

2020 Harvest Terroir Challenge

Sonoma County, CA November 10, 2020

Best of Yolo County

Trecini Winery	2020 Trecini ROSE' OF GRENACHE	Yolo County		95	Purity shines! Juicy white raspberry. Silky tannins
Best of Washington State AVA					
Penrose Hill	2018 Saturn's Rings Malbec	Washington		96	Chocolate aromas, sweet spices. Black pepper. Very pretty wine, smores....
Best of Virginia AVA					
Pearmund Cellars	2019 Pearmund Petit Manseng	Virginia	South River Vineyard	96	Explosive lemon lime flavors.Very long finish. Very well balanced.Good acidity. Goat milk cheese to go with.
Best of Tehama County AVA					
Aimee	2016 Aimee Petite Sirah	Tehama County	Region V	93	Juicy and briary Deep dark and delicious
Best of Spain					
Wine Insiders	2015 Toro Loco Reserva Red Blend	Utiel-Requena DO	Reserva	96	Fresh linen,soft tannin's,dark leather,pepper.
Best of South Africa AVA					
Penrose Hill	2018 Posted Accord Pinotage	Western Cape		93	Balanced with nice red fruit, coffee aromas, delightful finish.
Best of Sonoma Valley AVA					
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2017 St. Francis Reserve Merlot	Sonoma Valley	Reserve	91	Classic Sonoma fruit, ripe blackberries and currants.
Best of Sonoma County AVA					
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2016 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County		97	Mocha leather, dark chocolate. Red fruit, toasty
Best of Sierra Foothills AVA					
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2018 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills		95	Deep dark berry, cherry, great gorgeous texture, spicy.

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Best of Show White Wine

Wine Insiders	2019 Finca Los Olmos Torrontes	Mendoza		Seleccion Especial	97	Beautiful tropical aromas
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Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise		98	White Toblerone, floral, honeysuckle, everlasting finish!
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Best of Show Rosé Wine

Trecini Winery	2020 Trecini ROSE' OF GRENACHE	Yolo County			95	Purity shines! Juicy white raspberry. Silky tannins
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Best of Show Dessert/Late Harvest

Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest	Cluster Select	100	Very complex. Honeysuckle, grassy, sweet nectar. Butterscotch, apricot, peach, acacia honey
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Best of Santa Cruz Mountains AVA

Perrucci Family Vineyard	2017 Perrucci Family Vineyard Sangiovese	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation	Estate		96	Toffee,oaky caramel,balanced.
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Best of Russian River Valley AVA

Russian River Vineyards	2017 Russian River Vineyards Horseridge Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley, Green Valley	Single Vineyard		97	High toned fruits, Black raspberry and cherry pie. Wild mushroom. Wonderful balance and acidity
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Best of Rogue Valley AVA

2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2018 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley			97	White pepper, peaches. Well balanced, acid driven (tension up the yin yang)
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Best of Rockpile AVA

Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Petroglyph Reserve	Rockpile			98	Intense,concentrated zin varietal. Almost syrupy.
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Best of Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak AVA

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Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Miro Cabernet Sauvignon Pine Mountain Reserve	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Reserve	Single Vineyard- Pine Mountain Vineyard	98	Tannin structure is perfect. Well balanced cassis. Earthy notes. Oak is well integrated
Best of Pennsylvania AVA						
Franklin Hill Vineyards	NV Franklin Hill Vineyards Blue Hen	Pennsylvania			91	Perfumed, Raspberry, floral, cassis, syrupy, semi-sweet. Would be great chilled.
Best of Paso Robles AVA						
Vahali Vineyards	2018 Vahali Vineyards Petite Sirah	Paso Robles	Estate Reserve	Vineyard Select	93	Cinnamon, black cherry, beautifully spiced, cocoa, berry, nicely integrated tannins. warm climate terroir driven.
Best of North Coast AVA						
<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2019 Kwaya Cellars, Ltd. Merlot	North Coast	No Sulfites Added	Vegan and Gluten Free	97	Black Olives, tons of spice, roasted red bell pepper. Need a little time in the bottle then have with a big old rib eye steak.
Best of New Zealand AVA						
Wine Insiders	2020 Goldridge Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			99	Big, exactly correct. Lean, brassy, oily and sweet
Best of Napa County AVA						
Sea Bird Wines	2015 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Single Vineyard Selection	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	Mocha, Dark covered chocolate, rustic component, forest floor
Best of Monterey County AVA						
Penrose Hill	2019 FogBreak Pinot Blanc	Monterey County			98	Poached pear, perfectly plush, great mouth feel, delicious.
Best of Mendocino County AVA						
Barra of Mendocino	2018 Barra of Mendocino Petite Sirah	Mendocino	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes	99	Very well done wine, impeccable.

