewy, dense, oak.
Best of Russian River Valley AVA						
St. Anne's Crossing	2017 St. Anne's Crossing Tripi Zinfandel	Russian River		Tripi Zinfandel	98	winner,brilliant berry cola,crispy,flaky cobbler,great acid,earthy.
Best of Rogue Valley AVA						
2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2017 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley		Darow Series	91	Great nose with follow thru.
Best of Rockpile AVA						
Merriam Vineyards	2015 Merriam Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Gloeckner-Turner Ranch	Rockpile	Unfined & Unfiltered	Gloeckner-Turner Ranch	96	Vanilla, clove, deep dark fruit.
Best of Paso Robles AVA						
Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery2	2017 Vina Robles Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles	Estate		91	

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### Best of Napa County AVA

Fortunati Vineyards	2017 Fortunati Vineyards Viognier	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Lovely mandarin orange, herbaceous. Very fruit, peachy pear apricot.
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### Best of Monterey County AVA

Scheid Family Wines	2018 Hive & Honey Gewurztraminer	Monterey	Sustainably Grown	96	Lychee, typical, dry finish, great nose, strong fruit.
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### Best of Mendocino County AVA

<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2018 Frey Organic Pinot Noir	Mendocino	No Sulfites Added	No Added Sulfites, Vegan, Gluten Free and Keto Friendly	95	Classic example of the region. Red cherries & strawberries. A wine with real personality. Bold body.
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### Best of Lodi AVA

INTERCOASTAL VINEYARDS	2018 INTERCOASTAL VINEYARDS ROSÉ of PINOTAGE	Lodi	LODI RULES CERTIFIED GREEN	96	Fresh, crisp nose, light on palette, dry, delicate.
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### Best of Livermore Valley AVA

Garré Vineyard and Winery	2016 Garré Vineyard & Winery Profound Secret Bordeaux Blend	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	95	Big and Toasty. Anise tones. Fruity. Complex layered wine..
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### Best of Lake County AVA

Shannon Family of Wines	2016 OVIS Cabernet Franc	Red Hills Lake County	Certified California Sustainable Vineyards	96	Pretty leather, spice aroma, dark cherry fruit, soft tannins. Good example of variety and appellation.
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### Best of Italy

Trecini Winery	2015 Trecini BARBERA	Barbera d'Asti DOCG		96	Firm, great fruit. Lovely!
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### Best of Finger Lakes AVA

Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2018 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes		96	Essence of Russian apples, old world honey! Lemon, crisp.
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### Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA

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Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley			97	Rich,dark-Great tension.great balance & body.
Best of Columbia Valley AVA						
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2017 Tsillan Cellars Malbec	Lake Chelan	Estate Reserve		97	Peppery component, juicy fruit, great energy, vivacious.
Best of Class						
[ess-eff] wines	2017 [ess-eff] wines Keller Estate Pinot Noir	Petaluma Gap			90	Ripe cherry, good balance,strong fruit, long finish
Andrew Peller Limited	2018 Peller Estates Family Vineyards Merlot	Niagara Peninsula VQA			97	"MUST BUY,MUST TRY!
Andrew Peller Limited	2018 Gray Monk Estate Winery Siegerrebe	Okanagan Valley VQA	Estate Vineyard	Gray Monk Vineyard	96	Delicious! Sexy, Madonna in silk stockings.
Baker Bird Winery	NV Baker Bird Winery Vidal Blanc - Semi Dry	Kentucky			95	Nice lemony nose,seductive fruit & good acidity. White flower.-Honeysuckle.
Berryessa Gap Vineyards	2017 Berryessa Gap Vineyards 2017 Petite Sirah	Yolo County			91	Big, concentrated deep color, nice texture, decadent.
Breathless Wines	NV Breathless Brut	Sonoma County			98	Classic, brioche.
Casanel Vineyards & Winery	2018 Casanel Vineyards & Winery Chardonnay	Virginia, Loudoun County	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Middleburg AVA	94	Acidity is quite juicy& enjoyable.
E&J Gallo Winery	NV Barefoot Sauvignon Blanc	California			94	Ripe stone fruits, refreshing, classic.
E&J Gallo Winery	NV Barefoot Bubbly Brut Rose	California			95	Rich and creamy, raspberry, delicate and dry.
E&J Gallo Winery	NV Barefoot Malbec	California			97	Smooth finish, deep and dark, silky and smooth, blue and black fruit.
E&J Gallo Winery	NV Familia Camarena Tequila Silver	Mexico			96	