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Best of Lodi-Mokelumne River AVA

<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2017 Oak Farm Vineyards Petit Verdot	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Rich, lush, elegant, chocolate cola berry, lingering finish.
Best of Livermore Valley AVA						
Garre Vineyard and Winery	2017 Garré Vineyard and Winery Profound Secret Meritage	Livermore Valley	Estate		95	Lovely nose, varietal character true to bordeaux 5 varietal blend. delicious.
Best of Lake County AVA						
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2017 Cache Creek Vineyards Bugle Call Red Blend	Lake County			90	intriguing blend of fruit and savory spice
Best of Knights Valley AVA						
Kenwood Vineyards	2017 Kenwood Vineyards Rugged Elements Bavarian Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Knights Valley	Single Vineyard		92	Gorgeous silky tannins. Knights Valley true from beginning to end. Classic terroir. Age worthy wine
Best of Italy						
Wine Insiders	NV Bocciamatta Sparkling Rose	Veneto			93	Very floral, lime zest, vibrant clarity.
Best of Illinois AVA						
Kite Hill Vineyards	2019 Kite Hill Vineyards Flyway Rosé	Shawnee Hills	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled		90	Rhubarb. Bone dry. Floral nose. Refreshing
Best of France						
Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methodé Champenoise		98	White Toblerone, floral, honeysuckle, everlasting finish!
Best of Finger Lakes AVA						
Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes			92	Varietally correct. Classic Diamond with floral and foxy notes. Canned pears.

Best of Dry Creek Valley AVA

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<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2019 Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley		East Side Vineyards	98	Tropical guava, balance, jalapeno
Best of Columbia Valley AVA						
Dusty Cellars Winery, LLC	2018 Dusty Cellars Winery Leonidas Syrah	Columbia Valley			95	True to varietal and true to AVA.
Vintage Wine Estates	2019 Kevin O'Leary Columbia Valley Chardonnay	Columbia Valley			95	Snow White of Chardonnay, lovely.
Best of Class						
2Hawk Vineyard & Winery	2018 2Hawk Winery Viognier	Rogue Valley			97	White pepper, peaches. Well balanced, acid driven (tension up the yin yang)
Aimee	2016 Aimee Petite Sirah	Napa Valley		Region 111	97	Ripe fruit, Thyme. Excellent fruit and balance.
Barra of Mendocino	2018 Barra of Mendocino Petite Sirah	Mendocino	Estate Grown	Made with organically grown grapes	99	Very well done wine, impeccable.
Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery	2017 Cache Creek Vineyards Bugle Call Red Blend	Lake County			90	intriguing blend of fruit and savory spice
Due Ruscelli	2017 Due Ruscelli Luna Primitivo	Russian River Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		98	Perfectly spicy, licorice, blackberries, make the judges want to cook something Italian.
Dusty Cellars Winery, LLC	2018 Dusty Cellars Winery Leonidas Syrah	Columbia Valley			95	True to varietal and true to AVA.
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2018 Dutcher Crossing Stuhlmuller Vnyd Chardonnay	Alexander Valley			95	Lemon, white peach. Excellent representation of Alexander Valley
E&J Gallo Winery	NV Familia Camarena Tequila Silver	Mexico			96	Clean, crisp, light fruit, subtle!
<u>Frey Vineyards</u>	2019 Kwaya Cellars, Ltd. Merlot	North Coast	No Sulfites Added	Vegan and Gluten Free	97	Black Olives, tons of spice, roasted red bell pepper. Need a little time in the bottle then have with a big old rib eye steak.