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Fortunati Vineyards	2017 Fortunati Vineyards Viognier	Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	98	Love mandarin orange, herbaceous. y fruit, peachy pear apricot.	
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2017 Frank Family Vineyards 2017 Carneros Pinot Noir	Carneros	Barrel Aged	98	Perfect expression of Pinot Noir. Great fruit, lush raspberry.	
<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2018 Frey Organic Pinot Noir	Mendocino	No Sulfites Added	No Added Sulfites, Vegan, Gluten Free and Keto Friendly	95	Classic example of the region. Red cherries & strawberries. A wine with real personality. Bold body.
Garré Vineyard and Winery	2016 Garré Vineyard & Winery Profound Secret Bordeaux Blend	Livermore Valley	Estate Grown and Produced	95	Big and Toasty. Anise tones. Fruity. Complex layered wine..	
Goldschmidt Vineyards	2018 Fidelity RED WINE	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County		94	Pepper, vanilla, balanced tannins, rich finish.	
GREAT FROGS	2018 Great Frogs Chardonnay	Maryland	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	95	Lemon zest, hint of vanilla white flowers.	
GREAT FROGS	2018 Great Frogs Blaufrankisch	Maryland	Barrel Aged	91	Pretty berries in nose. Wonderful fruit, good acidity.	
Guadagni Family Wines	2018 Guadagni Family Wines Marble Cliffs Sauvignon Blanc	Sonoma County, Dry Creek Valley		97	Herbaceous & very grassy, lime path, Good acidity. Smooth & very balanced.	
Herzog Wine Cellars	2018 Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	California		95	Aromas, ginger spice, good acidity balances, sweet presentation of quality fruit.	
INTERCOASTAL VINEYARDS	2018 INTERCOASTAL VINEYARDS ROSÉ of PINOTAGE	Lodi		LODI RULES CERTIFIED GREEN	96	Fresh, crisp nose, light on palette, dry, delicate.
Karma Vista Vineyards	2017 Karma Vista Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Lake Michigan Shore		Thienaman Vineyard	95	Solid, realistic cab from outside California.

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Merriam Vineyards	2015 Merriam Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Rockpile	Unfiltered	Gloeckner-Turner Ranch	96	Vanilla, clove, deep dark fruit.
Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Petite Sirah	Dry Creek Valley			97	Rich, dark-Great tension. great balance & body.
Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Cuvee Sasha Red Blend	Mendocino			96	Cranberry aroma is gorgeous. Red cherry quality.
Nicholson Ranch	2017 Nicholson Ranch Cuvee Natalie Chardonnay	Sonoma Coast	Estate		94	Vicous, clean crisp nose, bright & lemony, good fruit, good length.
North Canyon Cider Company	2019 North Canyon Cider Company Original Dry	Sierra Foothills	Estate Bottled & Produced	California (60%) and Washington (40%) apples	92	Dry, brisk, refreshing & wakes you up-green apple.
Pegasus Estate Winery	2016 Pegasus Estate Winery Quadrille Red Blend	Santa Ynez Valley			97	Spicy, vanilla, very smooth, velvety.
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Barrel Aged		98	Cherry pie, inviting and smooth.
Penrose Hill	2018 Alazules Airen	Spain			95	Green under ripe mango, granny smith apple, nice balance & good acidity, nice simple wine.
Penrose Hill	2018 Common Phenomena Sauvignon Blanc Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			96	Great balance. Nice marriage of the two varieties. Nice tropical overtures. Can smell both Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.
Penrose Hill	2018 Posted Accord Chenin Blanc	South Africa			98	White flowers, lemon zest, long and refreshing finish.
Perrucci Family Vineyard	2015 Perrucci Family Vineyard Merlot	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Barrel Aged	Regan Vineyard, Corralitos	93	Nice wine, dark chocolate, rich, chewy, dense, oak.
Poggio Leano Winery and Vineyards	2017 Poggio Leano Montepulciano	Temecula	Barrel Aged		95	Good fruit, mellow, rustic, plum, great varietal character.

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Scheid Family Wines	2018 Hive & Honey Gewurztraminer	Monterey		Sustainable Grown	96	Lychee, typical, dry finish, great nose, strong fruit.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Blanc De Fleur	NONE	Methode Champenoise		95	High acid, wedding wine.
Seavin, Inc	NV Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards Southern White	Florida				Melon, good brightness, hint of eucalyptus, meyer lemon acidity backs up fruit.
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American			96	Caramel, almonds.
Shannon Family of Wines	2016 OVIS Cabernet Franc	Red Hills Lake County		Certified California Sustainable Vineyards	96	Pretty leather, spice aroma, dark cherry fruit, soft tannins. Good example of variety and appellation.
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Estate Bottled & Produced		95	Gorgeous nose. Depth. Very serious. Very dry. Interesting strawberry.
St. Anne's Crossing	2017 St. Anne's Crossing Tripi Zinfandel	Russian River		Tripi Zinfandel	98	winner, brilliant berry cola, crispy, flaky cobbler, great acid, earthy.
St. Anne's Crossing	2017 St. Anne's Crossing Shumahi Primitivo	Sonoma Valley		Shumahi	91	Juicy & Grapey, candied fruit, big bold balanced wine.
St. Anne's Crossing	2017 St. Anne's Crossing Angelo Zinfandel	Russian River Valley		Angelo Zinfandel	97	Perfection, lavish texture, juicy, spicy nose, smoky dark fruit.
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2018 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes			96	Essence of Russian apples, old world honey! Lemon, crisp.
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2018 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Riesling	Finger Lakes			95	Firing on all cylinders, very pretty.
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company cabernet Ice Wine	Cayuga Lake			96	Eating raisins with Mr. Ed.
Tondre	2018 Tondre Chardonnay	Santa Lucia Highlands		Tondre Grapefield	96	Butter aroma, good acid, spice balanced with spice and fruit.

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Tondre	2016 Tondre Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands	Tondre Grapefield	95	Blueberry, black cherry, nice balanced cool climate Pinot.
Treasury Wine Estates	2017 Sterling Vintner's Collection Cabernet Sauvignon	California		96	Good texture,dried fruit,great food pairing wine,well balanced,great acid.,
Trecini Winery	2017 Trecini MERLOT	Sonoma County, Russian River Valley	Barrel Aged	97	Classic example of Merlot in cool climate. Great nose. Follows thru the mouth. Green tea and olive.
Trecini Winery	2015 Trecini BARBERA	Barbera d'Asti DOCG		96	Firm,great fruit. Lovely!
Trotter 1/16 Wines	2016 Trotter 1/16 Winery Cabernet Sauvignon	Coombsville	Barrel Aged	Flying J's Vineyard 96	Well made,balance of tannins. cassis malt balls.
Tsillan Cellars Winery	2017 Tsillan Cellars Malbec	Lake Chelan	Estate Reserve	97	Peppery component, juicy fruit, great energy, vivacious.
Vint Hill Craft Winery	2017 Covert Wineworks BeBe LeFranc Cabernet Franc	Virginia	Barrel Aged	94	Very good varietal with character/Good balance.Dusky earthiness.
WineShop At Home	NV Family Ranch FAMILY RANCH LEGACY RED BLEND	California	Winemaker Select	98	Soft tannins, very complete, well balanced, judges favorite.
<b>Best of Clarksburg AVA</b>					
Scribner Bend Vineyards	2018 Scribner Bend Vineyards Viognier	Clarksburg (Sacramento)	Estate Bottled & Produced	94	Peach,aroma of white peach,excellent balance,good length.
<b>Best of Central Coast AVA</b>					
Pegasus Estate Winery	2016 Pegasus Estate Winery Quadrille Red Blend	Santa Ynez Valley		97	Spicy, vanilla, very smooth, velvety.
<b>Best of Carneros AVA</b>					
Frank Family Vineyards, LLC	2017 Frank Family Vineyards 2017 Carneros Pinot Noir	Carneros	Barrel Aged	98	Perfect expression of Pinot Noir. Great fruit, lush raspberry.
<b>Best of British Columbia AVA</b>					



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Andrew Peller Limited	2018 Gray Monk Estate Winery Siegerrebe	Okanagan Valley VQA	Estate Vineyard	Gray Monk Vineyard	96	Delicious! Sexy, Madonna in silk stockings.
<b>Best of Anderson Valley AVA</b>						
Pennyroyal Farm	2016 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	Barrel Aged		98	Cherry pie, inviting and smooth.
<b>Best of Alexander Valley AVA</b>						
Goldschmidt Vineyards	2018 Fidelity RED WINE	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County			94	Pepper, vanilla, balanced tannins, rich finish.
<b>Best Late Harvest/ Dessert</b>						
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Cream Sherry	American			96	Caramel, almonds.