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Garre Vineyard and Winery	2017 Garré Vineyard and Winery Profound Secret Meritage	Livermore Valley	Estate		95	Lovely nose, varietal character true to bordeaux 5 varietal blend. delicious.
Grape Ventures Wine Company	2014 Grape Ventures Sparkling Wine	Mendocino County, Potter Valley	Estate Grown and Produced		96	Fresh, sweet apple, floral.
Gray Ghost Vineyards	2018 Gray Ghost Petit Verdot	Virginia			97	Crowd pleaser. Very approachable. Complex. Violets, berries. Very ripe. Black plum.
Herzog Wine Cellars	NV Herzog Lineage Momentus sparkling	California			94	Yeasty marzipan nose; Nicely balanced. Makes them want to party all night
Husch Vineyards	2019 Husch Vineyards Gewurztraminer	Anderson Valley	Estate Bottled		95	Floral perfuminess to it. White jasmine, apricot. Nice dry finish
Jaxon Keys Winery & Distillery	2018 Jaxon Keys Winery Syrah	Mendocino	Estate Produced and Bottled	Anna Mac	97	Big mouth, smokey, meaty, spice.
Kenwood Vineyards	2017 Kenwood Vineyards Rugged Elements Bavarian Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Sonoma County, Knights Valley	Single Vineyard		92	Gorgeous silky tannins. Knights Valley true from beginning to end. Classic terroir. Age worthy wine
Miro Cellars	2018 Miro Miro Cabernet Sauvignon Pine Mountain Reserve	Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak	Reserve	Single Vineyard-Pine Mountain Vineyard	98	Tannin structure is perfect. Well balanced cassis. Earthy notes. Oak is well integrated
Mystic Hills Vineyard	2015 Mystic Hills Vineyard Unforgiven Meritage	Monterey County/San Luis Obispo County			97	Well balanced, integrated, ripe fruit.
Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Pinot Gris	Anderson Valley			96	Fresh smell Honeysuckle character. Light and elegant silkiness
Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest	Cluster Select	100	Very complex. Honeysuckle, grassy, sweet nectar. Butterscotch, apricot, peach, acacia honey

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Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Muscat Blanc	Anderson Valley		Dry	97	Honeysuckle. White flowery. Juicy acidity. Nice minerality. Yum!
<u>Oak Farm Vineyards</u>	2017 Oak Farm Vineyards Petit Verdot	Lodi, Mokelumne River	Estate Grown, Produced and Bottled	Certified Green & Sustainable under Lodi Rules	98	Rich, lush, elegant, chocolate cola berry, lingering finish.
Pearmund Cellars	2019 Pearmund Petit Manseng	Virginia		South River Vineyard	96	Explosive lemon lime flavors. Very long finish. Very well balanced. Good acidity. Goat milk cheese to go with.
<u>Pedroncelli Winery</u>	2019 Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc	Dry Creek Valley		East Side Vineyards	98	Tropical guava, balance, jalapeno .
PEJU Winery	2018 Calmére Pinot Noir, Carneros	Carneros		Barrel Aged	96	Powerful Pinot. True to varietal.
Pennyroyal Farm	2017 Pennyroyal Farm Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley		Estate Grown and Produced	96	Nice long finish. Maple bacon. Complex Silky texture
Penrose Hill	2018 Saturn's Rings Malbec	Washington			96	Chocolate aromas, sweet spices. Black pepper. Very pretty wine, smores....
Penrose Hill	2019 FogBreak Pinot Blanc	Monterey County			98	Poached pear, perfectly plush, great mouth feel, delicious.
Penrose Hill	2018 Posted Accord Pinotage	Western Cape			93	Balanced with nice red fruit, coffee aromas, delightful finish.
Penrose Hill	2019 Linguist Estates Chardonnay	Central Coast			98	Great example of Central Coast Burgundian style.
Perrucci Family Vineyard	2017 Perrucci Family Vineyard Sangiovese	Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation		Estate	96	Toffee, oaky caramel, balanced.
Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards Zinfandel, Petroglyph Reserve	Rockpile			98	Intense, concentrated zin varietal. Almost syrupy.

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Rockpile Vineyards	2016 Rockpile Vineyards Petit Verdot, Carriage House	Rockpile	Single Vineyard		95	Concentrated blackberry. Big oak,leathery. Great tannin structure.
Rockpile Vineyards	2018 Rockpile Vineyards 50/50 Petite Sirah / Zinfandel Blend	Rockpile			96	Inky blackberries. Black plum. Rich ripe fruit. Big hairy tannins.
Rodney Strong Wine Estates	2016 Rodney Strong Vineyards Sonoma County Merlot	Sonoma County			97	Mocha leather, dark chocolate. Red fruit, toasty
Russian River Vineyards	2017 Russian River Vineyards Horseridge Vineyards Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley, Green Valley	Single Vineyard		97	High toned fruits, Black raspberry and cherry pie. Wild mushroom. Wonderful balance and acidity
Scribner Bend Vineyards	2019 Scribner Bend Vineyards Viognier	Clarksburg (Sacramento)	Estate Grown & Bottled		92	Delightful, ripe peaches, great boating wine.
Sea Bird Wines	2015 Sea Bird Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Single Vineyard Selection	Broken Rock Vineyard	98	Mocha, Dark covered chocolate, rustic component,forest floor
Seavin, Inc	NV San Sebastian Winery Pinot Grigio	NONE			91	Peach and almond tones, neutral and creamy. Nice food wine.
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2018 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills			95	Deep dark berry, cherry, great gorgeous texture, spicy.
Sire Spirits	NV Le Chemin Du Roi Brut	Champagne AOC	Methode Champenoise		98	White Toblerone, floral, honeysuckle, everlasting finish!
Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard	2018 Sonoma Cutrer Vineyards Sonoma Coast Chardonnay	Russian River Valley			97	Vanilla ice cream and lily's. Great acid with a very clean finish.
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards	2017 St. Francis Reserve Merlot	Sonoma Valley		Reserve	91	Classic Sonoma fruit, ripe blackberries and currants.
Taylor's Wines	2017 Wakefield Taylor's Wines Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon	Clare Valley/Coonawarra			97	Shamrock shake,dark chocolate, quintessential Australian.

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Thirsty Owl Wine Company	2019 Thirsty Owl Wine Company Diamond	Finger Lakes			92	Varietally correct. Classic Diamond with floral and foxy notes. Canned pears.
Trecini Winery	2020 Trecini ROSE' OF GRENACHE	Yolo County			95	Purity shines! Juicy white raspberry. Silky tannins
Vahali Vineyards	2018 Vahali Vineyards Petite Sirah	Paso Robles	Estate Reserve	Vineyard Select	93	Cinnamon, black cherry, beautifully spiced, cocoa, berry, nicely integrated tannins. warm climate terroir driven.
Vahali Vineyards	2019 Vahali Vineyards Viognier	Creston District	Estate Grown	Vineyard Select	93	Pineapple, very tropical, balanced, juicy. Screams varietal correct.
Vintage Wine Estates	2019 Kevin O'Leary Columbia Valley Chardonnay	Columbia Valley			95	Snow White of Chardonnay, lovely.
Wine Insiders	2019 Finca Los Olmos Torrontes	Mendoza		Seleccion Especial	97	Beautiful tropical aromas
Wine Insiders	2019 Cuvee Joelle Red Blend	Comte Tolosan IGP			97	Blueberry and figs. Chocolate and graphite. Anise. Would love to consume the whole bottle!
Wine Insiders	2015 Toro Loco Reserva Red Blend	Utiel-Requena DO	Reserva		96	Fresh linen, soft tannin's, dark leather, pepper.
Wine Insiders	2020 Goldridge Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough			99	Big, exactly correct. Lean, brassy, oily and sweet
Wine Insiders	2019 Le Pied Marin Picpoul de Pinet	Picpoul de Pinet AOP			98	Great texture, floral, balanced.
Wine Insiders	2020 El Vigia Sauvignon Blanc	Central Valley	Reserva		93	Grassy, gooseberry, starfruit. Classical Chile.
Best of Clarksburg AVA						
Scribner Bend Vineyards	2019 Scribner Bend Vineyards Viognier	Clarksburg (Sacramento)	Estate Grown & Bottled		92	Delightful, ripe peaches, great boating wine.

Best of Chile

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Wine Insiders	2020 El Vigia Sauvignon Blanc	Central Valley	Reserva	93	Grassy, gooseberry, starfruit. Classical Chile.
Best of Central Coast AVA					
Penrose Hill	2019 Linguist Estates Chardonnay	Central Coast		98	Great example of Central Coast Burgundian style.
Best of Carneros AVA					
PEJU Winery	2018 Calmére Pinot Noir, Carneros	Carneros	Barrel Aged	96	Powerful Pinot. True to varietal.
Best of California AVA					
Herzog Wine Cellars	NV Herzog Lineage Momentus sparkling	California		94	Yeasty marzipan nose; Nicely balanced. Makes them want to party all night
Best of Australia					
Taylors Wines	2017 Wakefield Taylors Wines Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon	Clare Valley/Coonawarra		97	Shamrock shake, dark chocolate, quintessential Australian.
Best of Argentina AVA					
Wine Insiders	2019 Finca Los Olmos Torrontes	Mendoza		Seleccion Especial 97	Beautiful tropical aromas
Best of Anderson Valley AVA					
Navarro Vineyards	2019 Navarro Vineyards Riesling	Anderson Valley	Late Harvest	Cluster Select 100	Very complex. Honeysuckle, grassy, sweet nectar. Butterscotch, apricot, peach, acacia honey
Best of Alexander Valley AVA					
<u>Dutcher Crossing Winery</u>	2018 Dutcher Crossing Stuhlmuller Vnyd Chardonnay	Alexander Valley		95	Lemon, white peach. Excellent representation of Alexander Valley
Best of Show Red Wine					
Sierra Starr Vineyards	2018 Sierra Starr Vineyards Barbera	Sierra Foothills		95	Deep dark berry, cherry, great gorgeous texture, spicy.